Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 2012

Ambassador Harold W. Geisel
Deputy Inspector General
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ambassador Geisel:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about Department of State policies and activities that appear to be a result of influence operations conducted by individuals and organizations associated with the Muslim Brotherhood. Given that the U.S. government has established in federal court[1] that the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in the United States is "destroying the Western civilization from within" – a practice the Muslim Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent attention.

For example, according to "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), the Department's Deputy Chief of Staff, Huma Abedin, has three family members – her late father, her mother and her brother – connected to Muslim Brotherhood operatives and/or organizations. Her position affords her routine access to the Secretary and to policy-making.

The State Department and, in several cases, the specific direction of the Secretary of State, have taken actions recently that have been enormously favorable to the Muslim Brotherhood and its interests. These include:

- A personal intervention by Secretary Clinton that allowed a prominent Muslim Brotherhood leader, Tariq Ramadan, to enter the United States – overturning a policy of a previous administration that precluded him from doing so. Mr. Ramadan has reportedly used the visits thus made possible to engage in what the Brotherhood calls "civilization jihad" in the United States: proselytization, recruitment, indoctrination, fundraising, and other forms of promotion of the totalitarian, supremacist Islamic doctrine known as shariah.

- A succession of meetings with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) – a multinational group that is, like the Muslim Brotherhood, determined to impose shariah worldwide. These are now known as "the Istanbul Process" and are aimed at finding ways to accommodate the OIC's demands for restrictions on freedom of expression guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, so as to preclude "blasphemy" against Islam and its adherents.

- Assorted efforts undertaken in the name of "engaging" the Muslim Brotherhood both in Egypt and the United States. Lately, these have amounted to de facto U.S. recognition of the Muslim Brotherhood, and also assisting the realization of the Brotherhood's goals.

- Secretary Clinton's waiver of congressional restrictions on aid to Egypt, allowing $1.5 billion to be transferred in a highly unusual lump-sum payment. This followed $4 million provided in what was, at minimum, a highly suspect transaction to secure the release, at least temporarily, of American pro-democracy organizers taken hostage last year by the Egyptian government.

- Secretary Clinton's waiver of congressional restrictions on aid to the Palestinian Authority, which now has a so-called "unity government" that includes Hamas, a designated terrorist organization and the Palestinian franchise of the Muslim Brotherhood. This cleared the way for a transfer of $170 million in U.S. foreign aid to terrorist organization, Hamas, and its partner, Fatah.

We believe these actions and policies are deeply problematic. They may even pose security risks for this nation, its people and interests.

In any event, they are within the scope of your duties under Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, "to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the [Department of State] and . . . to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action." Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation or evaluation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals and entities have helped achieve the adoption of these State Department actions and policies, or are involved in their execution.

Specifically, within your statutory duties, we ask that your report address:

(1) Within the programs and operations of the establishment(s) for which you serve as Inspector General, has the Muslim Brotherhood -- or has any individual associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, directly or indirectly -- ever renounced the objectives of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America?[2]

(2) How the Muslim Brotherhood is active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment(s) for which you serve as Inspector General, (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals involved are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood, whose "Supreme Guide," Muhammad Badie, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples."[3]

(3) In light of the statutory duty of Inspectors General "to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the

necessity for and progress of corrective action" (IG Act, Section 2(3)), we request that you recommend in your report "corrective action," consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, to ensure that no Muslim Brotherhood-associated entity or individual is placed into a position of honor or trust within the programs and operations of the Department of State unless he or she has publicly condemned and disclaimed the previously stated goals of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Please forward your recommended "corrective action," including a discussion of its consistency with the Constitution and laws of the United States, together with your other findings, to the undersigned in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Michele Bachmann
Member of Congress

Trent Franks
Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert
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Thomas Rooney
Member of Congress

Lynn Westmoreland
Member of Congress

cc: Hon. Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
Hon. Ileana Ros Lehtinen, Chairwoman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

Attachments: a/s

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and the order unsealing that opinion issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit on October 20, 2010, in connection with an appeal captioned *United States v. Holy Land Foundation et al.,* No. 09-10875.

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June 13, 2012

Mr. Charles K. Edwards
Acting Inspector General
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Drive, SW, Building 410
Washington, DC 20528

Dear General Edwards:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about the involvement of organizations and individuals associated with the Muslim Brotherhood in Department of Homeland Security activities and policies. Given that the U.S. government has established in federal court[1] that the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in the United States is "destroying the Western civilization from within" – a practice the Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent attention.

According to "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), the Department of Homeland Security has utilized in a key advisory role three individuals with extensive ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, other Islamist organizations and causes: Dalia Mogahed, Mohamed Elibiary, and Mohamed Magid.

The problematic nature of this arrangement is evident from, for example, the use of Imam Magid by the Department of Homeland Security – among other federal agencies – as a liaison with the Muslim-American community insofar as he is the president of the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in America, the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).[2] In this regard, we note that the "Supreme Guide" of the international Muslim Brotherhood, Muhammad Badie, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples" against the United States.[3]

As members of the Department's Homeland Security Advisory Committee's Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Working Group and, in the case of Mr. Elibiary, as a member of the Advisory Committee itself, these three have been in a position to exercise considerable influence. In addition to Messrs. Elibiary, Magid and Ms. Mogahed, five other members of the CVE Working Group appear to share their sympathy for Islamist causes in addition to sharing some of their associations with organizations that are advancing such agendas inside the United States.

Of particular concern is the fact that the Working Group has been publicly credited with developing guidelines that have since been adopted by the Department and other agencies

that utilize DHS funding to train personnel in understanding, identifying, and countering the threat currently euphemistically dubbed "violent extremism."

Examples of other aspects of the Department's activities that suggest an undue, and potentially dangerous, influence exercised by such individuals within DHS or other parts of the federal government include:

- A DHS "Lexicon" that obscures, rather than clarifies, the threat we face from jihadism. Its approved words effectively equate those perpetrating this threat with ones said to arise from "Christian patriots," "Constitutionalists," and "militia extremists."

- A CVE Curriculum announced in August 2011 that would use federal Homeland Security funding to establish a "community-oriented policing approach" that would confer on "community leaders" and organizations tied to the Muslim Brotherhood responsibilities for coordination with DHS entities and state and local law enforcement utilizing federal homeland security funding.

- A "Building Communities of Trust Initiative" that promotes the notion of a distinction between so-called "cultural behaviors" and "conduct that may legitimately reflect terrorism-precursor activities." As a practical matter, making such a distinction affords pre-violent jihadist activity to be masked and pursued under the guise of innocuous "cultural behavior."

- The preeminent role of the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties – rather than offices with line responsibility for homeland security or law enforcement – in determinations that govern relations with a "particular ethnic or religious community." In practice, this has translated into direction that amounts to ignoring pre-violent jihadist behavior – no matter how threatening – as long as it can be construed as "constitutionally protected."

- Promoting as a "resource" a book published by the Muslim Public Affairs Council entitled, *Building Bridges to Strengthen America: Forging an Effective Counter-Terrorism Enterprise Between Muslim Americans and Law Enforcement.* The Investigative Project on Terrorism, among other organizations, has identified that MPAC as an entity long and closely associated with the Muslim Brotherhood and its civilization jihadist agenda.

- The providing of a security clearance to Mohamed Elibiary and whether proper lawful vetting was done before providing such clearance. This is especially true in view of the report that Mr. Elibiary used his clearance to gain access to classified documents which he downloaded and then provided to media outlets in an effort to portray the Texas Department of Public Safety as "Islamophobic."

We believe these actions and policies are cause for serious concern. They may even pose security risks for this nation, its people and interests.

In any event, they are within the scope of your duties under Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, "to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the [Department of Homeland Security] and...to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action." Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation or evaluation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals and entities have helped achieve the adoption of these Department of Homeland Security actions and policies, or are involved in their execution.

Specifically, within your statutory duties, we ask that your report address:

(1) Within the programs and operations of the establishment(s) for which you serve as Inspector General, has the Muslim Brotherhood or has any individual associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, directly or indirectly ever renounced the objectives of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America?[4]

(2) How is the Muslim Brotherhood active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment(s) for which you serve as Inspector General, (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals involved are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood?

(3) In light of the statutory duty of Inspectors General "to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action" (IG Act, Section 2(3)), we request that you recommend in your report "corrective action," consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, to ensure that no Muslim Brotherhood associated entity or individual is placed into a position of honor or trust within the programs and operations of the Department of Homeland Security.

(4) The manner in which Mr. Elibiary obtained his security clearance, whether it followed proper procedure, whether anyone else advising or assisting Homeland Security has obtained a security clearance without following proper procedure as well as what background checks were utilized to select advisors, board members, or working group members are all matters that should be included in the report.

Please forward your recommended "corrective action," including a discussion of its consistency with the Constitution and laws of the United States, together with your other findings, to the undersigned in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
Hon. Peter King, Chairman, House Homeland Security Committee

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Congress of the United States
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June 13, 2012

Ms. Lynne M. Halbrooks
Acting Inspector General
Department of Defense
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Dear Ms. Halbrooks:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about the impact on Defense Department policies and activities that appear to be a result of influence operations conducted by individuals and organizations associated with the Muslim Brotherhood. Given that the U.S. government has established in federal court[1] that the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in the United States is "destroying the Western civilization from within" – a practice the Muslim Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent attention.

For example, according to "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), the Defense Department – among other federal agencies – has used a liaison with the Muslim-American community named Mohamed Magid. Iman Magid is president of the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in America, the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).[2] In this regard, we note that the "Supreme Guide" of the international Muslim Brotherhood, Mohammed Badie, in September 2010, openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples" against the United States.[3]

As recently as February 2012, Department officials met with Imam Magid to apologize for the inadvertent burning of Qurans in Afghanistan. One of them, Acting Assistant Secretary Peter Lavoy, subsequently visited Magid's All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center.

Other worrisome examples that seem to exemplify the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood "inside the wire" of the Pentagon and the armed services include:

- The apparent continuing use of Brotherhood-associated groups to recruit, train and credential Muslim chaplains for the U.S. military. In 2004, then-DoD Inspector General Joseph Schmitz warned about this situation and formally recommended corrective action. Evidently, despite his efforts at the time and, subsequently, in an appeal as a private citizen to Sen. Dianne Feinstein in 2010[4], nothing has been done to terminate this practice or to scrutinize chaplains that have been put in place by one or the other of the successive Muslim Brotherhood-influenced credentialing authorities.

- The failure of the Army in the aftermath of the Fort Hood massacre to characterize accurately the jihadist motivations of the alleged shooter, self-declared "Soldier of Allah" Major Nidal Hassan. This was compounded by the after-action investigation which did not even describe the incident as an instance of "violent extremism" – the government's approved euphemism for obscuring jihadism. Appallingly, the Department of Defense has even advised Congress that the massacre was considered to be an act of "workplace violence."

- Serial acts of what can only be interpreted by our Islamist enemies as submission to the supremacist doctrine they call "shariah" and the information, dominance that is enabling its uncontested insinuation into our civil society institutions, government and country. These include, in addition to repeated apologies (including the ones noted above), the U.S. military being required to: burn Bibles in Afghanistan; avoid any displays of non-Muslim religious symbols; build mosques with American taxpayer dollars; conform to personal hygiene guidelines dictated by Muslim practice; pay what amounts to *jizya*-style bribes (a tax paid to Muslims by non-Muslim *dhimmis* or second-class citizens) to Taliban and Afghan personnel; and "hold sacred the beliefs that others hold sacred."

- A Counter-Insurgency (COIN) strategy that – especially as practiced in Afghanistan at present in an attempt to win "hearts and minds" there – involves myriad acts of submission that are endangering our servicemen and women, and emboldening our enemies. These include: restrictive rules of engagement that, among other things, subordinate force protection to minimizing civilian casualties, even though the non-combatants are routinely put in harm's way by our foes; unnecessarily exposing U.S. personnel to hostile action and diseases; and submitting to local customs, culture, and more with possibly lasting harm to the values and good order and discipline of our military, and the American society it protects.

We believe these actions and policies are cause for serious concern. They may even pose security risks for this nation, its people, and interests.

In any event, they are within the scope of your duties under Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, "to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the [Department of Defense] and…to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action." Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation or evaluation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals and entities have helped achieve the adoption of these Defense Department actions and policies, or are involved in their execution.

In your report, we request that you also answer the following questions:

(1) Within the programs and operations of the establishment for which you serve as Inspector General, has the Muslim Brotherhood, or has any individual associated

with the Muslim Brotherhood, directly or indirectly, ever renounced the "civilization jihad" objective of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America[5]?

(2) How is the Muslim Brotherhood active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment for which you serve as Inspector General – (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals involved such as ISNA president Mohamed Magid are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood?

(3) In light of the statutory duty of Inspectors General "to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action" (IG Act, Section 2(3)), we request that you recommend in your report "corrective action," consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, to ensure that no Muslim Brotherhood associated entity or individual is placed into a position of honor or trust within the programs and operations of the Department of Defense, unless he or she has publicly condemned and disclaimed previously stated goals of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Please forward your recommended "corrective action," including a discussion of its consistency with the Constitution and laws of the United States, together with your other findings, to the undersigned in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Leon Panetta, Secretary of Defense
Gen. Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Hon. Howard McKeon, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee

Attachments: a/s

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June 13, 2012

Hon. Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear General Horowitz:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises ominous questions about the involvement of organizations and individuals associated with the Muslim Brotherhood in Justice Department activities and policies. Given that the Department's own prosecutors have established in federal court[1] that the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in the United States is "destroying the Western civilization from within" – a practice the Muslim Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that such involvement raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent investigation.

According to "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), the Justice Department is relying on three groups – the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and Muslim Advocates – for outreach to the American Muslim community. These groups also appear to have been afforded access to senior policy-makers in the Justice Department and, thereby, been able to exercise influence in ways that align with Muslim Brotherhood agendas and that could prove detrimental to our national and homeland security.

Specific examples include:

- Meetings held by the Attorney General and other senior Justice Department officials with representatives of unindicted co-conspirators named in the federal prosecution of Holy Land Foundation terrorism-financing conspiracy. Preeminent among these was the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in the United States: the Islamic Society of North America.[2]

- The reported refusal by the Attorney General to permit the prosecution of three of the Holy Land Foundation's unindicted co-conspirators – ISNA, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King (NY-03) wrote in an April 2011 letter to Mr. Holder that prosecution of these three groups was "strongly supported by the record from the Holy Land Foundation trial."

- The priority accorded by the Department's Civil Rights division under Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez addressing to alleged "bias crimes and discrimination against Muslims, Sikhs, and people of Arab and South Asian descent" or those perceived to be. Such a priority plays into the narrative of victimhood promoted by Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists, but is unsupported by the FBI's data which shows that other minorities (notably, Jews) are subjected to a far larger number of "religious bias crimes" (also known as "hate crimes").

- The direction being given to U.S. Attorneys to engage "community partners" from the Muslim American community that may amount, as a practical matter, to guidance to involve Muslim Brotherhood-tied organizations and individuals as interlocutors and liaisons.

- In addition, Domestic Investigation and Oversight Guidelines (DIOG) that were initially promulgated under the previous administration and amended under the present one severely restrict FBI monitoring of suspicious activity on the part of jihadists before there is probable cause to believe criminal activity is underway. These have reportedly had the effect of precluding the Bureau from performing some of its vital law enforcement functions and obliging it to rely on state and local counterparts to fill the gap – a function they may or may not be resourced and/or permitted to execute.

- The FBI's March 2012 Guiding Principles: A Touchstone Document on Training directs that "Mere association with organizations that demonstrate both legitimate advocacy and illicit violent extremism objectives should not automatically result in a determination that the associated individual is acting in furtherance of the organization's illicit objectives." This guidance may actually clear the way for, and perhaps compel, the Bureau to engage with prominent figures in the Muslim Brotherhood and other pre-violent or even violent Islamist entities.

These sorts of policies and initiatives strike us as deeply problematic with respect to our national and homeland security. Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals and entities have helped achieve the adoption of these policies and initiatives or are involved in their execution. We believe these matters are cause for serious concern and may even pose security risks for this nation.

In any event, these requests are within the scope of your duties under Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, "to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the [Department of Justice] and…to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action." Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation or evaluation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals

Specifically, within your statutory duties, we ask that your report address:

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(2) How is the Muslim Brotherhood active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment(s) for which you serve as Inspector General, (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals (e.g., Mohamed Magid, president of ISNA) are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood?

(3) In light of the statutory duty of Inspectors General "to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action" (IG Act, Section 2(3)), we request that you recommend in your report "corrective action," consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, to ensure that no Muslim Brotherhood associated entity or individual is placed into a position of honor or trust within the programs and operations of the Department of Justice unless he or she has publically condemned and disclaimed the previously stated goals of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Please forward your recommended "corrective action," including a discussion of its consistency with the Constitution and laws of the United States, together with your other findings, to the undersigned in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

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Hon. Lamar Smith, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

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June 13, 2012

Hon. I. Charles McCullough III
Inspector General
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear General McCullough:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about the impact on the federal government's national security policies and activities that appear to be a result of influence operations conducted by individuals and organizations associated with the Muslim Brotherhood. Given that the U.S. government has established in federal court[1] that the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in the United States is "destroying the Western civilization from within" – a practice the Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent attention.

We deem it imperative that your office also conduct an investigation of the extent to which such influence operations may have contributed to a fundamental misunderstanding of the Muslim Brotherhood by U.S. intelligence – which could, in turn, have contributed to the policy community's susceptibility to subversion at the hands of the Brothers and their allies[2]. In this regard, we note that the "Supreme Guide" of the international Muslim Brotherhood, Muhammad Badi, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples" against the United States. See Muhammad Badi Sermon, September 30, 2010 (translation enclosed).

As noted in "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), of particular concern is the testimony provided the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 10, 2011 by Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper. On that occasion, he declared:

> "The term 'Muslim Brotherhood'...is an umbrella term for a variety of movements, in the case of Egypt, a very heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried Al Qaeda as a perversion of Islam. They have pursued social ends, a betterment of the political order in Egypt, et cetera....In other countries, there are also chapters or franchises of the Muslim Brotherhood, but there is no overarching agenda, particularly in pursuit of violence, at least internationally."

Still, the question exists, to what extent does such a statement reflect the direct influence within the intelligence community of Brotherhood operatives? Alternatively, has the approach of U.S. intelligence towards organizations – abroad or at home – that are associated with the Muslim Brotherhood been shaped by the policy community's willingness to engage that group, a sentiment it appears may have been influenced by determined efforts by the Muslim Brotherhood to penetrate and subvert the American government as part of its "civilization jihad"?

These sorts of activities strike us as deeply problematic with respect to the national interest and security, and are within the scope of your duties under Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, "to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the [Office of the Director of National Intelligence] and . . . to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action."

Accordingly, we request that your office conduct a formal investigation or evaluation of the extent to which Muslim Brotherhood-tied individuals and entities were involved in any of the above-mentioned activities, have helped achieve the adoption of the above-mentioned policies and initiatives, or are otherwise involved in the execution of these policies and initiatives.

In your report, we request that you also answer the following questions:

(1) Within the programs and operations of the establishment for which you serve as Inspector General, has the Muslim Brotherhood -- or has any individual associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, directly or indirectly -- ever renounced the "civilization jihad" objective of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America?[3]

(2) How is the Muslim Brotherhood active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment for which you serve as Inspector General – (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals involved (e.g., Mohamed Magid, President of ISNA) are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood, whose "Supreme Guide," Mohammed Badie, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples," against the United States?[4]

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the United States, to ensure that no Muslim Brotherhood- associated entity or individual is placed into a position of honor or trust within the programs and operations of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Please forward your recommended "corrective action," including a discussion of its consistency with the Constitution and laws of the United States, together with your other findings, to the undersigned in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

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Hon. Mike Rogers, Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Attachments: a/s

[1] See enclosed: Official Government exhibit entered into evidence in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas by the United Stated Department of Justice; July 1, 2009 opinion of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas; order unsealing that opinion issued by the United States Court of Appeals for

the 5th Circuit on October 20, 2010, in connection with an appeal captioned *United States v. Holy Land Foundation et al.,* No. 09-10875.

[2] See the enclosed October 20, 2010, opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the July 1, 2009, District Court opinion it ordered unsealed, both mentioned above.

[3] *Op.cit*, October 20, 2010, opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the July 1, 2009 District Court opinion it ordered unsealed.

[4] See Mohammed Badie sermon, September 30, 2010 (translation enclosed).

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Dear Colleagues:

I write to gather more information regarding the allegations you made in letters dated June 13, 2012 to the Inspectors General of the Departments of State, Justice, and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, stating that individuals and organizations allegedly associated with the Muslim Brotherhood have nefariously influenced the U.S. government.

In your letters, you allege that:

- "Brotherhood operatives" within the U.S. government may have directly influenced the U.S. intelligence community's assessment of the Muslim Brotherhood, as presented by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper in testimony before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 10, 2011;

- The mother, brother and deceased father of Huma Abedin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, are connected to the Muslim Brotherhood, and that she, too, by extension, may be working on the organization's behalf;

- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, an international organization of 57 countries to which President George W. Bush created a special envoy position, is "determined to impose shariah worldwide" and undermine the U.S. Constitution;

- The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), an umbrella organization of American Muslim groups, is "the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in the United States," and

- The Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) and Muslim Advocates, two civil rights organizations, "exercise influence in ways that align with Muslim Brotherhood agendas."

As evidence for these allegations, you reference MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com, a Web site created by Frank Gaffney of the Center for Security Policy (CSP).

Mr. Gaffney has a long history of making unsubstantiated anti-Muslim allegations, including:

- Accusing then-ISAF Commander General David Petraeus of "submission" to Islamic law because he condemned Florida pastor Terry Jones' burning of a Quran;

- Accusing presidential candidate Herman Cain after meeting with ISNA of meeting with "the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in the United States" (language that appears verbatim in your letters);

- Accusing New Jersey Governor Chris Christie of "corruption" and "treason" for appointing a Muslim lawyer to be a judge;

- Accusing anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist of "enabling and empowering Muslim Brotherhood influence operations against our movement and our country";

- Accusing former Bush Administration official Suhail Khan of conducting a "Muslim Brotherhood Influence Operation" against the American Conservative Union (ACU), the host of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), and

- Accusing Republican Virginia House of Delegates member David Ramadan of waging "stealth jihad" by seeking elected office.

Mr. Gaffney's views have been widely discredited, including by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and conservative organizations. The FBI said his research made "unsubstantiated assertions" and relied on "outdated information." After the ACU board conducted a full investigation of Mr. Gaffney's accusations against Grover Norquist and Suhail Khan, the board found Mr. Gaffney's accusations "reprehensible," "baseless" and "false and unfounded." The ACU even barred Mr. Gaffney's participation from CPAC in 2011.

Despite Mr. Gaffney's record of unsubstantiated allegations, you appear to have based your letters to the Inspectors General on his views.

I request that you provide my office a full accounting of the sources you used to make the serious allegations against the individuals and organizations in your letters. If there is not credible, substantial evidence for your allegations, I sincerely hope that you will publically clear their names.

Sincerely,

Keith Ellison
Member of Congress

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Dear Representative Ellison:

Thank you for your letter dated July 12, 2012. I am responding to the concerns your letter outlined as well as clarifying a few points that were misrepresented.

As you know, on June 13, 2012, Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, myself included, and the House Judiciary Committee, sent letters to the Inspectors General of the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The purpose of these letters was to request a multi-department investigation into potential Muslim Brotherhood infiltration into the United States Government.

We find this is not only necessary, but beyond timely, considering that departments and agencies of the U.S. Government (including but not limited to, those departments to which these Inspector General letters were sent) have in the past and continue to be advised by organizations and individuals that the U.S. Government itself has identified in federal court as fronts for the international Muslim Brotherhood. That such a widespread assessment has not been performed is troubling and is the basis for genuine concern given the stark contrast between what the U.S. Government says about these Muslim Brotherhood front groups and their continued association with these groups.

I do note that the facts we presented in the Inspector General request letters are based on information presented by U.S. Government officials in court documents, court evidence, correspondence and briefings with Congress and public statements, in addition to known media reporting. These letters were far from sole-sourced as you maintain in your letter.

While I can't speak on behalf of the other signatories of these letters, nor am I able to get into the private discussions and documentation received by the various House committees

represented by the signatories on these matters that motivated these letters to the various Inspectors General, out of respect to you I am happy to respond to some of your concerns, provide the sources you ask for, as well as clarify a few points that may have been misunderstood or misrepresented.

1) "Brotherhood operatives" within the U.S. government may have directly influenced the U.S. intelligence community's assessment of the Muslim Brotherhood, as presented by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper in testimony before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 10, 2011.

In the letter to the Inspector General of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the reference to the February 10, 2011 testimony before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is notable in that the Muslim Brotherhood is described by Director Clapper as "largely secular". The fact that he made this statement is not in dispute.[1] We cited his statement at that hearing in its entirety in the letter to the ODNI Inspector General.

I have to note that both Rep. Westmoreland and I were present at that hearing. Director Clapper was not speaking off the cuff, but was reading from a set of prepared briefing notes which he looked at and apparently referred to in making that statement. His statement was so widely derided that the White House quickly moved to distance themselves from it, and Director Clapper even had to retract his statement.[2]

Director Clapper's statement was in response to a question by Rep. Sue Myrick about information entered into evidence during the Holy Land Foundation trial – the largest terrorism finance trial in American history – that specifically identified these U.S.-based Muslim Brotherhood front organizations and their commitment to a published agenda to "destroying Western Civilization from within":

> According to the FBI and the Department of Justice the Brotherhood is actually inside America and I hold this up because it's from the 2008 Holy Land Foundation terrorist finance support trial evidence was introduce by prosecutors titled "Explanatory Memorandum." And under a section titled "Understanding the Role of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America, the document says the

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[1] Z. Byron Wolf, "Director of National Intelligence James Clapper: Muslim Brotherhood 'Largely Secular'," *ABC News*, February 10, 2011, http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2011/02/director-of-national-intelligence-james-clapper-muslim-brotherhood-largely-secular/.

[2] "Obama Administration Corrects Clapper's Claim that Muslim Brotherhood is 'Secular'," *Fox News*, February 10, 2011, http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/02/10/administration-corrects-dni-clapper-claim-muslim-brotherhood-secular/; Josh Gerstein, "DNI Clapper Retreats From 'Secular' Claim for Muslim Brotherhood," *Politico*, February 10, 2011, http://www.politico.com/blogs/joshgerstein/0211/DNI_Clapper_Egypts_Muslim_Brotherhood_largely_secular.html.

> Brotherhood is engaged in, and I quote "a civilization Jihadist process with all the word means. The Ikhwan, the Brotherhood must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within." And the last page of the memo lists the names of 29 organizations in the U.S. whom the author, who was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood claims are involved in this so-called "civilization jihad process."
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> So, the danger of the Muslim Brotherhood is not just encouraging terrorism through their ideology but also trying to take over governments so everyone has to succumb and live under their ideology. The 9-11 Commission Report says we must address ideologies that give rise to Islamic terrorism.[3]

And in fact, Director Clapper at the conclusion of his response to Rep. Myrick's question deferred to FBI Director Mueller to address the issue of the Muslim Brotherhood in America, to which Director Mueller stated:

> I can say at the outset that elements of the Muslim Brotherhood both here and overseas have supported terrorism. To the extent that I can provide information, I would be happy to do so in closed session. But it would be difficult to do it in open session.[4]

Considering that many U.S. Government agencies, including some of those in the intelligence and law enforcement community, have engaged in outreach programs with organizations and their leaders identified by the U.S. Government as Muslim Brotherhood members and fronts, it is entirely reasonable to ask exactly how Director Clapper arrived at the conclusion that the Muslim Brotherhood was a "largely secular" organization. It is also important to ask what advisory role that any of these Muslim Brotherhood front organizations had played in the intelligence community's assessment as expressed in the briefing notes that Director Clapper was reading from which stated that the Muslim Brotherhood was a "largely secular" organization.

In light of the ongoing events in the Middle East and the rapid ascendancy of the Muslim Brotherhood, there has yet to be an assessment of how Director Clapper and the intelligence community got their analysis of the Muslim Brotherhood so inherently flawed, the implications of which we could continue to live with for decades to come.

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[3] The "Explanatory Memorandum" can be found on the U.S. District Court – Northern District of Texas website dedicated to the U.S. v. Holy Land Foundation trial: http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/judges/hlf2/09-25-08/Elbarasse%20Search%203.pdf. The quote Rep. Myrick read from that document on "destroying Western Civilization from within" can be found on the page marked "7 of 18" in the FBI translation of the document, and the referenced list of 29 organizations can be found on page 32.

[4] House Select Committee on Intelligence, "International Security Threats", *C-SPAN*, February 10, 2011, http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/297949-1 (1:26:55-1:27:12) {INCLUDE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD PAGE}

No better example of the outworking of this intelligence analysis is the statement made during President Obama's 2011 Super Bowl halftime interview just days before Director Clapper made his statement where he said with respect to the Muslim Brotherhood, "They don't have majority support in Egypt."[5] As we now know from the Egyptian parliamentary and presidential elections earlier this year, this analysis by our intelligence community was wrong.[6]

2) "The mother, brother and deceased father of Huma Abedin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, are connected to the Muslim Brotherhood, and that she, too, by extension, may be working on the organization's behalf."

Not once in the letter to the Inspector General of the Department of State, as you summarize, was it stated that "by extension, (Ms. Abedin), may be working on the organization's behalf." In fact, what we wrote was that:

> ...the Deputy Chief of Staff, Huma Abedin, has three family members – her late father, her mother and her brother – connected to Muslim Brotherhood operatives and/or organizations. Her position provides her with routine access to the Secretary and to policy-making.

That her family members are connected to the Muslim Brotherhood has been reported and referenced widely in the Arab-language media, including *Al-Hayat*, the *Arab Times* and *Al-Jazeera*.[7]

A 2002 law review article by Director of the Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations states with respect to Ms. Abedin's father:

> Professor Syed Z. Abedin took a different approach in dealing with the contemporary challenge to the traditional Islamic views. Trained in social science and being of Indian origin, Professor Abedin was the founder of the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, an institution that had the quiet

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[5] "Obama: Muslim Brotherhood Lacks Major Support," *CBS News*, February 7, 2011, http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-202_162-7324320.html.

[6] "Egypt's Islamist Parties Win Elections to Parliament," *BBC News*, January 21, 2012, http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-16665748; Alexander Marquardt, "Muslim Brotherhood's Morsi Wins Egyptian Presidential Election," *ABC News*, June 24, 2012, http://abcnews.go.com/International/muslim-brotherhoods-morsi-wins-egyptian-presidential-election/story?id=16640917.

[7] http://www.gulfinthemedia.com/index.php?m=opinions&id=1305034&lim=15&lang=ar&tblpost=2011_07&PHPSESSID=062; http://www.arabtimes.com/portal/article_display.cfm?Action=&Preview=No&ArticleID=22653; http://www.aljazeera.net/mob/f6451603-4dff-4ca1-9c10-122741d17432/a0dd2ea2-24da-4095-bbf0-b9b70d134444. (translation generated by Google Translate)

but active support of the then General Secretary of the Muslim World League, Dr. Umar Abdallah Nasif.[8]

As the Pew Forum notes, the Muslim World League has a longtime history of being closely aligned and partnering with the Muslim Brotherhood.[9]

That Ms. Abedin is a close confidante of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and that her position provides her with access to the Secretary and puts her in a position to influence policy-making is not controversial.[10]

The concerns about the foreign influence of immediate family members is such a concern to the U.S. Government that it includes these factors as potentially disqualifying conditions for obtaining a security clearance, which undoubtedly Ms. Abedin has had to obtain to function in her position.[11]

For us to raise issues about a highly-based U.S. Government official with known immediate family connections to foreign extremist organizations is not a question of singling out Ms. Abedin. In fact, these questions are raised by the U.S. Government of *anyone* seeking a security clearance.

Given the reasonable assumption that Ms. Abedin has a high-level security clearance, as a member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence I am particularly interested in exactly how, given what we know from the international media about Ms. Abedin's documented family connections with the extremist Muslim Brotherhood, she was able to avoid being disqualified for a security clearance. If these known and documented family ties to the Muslim Brotherhood would not disqualify someone for a security clearance, what specifically is the standard to be disqualified on foreign influence grounds?

3) The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, an international organization of 57 countries to which President George W. Bush created a special envoy position, is "determined to impose shariah worldwide" and undermine the U.S. Constitution.

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[8] Jorgen S. Nielsen, "Contemporary Discussions on Religious Minorities in Islam," *BYU Law Review* 353 (2002), 355-356.

[9] "Muslim Networks and Movements in Western Europe," Pew Forum, September 15, 2010, http://www.pewforum.org/Muslim/Muslim-Networks-and-Movements-in-Western-Europe-Muslim-World-League-and-World-Assembly-of-Muslim-Youth.aspx.

[10] E.g, Nia Malika Henderson, "Huma Abedin, Rep. Anthony Weiner's Unflappable Wife," *Washington Post*, July 7, 2011, http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/huma-abedin-weiners-unflappable-wife/2011/06/07/AG4jFILH_story.html.

[11] Defense Human Resource Activity, "Foreign Influence," *Adjudicative Desk Reference: Background Resources for Personnel Security Adjudicators, Investigators and Managers*, http://www.dhra.mil/perserec/adr/index.htm.

That President George W. Bush created a position of envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is, once again, beyond dispute. As noted on the State Department's website, President Bush appointed Sada Cumber to the newly created position on February 27, 2008.[12] President Obama later appointed Rashad Hussain to that same position on February 13, 2010.[13]

The agenda of the OIC is equally non-controversial since they post their positions and statements in English on their own website.[14]

Concerns about the OIC's agenda stems from the fact that it makes bona fide claims to being the second largest inter-governmental organization in the world with membership of 56 states and the Palestinian Authority; claims to represent the "collective voice of the Muslim world;"[15] defines it's governing domain as the entire *Ummah* – the Muslim Community; rests its authority in summits attended by heads of state.[16]

There are other reasons for concern for the OIC's promotion of shariah as part of a global agenda.

The OIC defines human rights strictly in terms of shariah – Islamic law. Promulgated in 1990 on behalf of its Member States, the "Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam" was subsequently served as a legal instrument to the United Nations in 1993. That human rights is derived exclusively from shariah according to the OIC was made explicit in the final two articles of the Declaration where it states in Article 24 that "all the rights and freedoms stipulated in this Declaration are subject to the Islamic shariah" while Article 25 asserts that "the Islamic shariah is the only source of reference for the explanation or clarification of any of the articles of this Declaration."[17]

There are consequences to negotiating issues of human rights in the international arena and not knowing that the other side has defined human rights in a fundamentally different manner. This concern is not limited to the international arena.

The OIC also makes jurisdictional claims over Muslims living in non-Muslim countries, which includes Muslims living in the United States. In the OIC Charter, it states:

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[12] "Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC)," State Department, http://2001-2009.state.gov/p/io/c25494.htm.

[13] William Wan, "Obama Names Rashad Hussain Special Envoy to Muslim World," *Washington Post*, February 13, 2010, http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/undergod/2010/02/obama_names_special_envoy_to_muslim_world.html.

[14] http://www.oic-oci.org/home.asp

[15] Organization of The Islamic Conference – About OIC, http://oic-oci.org/page_detail.asp?p_id=52.

[16] Article 6, *Charter of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.*

[17] Annex to Res. No. 49 / 19-P, The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, Resolution NO. 49 / 19-P, On the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, OIC, 9-14 Muharram 1411H (July 31 to August 5, 1990), http://www.oic-oci.org/english/article/human.htm.

> The objectives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference shall be: To safeguard the rights, dignity and religious and cultural identity of Muslim communities and minorities in non-Member States; … [18]

The OIC takes this charge seriously and produces annual *Observatory Reports* that track issues it designates as "Islamophobia." On the status of Muslims living in non-Muslim countries, the 2010 *OIC Observatory Report* stated that "Muslim[s] should not be … attempted to be assimilated. Accommodation is the best strategy for integration."[19] In other words, Muslims should be allowed to live in non-Muslim states without having to necessarily obey its laws.

The situation is not helped by the fact that when meeting with Muslim entities from within the United States, the OIC tends to meet with groups known to be Muslim Brotherhood front organizations known to be dedicated to "establishing an effective and stable Islamic Movement led by the Muslim Brotherhood which adopts Muslims' causes domestically and globally, and … presents a civilization alternative, and supports the global Islamic State wherever it is."[20]

For example, in 2007, the OIC General Secretary, Elmeleddin Ihsanoglu, met with Nihad Awad, President of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) to discuss "cooperation on future projects."[21] In 2010[22] and then again in 2011,[23] the OIC organized "Islam and Muslims in America" Conferences in Chicago that were promoted by CAIR, with keynote speakers being the OIC General Secretary along with senior leaders of Muslim Brotherhood front groups like ISNA.[24] Both CAIR and ISNA were identified as Muslim Brotherhood entities when designated as unindicted coconspirators in the Holy Land Foundation case.[25] The Bylaws of the International Muslim Brotherhood state that:

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[18] Objective 16, Article 1, Chapter 1, "Objectives and Principles,"*Charter of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference*, http://www.oic-oci.org/is11/english/Charter-en.pdf.

[19] *Third OIC Observatory Report on Islamophobia: Intolerance & Discrimination against Muslims*, May 2009 to April 2010, *OIC Observatory*, May 22, 2010, http://www.oic-oci.org/uploads/file/Islamphobia/2010/en/Islamophobia_rep_May_22_5_2010.pdf.pdf, 30.

[20] Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic Goal for the Group," Mohamed Akram, May 22, 1991, Government Exhibit 003-0085/3:04-CR-240-G U.S. v. HLF, et al., United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/judges/hlf2/09-25-08/Elbarasse%20Search%203.pdf, at 18. Cited hereafter as *Explanatory Memorandum*

[21] Maha Akeel, "Awad, Ihsanoglu Discuss Future CAIR-OIC Projects," *Arab News*, July 4, 2007, http://archive.arabnews.com/?page=1&section=0&article=98157.

[22] "OIC Secretary Speaks to Muslim American Leaders in Chicago: education, moderation, and full involvement at local and national levels," OIC News Release, September 2, 2010, http://www.oic-oci.org/topic_detail.asp?t_id=4367&x_key

[23] OIC Secretary General Attends the 2nd Conference on Islam and Muslims in America, OIC News Release, September 17, 2011, http://www.oic-oci.org/topic_detail.asp?t_id=5664&x_key=

[24] "Ahmed Rehab to Speak at "Islam and Muslims in America" Conference," *CAIR-Chicago Press Release*, September 15, 2010, http://www.cairchicago.org/2010/09/15/ahmed-rehab-to-speak-at-islam-and-muslims-in-america-conference.

[25] Attachment A, List of Unindicted Co-conspirators and/or Joint Ventures, United States of America vs. Holy Land Foundation, United States District Court for Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, Case

> ...the Muslim Brotherhood is an international Muslim Body, which seeks to establish Allah's law in the land by achieving the spiritual goals of Islam and the true religion ..."

It goes on to speak of:

> "the need to work on establishing the Islamic State, ... Defend the (Islamic) nation against the internal enemies, ..."[26]

At least on its face, there seems to be an ongoing relationship between a foreign governing entity, the OIC, that claims jurisdiction over Muslims in non-Muslim lands, defines human rights as shariah, and advocates that Muslims not assimilate into the cultures of non-Muslim countries. The OIC meets with known subversive front groups dedicated to the imposition of Islamic law and the subversion of host nation governments and societies.

Given that the OIC defines human rights as shariah for the Muslim world and CAIR designates itself as a Muslim Civil Rights organization, couldn't this indicate a common commitment to the implementation of shariah law inside the United States just as the Muslim Brotherhood's mission statement attests? There are national security implications to allowing a foreign governing entity to maintain ongoing relationships with domestic front groups. And the evidence of collaboration between the OIC and U.S.-based Muslim Brotherhood front groups needs to be investigated if for no other reason than to rule out what may reasonably appear to be questionable behavior from a national security perspective.

Objecting to their names being published on a list of unindicted coconspirators associated with the Holy Land Foundation Case, ISNA and CAIR asked the trial court to strike their names from public documents filed by the government. In his July 2009 opinion, Judge Solis responded:

> Finally, CAIR, NAIT and ISNA ask the Court to strike their names from any public document filed or issued by the government. (Mot. at 6.) While it is clear from the *Briggs* line of cases that the Government should have originally filed the unindicted co-conspirators' names under seal, the Court declines to strike CAIR, ISNA and NAIT's names from those documents. The Government has produced ample evidence

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3:04-cr-00240, Document 656-2, March 29, 2007, pg. 5, no. 11 (CAIR) and pg. 8, no. 3 (ISNA), http://www.nefafoundation.org/miscellaneous/HLF/US_v_HLF_Unindicted_Coconspirators.pdf.

[26] "Bylaws of the International Muslim Brotherhood," Ikhwanweb.com, (downloaded) January 18, 2010, http://www.ikhwanweb.com/article.php?id=22687 (note: *Ikhwanweb* has since removed the bylaws from their website).

to establish the associations of CAIR, ISNA and NAIT with HLF, the Islamic Association for Palestine ("IAP"), and with Hamas.[27]

It should be noted that Article 2 of the Hamas Covenant identifies Hamas as a Muslim Brotherhood entity while Article 7 calls for the global killing of all Jews.[28]

Among the more immediate concerns regarding the OIC, is an attempt at imposing speech standards on non-Muslim countries and cultures including the United States. Such an initiative would undermine American notions of free speech as stated in the First Amendment of the Constitution that we took oaths to support and defend.

Promulgated in 2005 and designated the "Ten Year Programme of Action," the OIC formally recognized Islamic speech standards as being binding on the entire world and formulated a plan to subordinate all speech to Islamic speech standards by "endeavoring to have the United Nations adopt an international resolution to counter Islamophobia, and call upon all States to enact laws to counter it, including deterrent punishments."[29]

While such an initiative is abhorrent to American's First Amendment rights, the OIC's Ten Year Programme of Action to subordinate free speech to Islamic law is quite serious.

Even more distressing is the appearance of the U.S. Department of State participating in a process, called the "Istanbul Process," that seeks implementation of the Ten Year Programme through ratification of United Nations Resolution 16/18. Drafted by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC and written in facially neutral language,[30] the OIC Secretary General acknowledged upon its passage that Resolution 16/18, heavily promoted by the current administration, fulfilled OIC objectives on defamation that the West had up until that time consistently opposed.[31]

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[27] Judge Jorge Solis, Memorandum Opinion Order, *U.S. v Holy Land Foundation*, Case 3:04-cr-00240-P, Dallas Division, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, July 1, 2009, 14.
[28] HAMAS Covenant (1988), Articles 2 and 7, http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp.
[29] VII "Combating Islamophobia," Ten-Year Programme of Action to Meet the Challenges Facing the Muslim Ummah in the 21st Century, Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference, Makkah al Mukarramah – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 5-6 dhul qa'dah 1426h 7-8 December 2005, http://www.oic-oci.org/ex-summit/english/10-years-plan.htm. Cited hereafter as "OIC 10 Year Plan."
[30] "Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related form of Intolerance, follow-up and Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action Human Rights Council, Agenda Item 9, Sixteenth Session, *Human Rights Commission*, United Nations A/HRC/16/L.38, March 21, 2011, http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/E/HRC/d_res_dec/A_HRC_16_L.38.pdf.
[31] Patrick Goodenough, "Religious Tolerance Resolution Backed by Obama Administration Aligns With Islamic Bloc's Interests," *CNS News*, December 16, 2011, http://cnsnews.com/news/article/religious-tolerance-resolution-backed-obama-administration-aligns-islamic-bloc-s

When committing to its passage and implementation, Secretary Clinton committed to the OIC Secretary General "to use some old-fashioned techniques of peer pressure and shaming"[32] against those who choose not to submit to the new speech requirements.

From the OIC's own stated agenda to define universal rights in accordance with shariah, their claims on Muslims living outside of their member countries (including our own), the cooperation and coordination from Islamic groups inside the U.S., and the U.S. Government's complicity in furthering that agenda by "pressuring and shaming" its own citizens in violation of the U.S. Constitution, raises considerable concerns about U.S. sovereignty – concerns that must to be addressed by independent authorities, such as the various Inspectors General.

4) The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), an umbrella organization of American Muslim groups, is "the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in the United States."

ISNA bills itself as "the largest Muslim umbrella organization in the United States and Canada."[33]

In naming ISNA as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation trial, federal prosecutors identified the group as among "entities who are and/or were members of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood."[34]

Thus, if ISNA identifies itself as "the largest Muslim umbrella organization in the United States" and federal prosecutors identify the group as "members of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood", it is reasonable to deduce that ISNA can fairly be described as "the largest Muslim Brotherhood front in the United States."

In 2008, Department of Justice prosecutors filed with the federal district court a motion opposing the removal of ISNA from the Holy Land Foundation unindicted co-conspirator list. In its motion it stated that "During last year's trial, numerous exhibits were entered into evidence establishing both ISNA's and NAIT's intimate relationship with the

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[32] "Remarks at the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) High-Level Meeting on Combating Religious Intolerance," Hilary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State, United States Department of State, given at the Center for Islamic Arts and History, Istanbul, Turkey, July 15, 2011, http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/07/168636.htm.

[33] Mohamed Elsanousi, "ISNA Joins President Obama's Call for Courage, Respect and Unity to Confront Exremism," ISNA Press Release, May 25, 2010, http://www.isna.net/articles/Press-Releases/ISNA-Joins-President-Obamas-Call-for-Courage-Respect-and-Unity-to-Confront-Extremism.aspx.

[34] Josh Gerstein, "Islamic Groups Named in Hamas Funding Case," *New York Sun*, June 4, 2007, http://www.nysun.com/national/islamic-groups-named-in-hamas-funding-case/55778/.

Muslim Brotherhood, the Palestine Committee, and the defendants in this case."[35] One of those exhibits was a document identifying ISNA as one of the "apparatuses" of the Muslim Brotherhood in the U.S.[36]

In that same motion the federal prosecutors make note of the extensive evidence connecting ISNA to the Muslim Brotherhood, but also the Hamas terrorist organization:

> During the trial, the Court entered into evidence a wide array of testimonial and documentary evidence expressly linking ISNA and NAIT to the HLF and its principals; the Islamic Association for Palestine and its principals; the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States and its Palestine Committee, headed by HAMAS official Mousa Abu Marzook; and the greater HAMAS-affiliated conspiracy described in the Government's case-in-chief. See, e.g., Government Exhibits 1-16, 3-1, 3-3, 3-23, 3-49, 3-50, 3-64, 3-85, 3-89, 5-1 through 5-14, 5-23 through 5-26, 5-42, 5-78, 16-59, 16-87, 20-33.[37]

The prosecutors added that ISNA was not distantly related to the Holy Land Foundation's conspiracy to support Hamas, but was intimately tied to it:

> During the early years of the HLF's operation, HLF raised money and supported HAMAS through a bank account it held with ISNA at NAIT. Govt. Exh. 5-1 through 5-14, 5-23, 5-24, 5-25, 5-26, 5-42. Indeed, HLF (under its former name, OLF) operated from within ISNA, in Plainfield, Indiana, where Defendant Shukri Baker was employed. Govt. Exh. 5-6, p. 3; 1-16. ISNA checks deposited into the ISNA/NAIT account for the HLF were often made payable to "the Palestinian Mujahadeen," Govt. Exh. 5-23, 5-24, 5-25, the original name for the HAMAS military wing. Govt. Exh. 1-174. From that ISNA/NAIT account, the HLF sent hundreds of thousands of dollars to HAMAS leader Mousa Abu Marzook, Nadia Elashi (defendant Ghassan Elashi's cousin and Marzook's wife), Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's Islamic Center of Gaza, the Islamic University, and a number of other individuals associated with HAMAS. Govt. Exh. 20-55, 20-56.[38]

The FBI also conducted surveillance of a 1993 meeting of Hamas leaders in Philadelphia, the transcripts of which were entered into evidence during the Holy Land Foundation trial, where the attendees openly discussed using ISNA as an official cover for their activities – thus making it by very definition a "front" organization.[39]

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[35] Government's Amended Memorandum in Opposition to Petitioners Islamic Society of North America and North American Islamic Trust's Motion for Equitable Relief, U.S. v. Holy Land Foundation *et al.*, CR NO. 3:04-CR-240-P, July 11, 2008, p. 2, http://www.aclu.org/images/asset_upload_file142_36171.pdf.
[36] U.S. v. Holy Land Foundation *et al.*, Government Exhibit Elbarasse Search – 4, pg. 8, http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/judges/hlf2/09-25-08/Elbarasse%20Search%204.pdf.
[37] *Ibid.*, p. 7.
[38] *Ibid.*, p. 14.
[39] *Ibid.*

Interestingly, the motion by the government prosecutor notes that ISNA denied in a press release at the time of the Holy Land Foundation mistrial in 2007 that it "never was, is not now, affiliated with or influenced by any international organizations including the Muslim Brotherhood."[40]

And yet, ISNA officials had told the *Chicago Tribune* exactly the opposite just a few years before:

> The Islamic Society of North America, the umbrella group for the Muslim Youth of North America and the Muslim Students Association, says Brotherhood members helped form those groups but that their overall influence has been limited.[41]

The federal judge presiding over the Holy Land Foundation case rejected ISNA's denials and sided with the government prosecutors, ruling in a sealed order (later unsealed by order of the appellate court) that the evidence presented during the trial conclusively demonstrated ISNA's founding and operation as a Muslim Brotherhood front organization, also going into great detail about the evidence presented at trial showing its connection to the Holy Land Foundation's terrorist fundraising.[42]

5) The Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) and Muslim Advocates, two civil rights organizations, "exercise influence in ways that align with Muslim Brotherhood agendas."

In the letter we specifically identify, "The Investigative Project on Terrorism, among other organizations, has identified MPAC as an entity long and closely associated with the Muslim Brotherhood."[43]

Federal prosecutors entered into evidence U.S. Muslim Brotherhood documents identifying one of the founders and senior advisers to MPAC as operating in support of the group.[44]

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[40] "Islamic Society of North America, HLF Verdict Press Statement," ISNA Press Release, http://www.isna.net/articles/Press-Releases/ISLAMIC-SOCIETY-OF-NORTH-AMERICA-HLF-VERDICT-PRESS-STATEMENT.aspx.

[41] Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah, Sam Roe and Laurie Cohen, "A Rare Look at Secretive Brotherhood in America," *Chicago Tribune*, September 19, 2004, http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/chi-0409190261sep19,0,4605917,full.story.

[42] Josh Gerstein, "Judge Snubbed U.S. Islamic Groups in Secret Ruling," *Politico*, November 1, 2009, http://www.politico.com/blogs/joshgerstein/1109/Judge_snubbed_US_Islamic_groups_in_secret_ruling.html; Jason Trahan, "Court Unseals 2009 Order on Holy Land Foundation Unindicted Co-Conspirator List," *Dallas Morning News*, November 19, 2010, http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2010/11/court-unseals-2009-order-on-ho.html/.

[43] The Investigative Project on Terrorism's detailed report on MPAC is available online: http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/358.pdf.

More recently, MPAC has affirmatively demonstrated its allegiance to the international Muslim Brotherhood, hosting events on Capitol Hill for Tunisian Muslim Brotherhood Al-Nahda party leader Rachid Ghannouchi and members of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party (the latter was abruptly cancelled when news of the event was being investigated by the press).[45]

MPAC and Muslim Advocates alignment with organizations identified by the U.S. government as Muslim Brotherhood front groups can be traced back several years, including both groups longtime alliance with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).[46] During the Holy Land Foundation trial, FBI Agent Lara Burns testified that CAIR was a front for Hamas and founded by the Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee to support Hamas.[47]

Last October, MPAC and Muslim Advocates joined several identified Muslim Brotherhood front groups, including CAIR and ISNA, by signing onto joint letters signed by these organizations in calling for the creation of a "White House" "interagency taskforce" to conduct a "purge" of counterterrorism training materials.[48]

The same day as that letter was sent to the White House, these same organizations met together with Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division Tom Perez in calling for "a legal declaration that U.S. citizens' criticism of Islam constitutes racial discrimination." This call to subvert the First Amendment should have been challenged by the Department of Justice, but wasn't. [49] That is deeply troubling. Muslim Advocates and MPAC officials are regular speakers at ISNA events, such as Farhana Khera's speech at the 2010 ISNA convention.[50]

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[44] U.S. v. Holy Land Foundation et al., Government Exhibit Elbarasse Search – 11, pg. 11, http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/judges/hlf2/09-25-08/Elbarasse%20Search%2011.pdf.
[45] "Attend MPAC-DC Forum on Islamic Political Movements & Dinner with Ghannouchi, Tunisian Revolution Leader," MPAC, November 29, 2011, http://www.mpac.org/events/attend-mpac-dc-forum-on-islamic-political-movements-dinner-with-ghannouchi-tunisian-revolution-leader.php; "Cancelled: MPAC to Host Diologue with Political Wing of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood," MPAC, April 3, 2012, http://www.mpac.org/events/mpac-to-host-dialogue-with-political-wing-of-egypts-muslim-brotherhood.php.
[46] "Muslim Advocates, ADC, CAIR and MPAC: Senate Homeland Security Report Lacks Substantive Analysis, Contradicts Own Recommendations," Muslim Advocates, June 23, 2008, http://www.muslimadvocates.org/press_room/muslim_advocates_adc_cair_mpac.html.
[47] Jason Trahan, "FBI: CAIR is a Front Group, and Holy Land Foundation Tapped Hamas Clerics for Fundraisers," *Dallas Morning News*, October 7, 2008, http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2008/10/fbi-cair-is-a-front-group-and.html/.
[48] Letter to Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan, October 19, 2011, signed by Muslim Advocates, MPAC, CAIR and ISNA.
[49] Neil Munro, "Progressives, Islamists Huddle at Justice Department," *The Daily Caller*, October 21, 2011, http://dailycaller.com/2011/10/21/progressives-islamists-huddle-at-justice-department/.
[50] Session titled "Free to Pray," ISNA Convention, Chicago, July 3, 2010.

These examples not only demonstrate alignment with the Muslim Brotherhood's agenda, but also the OIC's stated plan to criminalize defamation of Islam. It is reported that MPAC President Salam al-Marayati has appeared at OIC events held inside the U.S. in support of the OIC's "Islamophobia" agenda.[51]

Al-Marayati has previously had run-ins with the federal government. In 1999 he was forced to resign his appointment to the National Commission on Terrorism after his statements in support of terrorist organizations came to light.[52] While he had been appointed by House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, it was Gephardt that withdrew al-Marayati's nomination.

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Attempts by the House Judiciary Committee to obtain from the Department of Justice and the FBI all of the case evidence submitted during the Holy Land Foundation trial and provided to the defense in disclosure have been fruitless. [53]

Members of Oversight Committees must know what more these Holy Land Foundation documents contain regarding the U.S. Government's "outreach" partners. This information has already been turned over to convicted terror supporters and yet the Administration has refused all requests to turn these documents over to members of the U.S. Congress serving on Oversight Committee.

Since we sent the Inspectors General letters requesting further investigation, other shocking incidents have occurred. Chief among these was the decision just a few weeks ago by the State Department to give a member of an Egyptian designated terrorist group (which is still listed as such by the State Department's Bureau of Counterterrorism[54]) a visa to not only enter the country in violation of the federal laws prohibiting material

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[51] "Al-Marayati to Speak at Organization of Islamic Cooperation Conference in Chicago," MPAC, September 17, 2011, http://www.mpac.org/events/al-marayati-to-speak-at-organization-of-islamic-cooperation-conference-in-chicago.php.

[52] Jennifer Auther, "U.S. Muslim Leader Denies He's a Terrorist Sympathizer," *CNN*, July 29, 1999, http://web.archive.org/web/20060618151419/http://www.cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS/stories/1999/07/29/terrorism.commission/.

[53] Mark Flatten, "Hill Fears PC Censors Hobble FBI Counter-Terrorism," *Washington Examiner*, May 2, 2012, http://washingtonexaminer.com/article/1266686.

[54] State Department, Bureau of Counterterrorism, "Foreign Terrorist Organizations," January 27, 2012, http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm.

support for terrorism, but to be granted a meeting inside the White House with National Security Council officials.[55]

The terror group member used the opportunity of his White House visit to call for the release of the imprisoned leader of his organization, the "Blind Sheikh," Omar Abdel Rahman, who is currently serving a life sentence for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and later planned terror plots inside the U.S.[56]

Administration prosecutors and investigators have made statements backed up by considerable evidence in court raising serious concerns about many of the Muslim Brotherhood front groups, but the day-to-day operation of these departments and agencies continue "outreach" programs involving these exact same organizations as if the evidence presented in federal court or statements made in search warrant applications doesn't exist.

In light of the information revealed during the Holy Land Foundation trial, the FBI officially cut ties with CAIR because of their activities in support of Hamas.[57] And yet just last month the new White House Director for Community Partnerships admitted that this administration has had "hundreds" of meetings with CAIR in spite of the FBI's stated policy.[58] It has been reported the White House has worked to conceal these ties (in one case, with ISNA and MPAC).[59]

As members of Congress, we are charged to oversee and hold accountable all government agencies – a charge given to us by the Constitution on behalf of the citizens of the United States. To do anything less is to subvert the oaths we took as members to protect and defend the Constitution. For us to fail to demand action on the part of the Inspectors General on this matter is to fail to uphold the oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Again, thank you for your letter. It is my intention to wait for the investigations to be completed to comment further. I would be happy to revisit this issue with you once we have received the answers to the questions outlined in the letters.

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[55] Eli Lake, "Member of Egyptian Terror Group Goes to Washington," *The Daily Beast*, June 21, 2012, http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/06/21/member-of-egyptian-terror-group-goes-to-washington.html.

[56] Dugald McConnell and Brian Todd, "Egyptian Lawmaker Met U.S. Officials Despite Affilitation with Terrorist Group," *CNN*, June 22, 2012, http://articles.cnn.com/2012-06-22/us/us_egypt-lawmaker-visa_1_gamaa-islamiya-terrorist-organization-el-din?_s=PM:US.

[57] Joseph Abrams, "FBI Cuts Ties With CAIR Following Terror Financing Trial," *Fox News*, January 30, 2009, http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/01/30/fbi-cuts-ties-cair-following-terror-financing-trial/.

[58] Neil Munro, "Administration Admits to 'Hundreds' of Meetings with Jihad Linked Group," *The Daily Caller*, June 8, 2012, http://dailycaller.com/2012/06/08/administration-admits-to-hundreds-of-meetings-with-jihad-linked-group/.

[59] Neil Munro, "Obama's Iftar Guest List Omits Controversial Attendees," *The Daily Caller*, August 11, 2012, http://dailycaller.com/2011/08/11/obamas-iftar-guest-list-omits-controversial-attendees/.

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Dear Representative Bachmann:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter of July 12, 2012. As you know, I asked you to provide information to support your claim that the Muslim Brotherhood has effected "deep penetration"[1] into the U.S. government.

In your initial letters to the Inspectors General of several federal agencies,[2] you wrote the following:

> "…information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about the impact on the federal government's national security policies and activities that appear to be a result of influence operations conducted by individuals and organizations associated with the Muslim Brotherhood."

A careful review of your 16-page response reveals that you fail to provide any credible evidence for your claims, engage in guilt by association, and continue to rely on discredited sources.

Allow me to be more specific.

My July 12, 2012 letter asked for credible, substantial evidence to support the allegations in your letters to the Inspectors General. You wrote that information has "recently come to light" regarding alleged Muslim Brotherhood influence within the U.S. government – information I urged you to share with the proper authorities given the seriousness of your accusations.

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[1] http://www.sctimes.com/article/20120710/NEWS01/307100003/Bachmann-warns-Muslim-Brotherhood

[2] The Departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

However, your response simply rehashes claims that have existed for years on anti-Muslim Web sites and contains no reliable information that the Muslim Brotherhood has infiltrated the U.S. government.

Guilt by Association

Your initial letter to the State Department references the Muslim Brotherhood and states that "the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns." You cite Huma Abedin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, as an example of those "with such ties" to the Muslim Brotherhood. This is a striking claim to make about a top adviser in the State Department.

In discussing this claim, you provide absolutely no information about Ms. Abedin herself. Instead, you write that "her late father, her mother and her brother [are] connected to Muslim Brotherhood operatives and/or organizations." Your letters fail to explain your claims regarding Ms. Abedin's mother and brother.

With regard to Ms. Abedin's father, you point to a single passage from an article claiming that he founded "the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, an institution that had the quiet but active support of the then General Secretary of the Muslim World League, Dr. Umar Abdallah Nasif." You then write, "As the Pew Forum notes, the Muslim World League has a longtime history of being closely aligned and partnering with the Muslim Brotherhood." Put together, the primary source of evidence for your serious claims against Ms. Abedin is that her deceased father founded an institute that received unspecified "support" from a man who at one point led an organization that was aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood. In making this connection, which is five times removed from Ms. Abedin, you engage in guilt by association.

Further, in questioning how Ms. Abedin received a high-level security clearance, you imply that our top intelligence agencies did not adequately investigate Ms. Abedin. Accusing the men and women of the U.S. intelligence community of failing to do their jobs requires far more substantial information than what you have provided to date.

Discredited Sources

Your response does not address concerns about the primary source of your information, MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com, which you reference prominently in your letters. The founder of that Web site, Frank Gaffney, has a long history of making unsubstantiated anti-Muslim allegations. Mr. Gaffney even accused General David Petraeus of "submission" to Islamic law,[3] New Jersey Governor Chris Christie of "treason" for appointing a Muslim judge,[4] and anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist of "enabling and empowering Muslim Brotherhood influence operations."[5] Your response fails to explain how your claims are any more credible than Mr. Gaffney's accusations against these individuals.

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[3] http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2011/04/28/161792/frank-gaffney-david-petraeus-sharia/

[4] http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/gaffney-chris-christie-may-be-guilty-misprision-treason

[5] http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2011/04/12/157627/frank-gaffney-grover-norquist-feud/

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a premier civil rights organization tracking hate groups, describes Mr. Gaffney as "the anti-Muslim movement's most paranoid propagandist."[6] According to SPLC, Mr. Gaffney has called Islam "communism with a God." SPLC also quotes Mr. Gaffney as saying that the Muslim Brotherhood is practicing "civilization jihad" through "influence operations" – phrases that appear verbatim in your letter.

Your allegations are particularly disconcerting given your position on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. You have previously criticized the Obama Administration by stating that "leaks are unacceptable in all circumstances."[7] If the individuals and organizations named in your letters pose such grave threats to U.S. national security, why would you risk undermining your efforts by discussing your letters with media outlets[8] and posting them on your Web site?[9]

Again, thank you for your timely response. If you find any credible information regarding Muslim Brotherhood "deep penetration" into the U.S. government, I urge you to share it with the proper authorities immediately.

As the revered journalist Edward R. Murrow once said, "We must remember always that accusation is not proof, and that conviction depends upon evidence and due process of law."

Sincerely,

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[6] http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-files/profiles/frank-gaffney-jr

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[8] Sandy Rios in the Morning. June 20, 2012. http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/sandy-rios-in-morning-on-afr/id400516424?i=117134919

[9] http://bachmann.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=299447