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Office of Information Programs and Services A/GIS/IPS/RL U.S. Department of State Washington, DC 20522-8100 Fax: (202) 261-8579

Via Facsimile

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), David Codrea ("Codrea") and Kent Terry ("Terry") hereby request that the U.S. Department of State produce the following within twenty (20) business days:

- 1. All correspondence, including electronic mail and any other documents pertaining to Operation Fast and Furious;
- 2. All authorizations and/or permits to export firearms from Operation Fast and Furious into Mexico;
- 3. All copies of End Use Statements signed by an appropriate Government of Mexico authority attesting as to the use and end destination of the firearms from Operation Fast and Furious;
- 4. All copies of Import Licenses issued by the Government of Mexico documenting approval for the firearms from Operation Fast and Furious to enter Mexican sovereign territory;
 - 5. All correspondence to and from Kevin O'Reilly¹;
- 6. All correspondence, if not already provided under Item #1, to and from the ATF field office in Mexico regarding Operation Fast and Furious;

¹ See generally: http://www.examiner.com/article/why-is-white-house-blocking-gunwalker-testimony-from-former-nsc-director

- 7. All correspondence, if not already provided under Item #1, to and from any official authority from the Government of Mexico; and
- 8. All correspondence, if not already provided under Item #1, to and from any agency of the United States of America, including but not limited to ATF, DOJ, US Customs and Border Protection, ICE, DEA and TSA, regarding Operation Fast and Furious.

If any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under FOIA, please provide sufficiently detailed identifying information with regards to each allegedly exempt record or portion of record to allow us to assess the propriety of the claimed exemption(s). See Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). In addition, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided after redaction of any allegedly exempt material.

David Codrea also hereby requests a waiver of both search and duplication fees pursuant to 5. U.S.C. §§ 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and (a)(4)(A)(iii). Codrea is entitled to a waiver of search fees under 5. U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because he is a member of the news media. Codrea regularly obtains information about the operations and activities of government through FOIA and other means and uses his editorial skills to turn this information into distinct works and publishes and disseminates these works to the public through various publications. He intends to do likewise with the records he receives in response to this request.

Codrea is also entitled to a complete waiver of both search fees and duplication fees pursuant to 5. U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Under this provision, records:

shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Kent Terry is the brother of slain US Customs and Border Protection Agent Brian Terry, who was murdered with a firearm that was connected to Operation Fast and Furious. Terry intends to likewise publish and report on responsive documents provided to this FOIA to shed light on Operation Fast and Furious and should also be entitled to a complete waiver of both search fees and duplication fees as the illegal export and illegal use of firearms is greatly in the public interest.

In addition, if records are not produced within twenty (20) business days, the requesters are entitled to a complete waiver of search and duplication fees under Section 6(b) of the OPEN Government Act of 2007.

In the event the request for a waiver of search and/or duplication costs is denied, my clients will pay up to \$150 in search and/or duplication costs. My clients request that I be contacted before any such costs are incurred, in order to prioritize search and duplication efforts.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you need clarification, please contact me immediately at (601) 852-3440 or by email at stephen@sdslaw.us. I look forward to receiving the requested documents and a waiver of both search and duplication costs within twenty (20) business days.

Warm regards,

Stephen Stamboulieh