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# Operation Fast and Furious: Designed to Promote Gun Control

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"Internal ATF emails seem to suggest that ATF agents were counseled to highlight a link between criminals and certain semi-automatic weapons in order to bolster a case for [a rule](#) like the one the DOJ announced yesterday [Monday]."

Townhall has obtained the email which states "Can you see if these guns were all purchased from the same FfL and at one time. **We are looking at anecdotal cases to support a demand letter on long gun multiple sales.** Thanks Mark R. Chait Assistant Director Field Operations."

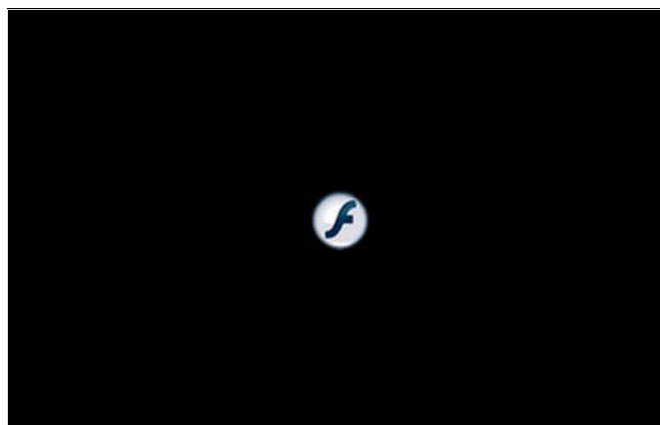
Chait, Mark R.

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From: Chait, Mark R.  
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:25 AM  
To: Newell, William D.  
Cc: McMahon, William G.  
Subject: Re: SIR

Bill - can you see if these guns were all purchased from same Ffl and at one time. We are looking at anecdotal cases to support a demand letter on long gun multiple sales. Thanks Mark R. Chait Assistant Director Field Operations

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[The rule:](#)

*"The international expansion and increased violence of transnational criminal networks pose a significant threat to the United States. Federal, state and foreign law enforcement agencies have determined that certain types of semi-automatic rifles – greater than .22 caliber and with the ability to accept a detachable magazine – are highly sought after by dangerous drug trafficking organizations and frequently recovered at violent crime scenes near the Southwest Border. This new reporting measure -- tailored to focus only on multiple sales of these types of rifles to the same person within a five-day period -- will improve the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to detect and disrupt the illegal weapons trafficking networks responsible for diverting firearms from lawful commerce to criminals and criminal organizations. These targeted information requests will occur in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas to help confront the problem of illegal gun trafficking into Mexico and along the Southwest Border."*

Once again, liberals and the Obama Administration are focused on guns rather than criminals and federal government incompetence. Operation Fast and Furious is looking more and more like a set up from the beginning to push Obama and Holder's radical anti-Second Amendment agenda as they used law abiding gun shop owners to enable government officials to break the law, then turned around and blamed the very same gun shops for illegal gun trafficking, despite those shops being forced by ATF to help ATF agents carry out Operation Fast and Furious, and now, those shops are being punished through new Justice Department gun control measures. Obama and Holder both have long records of being outspoken opponents of gunrights and both support the reinstatement of the "assault" rifle ban, better described as a ban on semi-automatic rifles. From the June issue of [Townhall Magazine](#):

*President Obama is calling for "commonsense" gun reforms, but as a man with a long a history of acting to limit Second Amendment rights and advocating gun control who tapped an attorney general with the same ideology -- and possibly the biggest gun trafficking scandal in U.S. history with his name written all over it -- is the president really calling for reforms or more government control?*

*As an Illinois state senator, Obama endorsed and spoke in support of an outright ban on ownership of all handguns and favored the licensing and registering of gun owners. Before his run for public office in 1996, Obama filled out a questionnaire expressing his support for a ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns.*

Meanwhile, Rep. Darrell Issa and Senator Charles Grassley continue their investigation of Operation Fast and Furious and have requested detailed communications records, including emails, memos, briefing papers and handwritten notes from and between senior DOJ officials in two letters sent to Attorney General Eric Holder yesterday. Records referring to large firearms trafficking within the Phoenix ATF office have also been requested. This information must be provided by July 18 at noon:

*As our investigation into Operation Fast and Furious has progressed, we have learned that senior officials at the Department of Justice, including Senate-confirmed political appointees, were unquestionably aware of the implementation of this reckless program. Therefore, it is necessary to review commncations between and among these senior officials. As such, please provide all records relating to communications between and among the following individuals regarding Operation Fast and Furious:*

1) David Ogden, Former Deputy Attorney General

- 2) Gary Grindler, Office of the Attorney General and Former Acting Deputy Attorney General
- 3) James Cole, Deputy Attorney General (editors note: Cole issued the [new reporting rules](#) for border state gun shops Monday)
- 4) Lanny Breuer, Assistant Attorney General
- 5) Kenneth Blanco, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- 6) Jason Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- 7) John Keeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- 8) Matt Axelrod, Associate Deputy Attorney General
- 9) Ed Siskel, Former Associate Deputy Attorney General
- 10) Brad Smith, Office of the Deputy Attorney General
- 11) Kevin Carwile, Section Chief, Capital Case Unit
- 12) Joseph Cooley, Criminal Fraud Section

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