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Willful Blindness: Consequences of Agency Efforts to Deemphasize Radical Islam in Combating Terrorism Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

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I am a national security consultant with a company called, "Understanding the Threat", or UTT. UTT is the only organization in America which trains law enforcement, intelligence professionals, military, and leaders on the threat from the Global Islamic Movement, the doctrine of jihadi groups, and how to identify, investigate, and dismantle them<sup>1</sup>. At UTT, we hold the firm belief that in order to defeat the Global Islamic Movement, we must understand the enemy. US military war fighting doctrine, specifically the , 'Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield Manual', states that war planners must begin all analysis of the enemy threat with who the enemy says they are, and why they are fighting us.<sup>2</sup> That becomes the basis for determining the enemy threat doctrine, which, in the case of jihadis, is sharia- Islamic law. Universally, the enemy, jihadis, whether they are ISIS, AQ, or the Muslim Brotherhood, all state that they are Muslims waging jihad in the cause of Allah to establish an Islamic State (Caliphate) under sharia<sup>3</sup>.

I'm going to discuss one jihadi group, the Muslim Brotherhood, based on evidence entered into the largest terrorism financing and Hamas trial ever successfully prosecuted in US history, the Holy Land Foundation trial, and based upon my

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Raising a Jihadi Generation: A Handbook for Law Enforcement, Intelligence and Military Professionals, by John Guandolo, Lepanto Publishing 2013, USA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield, Department of the Army, July 8, 1994 via Federation of American Scientists <a href="https://fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm34-130.pdf">https://fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm34-130.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ISIS: Al-Furqan, May 14, 2015, translation by MEMRI, <a href="http://www.memrijttm.org/in-new-audio-speech-islamic-state-isis-leader-al-baghdadi-issues-call-to-arms-to-all-muslims.html">http://www.memrijttm.org/in-new-audio-speech-islamic-state-isis-leader-al-baghdadi-issues-call-to-arms-to-all-muslims.html</a> AQ: Osama bin Laden, Nov 18, 1998, reference: FAS pdf, Page 78; MB: MB By-Laws, Article 2, Chapter 2, see also, "World Underground Movement Plan", Phase Five

experience conducting undercover research with Hamas doing business as CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations.<sup>4</sup>

The HLF trial was adjudicated in Dallas, TX in 2008, and identified CAIR as a member of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee, which is Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist organization.<sup>5</sup> The U.S. Government identified Hamas as an "outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood"<sup>6</sup>. Documents entered into evidence in the HLF trial also revealed that ISNA, the Islamic Society of North America, is a Muslim Brotherhood organization which financially supports Hamas – a terrorist organization.<sup>7</sup>

At the time it was indicted, the Holy Land Foundation was the largest Islamic charity in the US, and was convicted on 108 counts for funneling over \$12 million to a foreign terrorist organization, Hamas, which is the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood.<sup>8</sup>

The Muslim Brotherhood creed states: Allah is our goal, the Prophet is our guide, the Quran is our constitution, jihad is our way, and death for the glory of Allah is our greatest ambition.<sup>9</sup>

The Muslim Brotherhood by-laws state that: "The Islamic nation must be fully prepared to fight the tyrants and the enemies of Allah as a prelude to establishing the Islamic State". Again, the MB agenda is no different than that of Al Qaeda or ISIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CAIR is Hamas <a href="https://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CAIR-is-Hamas.pdf">https://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CAIR-is-Hamas.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. v Holy Land Foundation, Judge Solis Opinion, Case 3:04-cr-00240-P Document 1356, 07/01/2009, Page 15 of 20, Page ID: 27137 <a href="http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/HLF">http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/HLF</a> - Judge Solis Opinion - Unsealed1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. V HLF, Indictment July 26, 2004, Introduction see U.S. v HLF Indictment pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. v Holy Land Foundation, Judge Solis Opinion, Case 3:04-cr-00240-P Document 1356, 07/01/2009 Page 2 of 20, PageID 27124 <a href="http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/HLF">http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/HLF</a> - Judge Solis Opinion - Unsealed1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> End of the Line for HLF, October 29, 2012, Investigative project.org, http://www.investigativeproject.org/3785/end-of-the-line-for-hlf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Clarion Project Report on the Muslim Brotherhood, June 2015, Elliott Friedland, <a href="http://www.clarionproject.org/sites/default/files/Muslim-Brotherhood-Special-Report.pdf">http://www.clarionproject.org/sites/default/files/Muslim-Brotherhood-Special-Report.pdf</a>
<sup>10</sup> MB By Laws, Article 3, Chapter 2, E <a href="http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MB">http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MB</a> BY LAWS Ikhwanweb.pdf

The Muslim Brotherhood logo<sup>11</sup> has two swords cradling a Quran, with a reference to ayah, or verse, 8:60 of the Quran, which states: "Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into the hearts of the enemies of Allah and your enemies".<sup>12</sup> This verse is also referenced in the Al Qaeda Training Manual, which was discovered in May 2000 by British investigators conducting a search of AQ operative Anas al-Liby.<sup>13</sup>

During my time conducting undercover research as an intern for Hamas, both at CAIR MD/VA in Herndon, VA, and CAIR National in Washington DC, I preserved documents that revealed Hamas doing business as CAIR:

- -Conspired to cover-up fraud committed by one of their immigration attorneys<sup>14</sup>
- -Discussed coordinating with Bin Laden and his associates<sup>15</sup>
- -Placed staffers and interns inside congressional offices<sup>16</sup>
- -Conspired to influence congress, specifically judiciary, intelligence, and homeland security committees<sup>17</sup>
- -Impacted congressional districts, tasking each Hamas Chapter office with influencing at least two legislators<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Clarion Project Report on the Muslim Brotherhood, June 2015, Elliott Friedland, <a href="http://www.clarionproject.org/sites/default/files/Muslim-Brotherhood-Special-Report.pdf">http://www.clarionproject.org/sites/default/files/Muslim-Brotherhood-Special-Report.pdf</a>, Photo of MB logo submitted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Meaning of the Holy Quran, Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Amana Publications, Beltsville, Maryland, USA, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 2004, Page 429

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Al Qaeda Training Manual, Page 10 <a href="https://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/AQ">https://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/AQ</a> Training Manual.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Chapter 1, Pages 15-26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Appendix, Fig. 4, Page 313

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Appendix, Fig. 1-2, Pages 310-311

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Appendix, Fig 1, Page 310

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Appendix, Fig. 1, Page 310

-Ordered books from the Saudi embassy on the virtue of jihad and martyrdom<sup>19</sup> -Worked with a Muslim law enforcement officer to influence a major terrorism investigation by accessing a classified federal police database and tipping off the suspect<sup>20</sup>

The current administration and the US national security apparatus continues to use leaders of Muslim Brotherhood groups like ISNA, the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), CAIR, and others to provide direct input into American foreign policy and domestic counter-terrorism strategies. One of the results of this dangerous situation is to order the removal of terms like, "jihad", and, "sharia", from our counter terrorism lexicon.

I attended a convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 2008, organized by Muslim Brotherhood group, ISNA, and both the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons had set up outreach and recruiting booths. Both Congressman Keith Ellison, MN, and Andre Carson, IN, spoke at the Muslim Brotherhood event. I witnessed Imam Siraj Wahhaj, who is a vocal advocate for the implementation of sharia<sup>21</sup>, and an unindicted coconspirator of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, solicit donations for Hamas at CAIR's annual banquet<sup>22</sup>. Siraj Wahhaj was the first Imam to offer prayers in Congress.

Often, when "Understanding the Threat", offers training to federal, state, and/or local law enforcement, Muslim Brotherhood groups work to intimidate the hosts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Page 177, and Page 390, note 29: Letter from Iqbal to Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Washington D.C., 12 November 2002, see reference: Riyad us Salehin, Vol II, Chapter 234, Book of Jihad- Virtues of Jihad and Its Importance, Pages 619-644

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA, 2009, Chapter 5, Pages 69-73, see also: Notes, Chapter Five, note 10, Page 373, and Appendix, Fig. 16, Page 325

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> February 25, 2011, University of Central Florida, Video via Randy McDaniel, YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNwONf9gTBQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNwONf9gTBQ</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Muslim Mafia, P. David Gaubatz and Paul Sperry, World Net Daily, Los Angeles, CA 2009, Page 39, see also Notes, Chapter 2, Note 34: Ellison at CAIR: 'Obama Not Our Salvation. God Is,'" The Muslim Link, November 28, 2008, 2

of the training venues into cancelling the training by threatening them with cries of "Islamophobia" or "racism"<sup>23</sup>.

Documents entered into evidence in the HLF trial, entitled, "An Explanatory Memorandum", outline the role of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America, quote: "The process of settlement is a, "Civilization-Jihadist Process" with all the word means. The Ikhwan must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."<sup>24</sup>

According to our enemy – the Global Islamic Movement, made up of many groups including Al Qaeda, ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood, Tabligi Jamaat, Boko Haram, Hamas, Hizbollah, many nation states including Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and many others – they all seek to impose sharia on the planet. It is also the blueprint from which they create their warfighting strategies. From a U.S. warfighting perspective, that naturally makes sharia the enemy threat doctrine and adherents to sharia a direct threat to the Republic. Until American leaders and national security professionals identify the threat and formulate policies and strategies that address adherents to this ideology we will continue on our current path of defeat and eventually lose this war here at home as we did in Iraq and Afghanistan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The Counter Jihad Report, posted June 8, 2016, Dallas College 'Not Aware' of CAIR's Terror Ties Before Bumping Anti-Terror Class <a href="https://counterjihadreport.com/2016/06/08/dallas-college-not-aware-of-cairs-terror-ties-before-bumping-anti-terror-class/">https://counterjihadreport.com/2016/06/08/dallas-college-not-aware-of-cairs-terror-ties-before-bumping-anti-terror-class/</a> see also, <a href="https://www.understandingthethreat.com/good-news-alert-utt-law-enforcement-program-in-dallas-a-huge-success/">https://www.understandingthethreat.com/good-news-alert-utt-law-enforcement-program-in-dallas-a-huge-success/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> U.S. v Holy Land Foundation, 3:04-cr-240-G, Government Exhibit 003-0085, Bate #ISE-SW 1B10/0000418, see pdf: Explanatory Memorandum, <a href="http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MB">http://www.understandingthethreat.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MB</a> Strategy North America 19911.pdf