Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ambassador Harold W. Geisel
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Department of State
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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.

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- 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,

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Member of Congress

Trent Franks
Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert
Member of Congress

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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[1] See enclosed: Official Government Exhibit 3-85 entered into evidence in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas by the United Stated Department of Justice; the July 1, 2009 opinion of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas;

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.

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