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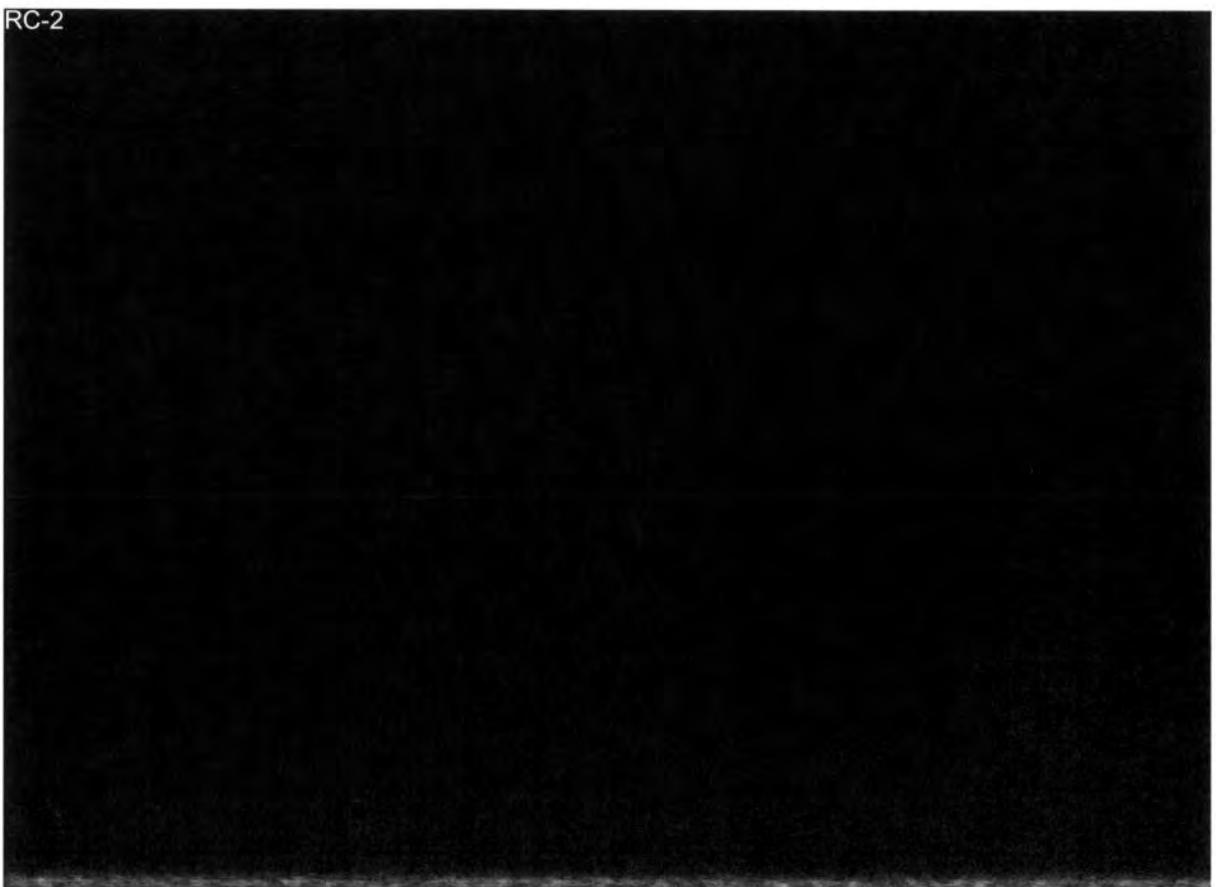
MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. Walther  
Director  
National Drug Intelligence Center  
  
SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 5 THROUGH JULY 9, 2010

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 5 through July 9 is as follows:

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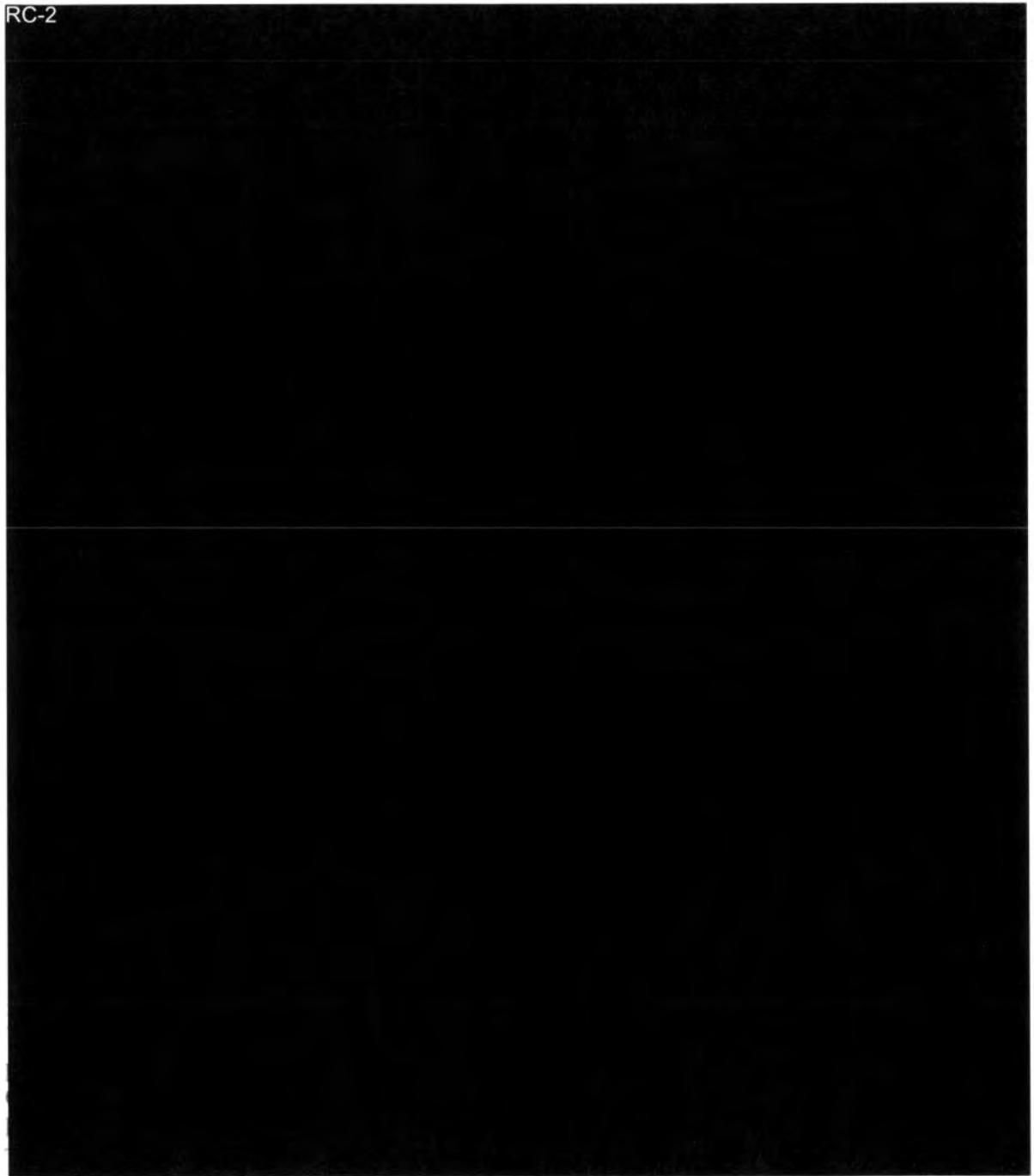
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From July 12 through July 16, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix

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- **(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:**

From July 6 through July 9, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDETF Operation Fast and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and <sup>RC-5</sup> straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of 1,500 firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking cartels. They also have direct ties to the Sinaloa Cartel which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.

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