

Plenty to be furious about

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In 2006-07 the Bush administration in cooperation with the Mexican government, conducted a “gun walking” operation within “Project Gunrunner” named “Wide Receiver.” The idea was to track guns purchased by “straw buyers” in the U.S. to drug cartels in Mexico. When Mexican officials failed to track the weapons crossing the border, as many as 450 AR-15 and semi-automatic AK-pattern rifles were lost. The operation was shut down.

At an April 2009 press conference in Mexico, President Obama said “...more than 90% of the guns recovered in Mexico come from the United States, many from gun shops...” The left intentionally distorts this figure to advance a gun control agenda. In truth, it pertains only to guns submitted for tracing by the Mexican government, a far smaller number than the total recovered from all countries.

Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano and Attorney General Holder also made visits to Mexico. Holder bragged about a major new effort to supplement the operation “Project Gunrunner.” I believe Obama and Holder began operation “Fast & Furious” just to prove their narrative that the U.S. has been flooding Mexico with weapons. Straw buyers purchased over 2,000 weapons and took them to Mexico. The difference was the Mexican government knew nothing of the plan and no effort was made to track the weapons whatsoever.

The operation was under the direction of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms. ATF agents were instructed to tell gun shop owners to go ahead and make the sales to straw buyers. Owners complained, fearing reprisal. ATF agents also complained, but were prevented from intervening by the Attorney General’s office.

The lid came off when U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry was killed in a firefight in Arizona. Guns recovered at the scene were traced to “Fast & Furious.” U.S. agent Jaime Zapata was also killed in Mexico. ATF agent John Dodson (whistleblower) contacted ATF headquarters and the Justice Dept. Office of the Inspector General. After no response Dodson and other agents contacted Sen. Chuck Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Grassley fought the Dept. of Justice for a year before turning the matter over to Cong. Darrell Issa who has subpoena power.

During congressional hearings, Holder refused to be forthcoming with documents. He was caught in a lie as to when he first became aware of the operation. Holder appointed two U.S.

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attorneys to investigate. They report directly to him. Isn't that just peachy.

After refusing to comply, Holder was voted in criminal and civil contempt of Congress. Obama invoked executive privilege. What are they hiding? Dennis Burke, who was Napolitano's chief of staff when she was governor of Arizona also became a member of Obama's transition team. He was rewarded with a U.S. attorney job in Arizona.

His job? Become the guy that has to fall on the sword? What is Obama's defense? Bush started it. Good men were killed. Throw the criminals out in November.

We're supposed to worry about Mitt Romney having a Swiss bank account?