US Interests in the Middle East under the Obama Administration

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Synopsis:

The most salient factor concerning U.S. interests and the Obama administration's strategies in the Middle East is that America is at war but the administration has failed to identify their Enemy, their Doctrine, and their Objective.

The evidence will show that "The war which we fight is primarily defined by the enemy as INFORMATION WARFARE, which manifests itself in our system as political warfare, influence operations, and subversion of our foundational institutions: political, educational, religious, and media. Yet, our entire government structure is focused on the kinetic war – shootings, bombings, kidnappings and other acts of 'terrorism." ¹

These Enemy information operations influence U.S. foreign policy and national security decisions to the detriment of U.S. interests. Two of the more egregious manifestations of this were employment of U.S. might and influence to force an American ally, Egypt's Mubarak, out of office to be replaced by a Muslim Brotherhood regime which has openly declared war against America, as well as a NATO campaign to force Libya's Gaddafi, a compliant, cooperative anti-jihadi, out of power permitting known al Qaeda rebel leaders to acquire OPEC wealth and a massive arms cache with which to empower jihadi insurgencies in other Middle East countries.

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¹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://strategicengagement.org/pdf-files/True Nature of Threat.pdf

Introduction

Since its founding, the United States has been dealing with the Middle East, and different challenges and foreign policy objectives have arisen for every president to date. Early into the current administration President Obama enumerated US interests and intentions regarding the Middle East on June 4th, 2009, when he spoke at Cairo University.² According to the president, US interests fall into seven areas:

- 1. "The first issue that we have to confront is violent extremism in all of its forms."
- 2. "The second major source of tension that we need to discuss is the situation between Israelis, Palestinians and the Arab world."
- 3. "The third source of tension is our shared interest in the rights and responsibilities of nations on nuclear weapons."
- 4. "The fourth issue that I will address is democracy."
- 5. "The fifth issue that we must address together is religious freedom."
- 6. "The sixth issue that I want to address is women's rights."
- 7. "Finally, I want to discuss economic development and opportunity."

From these points, the president's Middle East policy statements can then be consolidated into two main categories for analysis.

One is the factual nature of the present war - the Obama administration inherited a nation at war in the Middle East, where additionally, factions and nations in the region are at war with each other.

The second issue is the factual nature of Islam. This administration makes assumptions (not just in this speech, but in all subsequent statements during his administration) about the nature of Islam, especially with regards to democracy, religious freedom, women's rights, and other principles which are historically attributed with Western Civilization.

The president specifically states in his speech that "America is not – and never will be – at war with Islam." Perhaps this is currently true (prior U.S. presidents like Thomas Jefferson⁴ and John Quincy Adams⁵ may not agree).

² Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/NewBeginning/transcripts. President Obama's prepared remarks to the Muslim world, delivered on June 4, 2009 in Cairo, as released by the White House.

³ Ibid

⁴ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/founders/FOEA-03-01-02-0569, Jefferson, Thomas, Letter to U.S. Secretary of State John Jay from U.S. Ambassador to France, March 28, 1786.

⁵ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=11283, Bostom, Andrew G., John Quincy Adams Knew Jihad, Front Page Magazine, Sep. 29, 2004.

But it does not mean that the opposite is true, namely that "Islam is not – and never will be – at war with America." And if the corollary is false, it makes a world of difference in this analysis of the administration's stated U.S. interests and their strategies for pursuing those interests.

This paper contends that the corollary is indeed false, and the administration's stated U.S. interests and their strategies for pursuing those interests, as well as the way the nation prosecutes the war and deals with Islam, are fatally flawed. Furthermore, evidence indicates that they are executing national security and foreign policy strategies based not only upon fictions, but upon fictions propagated by enemies of the United States. These are serious charges which this analysis will address. We will see that the United States does not just have Counter Terrorism (CT) challenges, but domestically they have serious Counter Insurgency (COIN) and Counter Intelligence (CI) challenges, if not outright failures.

Identifying America's Present Day Enemies

So today, who is the actual Enemy, what is their Doctrine, and what are their Objectives?

It is worth noting that established U.S. military doctrine governing analysis for the Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield (IPB) in any conflict requires the identification of (1) the Enemy, (2) the Enemy Threat Doctrine that makes them hostile, and (3) their victory Objectives in going to war. This is what Thomas Jefferson did over 200 years ago when faced with an Islamic Enemy, but what the Obama administration, as well as the two preceding administrations, have failed to do.

The Enemy is *self-declared* as a global Islamic movement comprised of the Muslim Brotherhood, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and their various jihadi groups such as Hamas and al Qaeda. Their Doctrine is authoritative Islamic law. Their victory Objective is to force the *submission* of all non-Muslims to Islamic law and establish a global caliphate.

Al Qaeda's Second Fatwa⁸ said as much. It also made clear it authorized "The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies -- civilians and military -- is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it." Shortly after this fatwa al Qaeda, abetted by Muslim Brotherhood entities abroad and in America¹⁰, executed the bombing of the

⁶ Headquarters, Department of the Army. *Field Manual 34-130 Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield*. United States Army, 1994. Print.

⁷ Jefferson, op. cit., **American Peace Commissioners to John Jay**

⁸ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/military/jan-june98/fatwa 1998.html, Al Qaeda's Second Fatwa, PBS Newshour, Feb. 23, 1998.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/09/02/11-hijackers-relied-on-domestic-support-network-records-show/, Herridge, Catherine, **9/11 Hijackers Relied on Domestic Support Network, Records Show, Fox News**, Sep. 2, 2011

American embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam in August 1998, the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000, and the horrific attack of 9-11-2001.

There can be no understanding modern political Islam without reference to the Muslim Brotherhood (MB)¹¹. Founded in Cairo, Egypt in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna, the Muslim Brotherhood is a global organization that oscillates between *Dawah*¹² (*pre*-violent, not *non*-violent "*invitation*" for conversion to Islam¹³) and jihad¹⁴ (kinetic war) that is dedicated to the reestablishment of the Caliphate and global imposition of Islamic law (*shari'a*).¹⁵ Many modern terrorist groups, including al-Qaeda, Egyptian Islamic Jihad, HAMAS¹⁶, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) are or are off-shoots of the Brotherhood. The majority of leading Islamic organizations in the U.S. are likewise associated with the Muslim Brotherhood.

"The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) [Since this article OIC changed "Conference" to "Cooperation"] is a religious and political organization. Close to the Muslim World League of the Muslim Brotherhood, it shares the Brotherhood's strategic and cultural vision: that of a universal religious community, the Ummah, based upon the Koran, the Sunna, and the canonical orthodoxy of shari'a. The OIC represents 56 countries and the Palestinian Authority (considered a state), the whole constituting the universal Ummah with a community of more than one billion three to six hundred million Muslims."

"The OIC supports all the jihadist movements considered to be resisting "foreign occupation," including those in "occupied" Indian Kashmir, and condemns the "humiliation and oppression" of Muslims in India." ¹⁷

The MB has been operating on US soil for over 50 years ¹⁸. An August 2004 FBI search of a MB member's Virginia home uncovered a secret sub-basement that housed the archives of the

¹¹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/3672/muslim-brotherhood-us-government, Lopez, Clare M., History of the Muslim Brotherhood Penetration of the U.S. Government, Gatestone Institute, April 15, 2013

¹² Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.dawahinamericas.com/bookspdf/MethodologyofDawah.pdf, Siddiqi, Shamim A., Methodology of Dawah II Allah In American Perspective, Brooklyn, NY, The Forum for Islamic Work, 1989.

¹³ Boykin, Coughlin, Soyster, Woolsey, McCarthy, Del Rosso, et. al., **Shariah the Threat To America**, Washington DC, The Center for Security Policy, 2010, Page3.

¹⁴ Al-Misri, Ahmad ibn Naqib. *Reliance of the Traveller[sic]. A Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law*. Translated by Nuh Ha Mim Keller. Beltsville, MD: Amana Publications, 1991. Revised Edition, 1994. Page 599.

¹⁵ Part I, Chapter II, Objective and Means, Article (2), "**Bylaws of the International Muslim Brotherhood**," *IkhwanWeb*, URL: http://www.ikhwanweb.com/article.php?id=22687&ref=search.php, accessed 18 January 2010. Cited hereafter as Muslim Brotherhood Bylaws.

¹⁶ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.mideastweb.org/hamas.htm, HAMAS Charter, "The Islamic Resistance Movement is one of the wings of Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine"

¹⁷ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/09/oic and the modern caliphate.html, Ye'or, Bat, OIC and the Modern Caliphate, American Thinker, Sep. 26, 2010.

¹⁸Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.currenttrends.org/research/detail/the-muslim-brotherhoods-us-network, Baran, Zeyno, **The Muslim Brotherhood's US Network**, Current Trends in Islamist Ideology, Vol. 6, Feb. 27, 2008.

MB operation in America.¹⁹ Two truckloads of evidence were seized, including 80 banker boxes of documents and hundreds of video and audio tapes.²⁰

Several documents recovered in this raid were submitted, *uncontested by the defense and stipulated as being official Muslim Brotherhood documents*, as evidence in the Texas Holy Land Foundation (HLF) Trial, the largest terrorism financing case in US history. The material met all of the U.S. Federal Government's rules for evidence and could be subject to cross-examination by the defendants. The trial resulted in the conviction of all defendants on all counts and the imposition of significant sentences.²¹ Because of the conviction, this material, by definition, is not opinion but now a matter of legal fact.

One key seized document used in evidence was titled the *An Explanatory Memorandum On the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America.*²² It explains that "The Ikhwan [what the MB refers to themselves as] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands [those of the Americans] and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion [Islam and Shariah Law] is made victorious over all other religions."²³

This memorandum also self-identifies "A list of our [MB] organizations"²⁴ involved in this conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. Constitution and replace it with a totalitarian Islamic state. The list includes some of the most prominent Muslim Groups in America both then (1991) and today, including CAIR (in 1991 called Islamic Association for Palestine), ISNA, and NAIT. In fact, the HLF designated over 200 Muslim organizations and individuals in a U.S. government List of Unindicted Co-conspirators.²⁵

When ISNA and NAIT, two of the most prominent Islamic organizations in America, petitioned the court to be removed from the unindicted co-conspirator list of the Holy Land Foundation trial, the prosecution responded by filing a memorandum in federal court in Dallas which stated the following (which the Court upheld):

¹⁹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A28476-2004Aug24.html, Markon, Jerry & Rich, Eric, Va. Man Tied to Hamas Held as Witness, Washington Post, Aug 25, 2004, Page B01.

²⁰ July 2012 Private conversation with FBI Special Agent of the Washington Field Office (WFO) of Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)

²¹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2009/May/09-nsd-519.html, U.S. Department of Justice Press Release, Federal Judge Hands Downs Sentences in Holy Land Foundation Case, May 27, 2009.

²² Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/judges/hlf2/09-25-08/Elbarasse%20Search%203.pdf, Akram, Mohamed, **An Explanatory Memorandum On the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America**, May 22, 1991. ORIGINAL ARABIC AND OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT TRANSLATION STAMPED AS A U.S. GOV. EXHIBIT ON PAGE 1.

²³ Ibid. Page 21 of PDF.

²⁴ Ibid. Page 32 of PDF.

²⁵ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/423.pdf, List of Unindicted Coconspirators and/or Joint Venturers.

"During last year's trial, numerous exhibits were entered into evidence establishing both ISNA's and NAIT's intimate relationship with the Muslim Brotherhood, the Palestine Committee, and the defendants in this case," ... "They were intimately connected with the HLF and its assigned task of providing financial support to HAMAS. ... That ISNA and NAIT appeared in these documents and share a common history with these defendants is a reflection of the evidence, not any attempt to 'disparage' or 'vilify" ²⁶

The Obama Administration Protects and Embraces the MB

After the September 2008 conviction of the HLF defendants, the prosecution team set out to prosecute the unindicted co-conspirators. But shortly after the Obama administration took office in January 2009 these prosecutions were ordered halted by Obama administration political appointees. Attempts by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security to find out the reasons why the prosecutions were halted have been met with stonewalling. ²⁸

Simultaneously, the same Islamic groups identified in federal courts as supporters of terror have been called by the Obama Administration "moderates and embraced them as outreach partners." ²⁹

The Obama Administration Hides America's Enemy in Plain Sight

Additionally, as Major Stephen Coughlin's analysis³⁰ revealed, training material in the U.S. Intelligence Community, DoD, and federal law enforcement have been scrubbed of factual references to jihad and the Islamic Threat. As U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert entered Coughlin's analysis into the Congressional Record, "The 9/11 Commission identifies Islamist terrorism as the threat. The Muslim Public Affairs Council recommends that the U.S. government find other terminology." ³¹Rep. Gohmert further states "But how can we expect to defeat the enemy that has

Blind to Terror: The U.S. Government's Disastrous Muslim Outreach Efforts and the Impact on U.S. Middle East Policy, Middle East Review of International Affairs, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Summer 2013)

²⁶ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.nysun.com/national/us-facts-tie-muslim-groups-to-hamas-front-case/81707/, Gerstein, Josh, U.S.: Facts Tie Mulim Groups to Hamas Front Case, New York Sun, July 11, 2008.

²⁷ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/265729/dodging-and-more-dodging-holder-admits-doj-dumped-cair-case-andrew-c-mccarthy, McCarthy, Andrew C., National Review, With Dodging and More Dodging, Holder Admits DOJ Dumped CAIR Case, April 27, 2011.

²⁸ Accessed 9/29/2013: http://homeland.house.gov/press-release/king-demands-answers-holder-decision-not-prosecute-cair-its-co-founder-and-other, U.S. House of Rep. Committee on Homeland Security press release, [Rep.] King Demands Answers from Holder on Decision Not to Prosecute CAIR, its Co-Founder, and other Unindicted Co-Conspirators in Holy Land Foundation Case, April 18, 2011.

²⁹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.gloria-center.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Blind-to-Terror-The-US-Governments-Disastrous-Muslim-Outreach-Efforts-and-the-Impact-on-US-MidEast-Policy.pdf, Poole, Patrick S.,

³⁰ 3/22/2011, briefing by Maj. Stephen Coughlin, USAR, Henderson Hall, HQUSMC.

³¹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?r112:H15DE1-0070:/, Gohmert, Louie, Congressional Record, House of Representatives, Dec. 15, 2011.

declared war on us unless we recognize who it is?"³² and "This administration has done--not everything--but it has done so much that it can blind us so we can't see our enemy. There is nothing more vivid than to see the complete eradication of the terminology that would allow our people to recognize their enemy."³³

As Major Coughlin's chart³⁴ (c.f.: below) referenced by Rep. Gohmert's testimony indicates, factual and material terms from the 2004 U.S. *The 9/11 Commission Report*³⁵ have been completely scrubbed by the Obama administration from their 2009 *FBI Counter-Terrorism Analytical Lexicon* and 2009's *The National Intelligence Strategy* report³⁶:

Terminology is important in defining our goals as well as removing roadblocks into hearts and minds. The 9/11 Commission identifies Islamist terrorism as the threat. The Muslim Public Affairs Council recommends that the US government find other terminology.		9/11 COMMISSION REPORT	FIGURE BOARD OF INTERCATION AND ITEMS AND ITEM	The Sectional Intelligence Strategy Access rosp
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	Enemy	39	0	0
	Jihad	126	0	0
	Muslim	145	0	0
	Islam	322	0	0
	Takfir	1	0	0
	Muslim Brotherhood	5	0	0
	Religious	65	3	1
	Hamas	4	0	0
	Hizbollah	2	0	0
	al-Qa'ida	36	0	1
	Caliph/Kalif	7	0	0
	Shari'a	2	0	0

Well intentioned national security professionals diligent in their oaths of office who dare to identify this global Islamic movement as an Enemy Threat have had their careers destroyed. A recent example is that of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Matt Dooley, who had his career

³² Ibid.

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³⁴ 3/22/2011, briefing slide by Maj. Stephen Coughlin, USAR, Henderson Hall, HQUSMC.

³⁵ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report.pdf

³⁶ Gohmert, op. cit., Congressional Record

destroyed and is entwined in a legal action when his completely factual coursework on the Islamic threat was criticized by Muslim Brotherhood operatives³⁷.

U.S. Congress Calls for Investigation of Enemy MB Penetration of Government

In 2012 five sitting members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent letters³⁸ which "requested that Inspector Generals from the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice and State, as well as the IG from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, investigate the penetration of senior Muslim Brotherhood operatives into our national security decision-making apparatus in America." "Yet, American political leaders from both parties continue to disparage this request in personal terms, giving clear indication they are completely ignorant of the facts in this matter." One member's rebuttal letter⁴⁰ to criticism of their request details in sixteen pages, with 59 footnote references, specifics of their concerns.

The so called "Arab Spring" is actually a Hostile MB Takedown of Ally Regimes

Regarding the so called "Arab Spring," in a September 2010 speech in Cairo, Egypt the newly elected Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Muhammad Badi, called for Jihad against America. ⁴¹ This was the last in a series of Indications and Warnings (I&W) monitored over the previous year by a group of national security experts which in October 2010 warned the U.S. Joint Staff of an impending takedown of the Egyptian government. ⁴²A brief description of these I&W was assembled by the Strategic Engagement Group. ⁴³

Former U.S. Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey is no stranger to the dangers of the Muslim Brotherhood domestically and abroad and is a key player in the aforementioned small group of national security experts unraveling the deep penetrations of the MB into U.S.

Letter to U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, July 13, 2012

³⁷ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/oct/14/colonels-class-on-radical-islam-leaves-career-in-l/?page=all, Scarborough, Rowan, Colonel's class on radical Islam leaves career in limbo, The Washington Times, October 14, 2012.

³⁸ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://bachmann.house.gov/IGLetters, House Members Seek National Security Answers, Jul. 17, 2012.

³⁹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Peace/2012/07/30/Muslim-Brotherhood-in-America, Guandolo, John, **GOP Leaders Ignorant of Muslim Brotherhood's American Influence**, Breitbart, Aug. 1, 2012.

⁴⁰ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://frontpagemag.com/upload/letter-to-ellison.pdf, U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann's

⁴¹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.memri.org/report/en/print4650.htm, Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Guide: 'The U.S. Is Now Experiencing the Beginning of Its End'; Improvement and Change in the Muslim World 'Can Only Be Attained Through Jihad and Sacrifice', Oct. 6, 2010.

⁴² Private conversation communicated to the author by those national security experts.

⁴³ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://strategicengagement.org/pdf-files/MB_Egypt_2-2-2011.pdf, Current Events: The Muslim Brotherhood's Movement in Egypt, Strategic Engagement Group, Feb. 2, 2011.

foreign policy and national security decision making. He remarked about the dangers in February 2011, contemporaneously with the uneducated media's joy with the "Arab Spring:"

Woolsey also felt the Obama administration has underestimated the influence and cunning of the Muslim Brotherhood.

"I'm not sure the White House grasps this yet," Woolsey added. "I think they have forgotten there's a term in Arabic called 'taquia' which essentially means lying to infidels. And I think that is what they are listening to the Muslim Brotherhood and other organizations, some in the U.S. and say, 'Oh this is going to be just fine.' It's not going to be a problem. Well it is a problem."

Woolsey said the consequences could be disastrous.

"If the White House or anybody else lets the Muslim Brotherhood participate in the transitional or formation of constitutional amendments for Egypt, I'm very worried we will have a very strong influence in a future Egyptian government," he said. "And that means a very bad situation for the Middle East, for Israel, and us and everybody else."

So while one set of national security experts can determine that the Muslim Brotherhood is up to no good domestically and in Egypt⁴⁵, MB influence in the Obama administration gets the president himself to call for Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak (who, regardless of his flaws, is nonetheless a reliable U.S. Ally) to step down and hand over rule to the Muslim Brotherhood, whose repeated public pronouncements and captured secret documents show them to be an existential threat to America and Western Civilization.⁴⁶

The ensuing two years revealed that the Muslim Brotherhood regime which took power in Egypt in 2011, with considerable political influence and billions of dollars of assistance from America proved to be true to their word of creating a totalitarian Shariah state. In the Summer of 2013 the world witnessed a popular revolution by the Egyptian military and millions of citizen supporters to reclaim some semblance of liberty that was crushed by the MB.⁴⁷

⁴⁴ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2011/February/Muslim-Brotherhood-Calls-for-Mubarak-to-Step-Down, Mitchell, Chris, **Muslim Brotherhood Calls for Mubarak to Step Down**, CBN News, Feb. 11, 2011

⁴⁵ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://shariahthethreat.org/about-the-book/about-the-authors/

⁴⁶ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.politicsdaily.com/2011/02/01/obama-calls-on-mubarak-to-hand-over-power-immediately, Wagner, Alex, **Obama Calls on Mubarak to Hand Over Power Immediately**, AOL Politics Daily, Feb. 2, 2011.

⁴⁷ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://frontpagemag.com/2013/dgreenfield/crush-the-muslim-brotherhood/, Greenfield, Daniel, Crush the Muslim Brotherhood, Frontpage Magazine, August 16, 2013.

As the deposed MB President Morsi and his cohorts await criminal trials, the depth of the Obama administrations strategies working *against* American interests are revealed in reports such as this:

According to Arabic News <u>Channel TV14</u> and reported on by <u>Egypt Daily News</u>, Obama's relationship with recently deposed Muslim Brotherhood President Mohammed Morsi goes far deeper than mere support as a democratically elected President.

Per TV14, Obama conducted secret negotiations with Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood outside of normal diplomatic channels.

According to sources cited by TV14, Obama secretly transferred eight billion dollars to the Muslim Brotherhood—not the Egyptian government—as payment to guarantee that a large portion of the Sinai Peninsula be turned over to the terrorist organization Hamas, an avowed enemy of both the United States and Israel.

The secret agreement was signed by deposed Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi and his second in command, Khairat el Shater.

Who on the U.S. side signed the agreement and where Barack Obama got the eight billion dollars is not clear. When Mohammed Morsi was deposed and arrested by the Egyptian military, evidence of the secret agreement was discovered and seized.⁴⁸

Libya

Wikileaks published an August 2009 classified communication from the U.S. State department that "Libya has acted as a critical ally in U.S. counterterrorism efforts, and Libya is considered one of our primary partners in combating the flow of foreign fighters" (i.e.: into Iraq to fight Americans). ⁴⁹

Yet in 2011, NATO partnered on no less than three of the key fronts in the Libyan war with rebel commanders who had previously collaborated with al Qaeda in Afghanistan and/or Iraq *to fight Americans*: al-Hasadi on the Eastern Front, Belhadj in Tripoli, and bin Hamid during the siege of Sirte. ⁵⁰

They all have heavily reported involvement with al Qaeda going back over a decade. Reports even placed Belhadj at Tora Bora with Osama bin Laden in late 2001, as American and

⁴⁸ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://www.westernjournalism.com/obamas-secret-8-billion-bribe-to-the-muslim-brotherhood/, Zane, Kris, **Obama's Secret \$8 Billion Bribe To The Muslim Brotherhood**, The Western Center for Journalism, July 18, 2013.

⁴⁹ Accessed 9/28/2013: http://wikileaks.org/cable/2009/08/09TRIPOLI648.html, State Department Cable, **SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR CODEL MCCAIN'S TRIP TO LIBYA**, Aug. 9, 2009.

⁵⁰ Rosenthal, John, **The Jihadist Plot**, NY, NY, Encounter Books, 2013, Page 58.

allied special forces closed in, where at least one account had the LIFG commander withdrawing with his troops to Pakistan to avoid a hopeless military situation.⁵¹

As long ago as November 2007 the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) announced their incorporation into al Qaeda while a contemporary recorded message from Ayman al-Zawahiri described Qaddafi as an "enemy of Islam." More precisely, al-Zawahiri refers to the confrontation with "the enemies of Islam, al-Qaddafi and his masters the Crusaders of Washington." ⁵²

The official fusion of LIFG and al-Qaeda appears at least in part to have been motivated by Qaddafi's counter-terrorism cooperation with the United States.

America double crossed an ally in the Global War On Terror (GWOT) and backed al Qaeda to give the jihadis the wealth of an OPEC nation and the weapons that go with it.

Epilogue

All evidence from the past five years indicates that the Obama administration is not done consolidating America's Enemy's victories. *The hard fact is that the United States changed sides in the GWOT and is now backing our self-declared Enemies*, and nobody seems to have noticed.

This bizarre path to destruction is only possible because America's national security elites and political elites from both parties have a complete lack of comprehension of the Threats, Hazards, and Tactics arrayed against our country. They especially do not understand the enemy's use of political warfare tactics, which has produced these disastrous results. This is an inexcusable and disastrous state of affairs.

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⁵¹ Tawil, Camille, **The Other Face of Al-Qaeda**, Quilliam Foundation, 2010, page 23.

⁵² Rosenthal, *op. cit.*, Page 67.