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Dear Leaders of the House and Senate:

We recently published a competitive analysis of the politico-military-legal doctrine that animates those who wage jihad: *Shariah: The Threat to America*. Among the most important findings of our “Team B II” report was the fact that, pursuant to this doctrine, shariah’s adherents are using stealthy techniques – as well as violent means – to achieve their goal of imposing shariah worldwide and reestablishing the theocratic Caliphate.

Shariah is the crucial fault line of Islam’s internecine struggle. On one side of the divide are Muslim reformers and authentic moderates – figures like Abdurrahman Wahid, the late president of Indonesia and leader of the world’s largest libertarian Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama – whose members espouse the Enlightenment’s embrace of reason and, in particular, its separation of the spiritual and secular realms. On this side of the divide, shariah is a reference point for a Muslim’s personal conduct, not a corpus to be imposed on the life of a pluralistic society.

By contrast, the other side of the divide is dominated by Muslim supremacists, often called Islamists. Like erstwhile proponents of Communism and Nazism, these supremacists – some terrorists, others employing stealthier means – seek to impose a totalitarian regime: a global totalitarian system cloaked as an Is-

lamic State and called a caliphate. On that side of the divide, which is the focus of the present study, shariah is an immutable, compulsory system that Muslims are obliged to install and the world required to adopt, the failure to do so being deemed a dam- nable offence against Allah. For these ideologues, shariah is not a private matter. Adherents see the West as an obstacle to be over- come, not a cul- ture and civilization to be embraced, or at least tol- erated. It is impossible, they maintain, for alternative legal systems and forms of governments peacefully to coexist with the end-state they seek.

Of particular concern with respect to this stealth jihad is the role being played here by the Muslim Brotherhood (MB or *Ikhwan* in Arabic). To be clear, the Brotherhood in America is the franchise in this country of the same organiza- tion that is currently engaged in a shariah-compliant make-over of Northern Af- rica and the Middle East, with profound implications for U.S. interests and allies.

The true nature and purposes of the Muslim Brotherhood in this country was established in the 2008 Holy Land Foundation trial – the largest terrorism- financing trial in U.S. history. In the course of that trial, a large body of evidence was introduced uncontested by the defense. It established the existence of a sig- nificant Muslim Brotherhood/Hamas conspiracy in the United States, involving nearly all of the prominent and most influential Islamic organizations in North America.

A particularly illuminating piece of evidence was a 1991 strategic plan enti- tled, “An Explanatory Memorandum of the General Strategic Goals of the Group.” Written by a senior member of the *Ikhwan* in America and discovered by the FBI in a clandestine MB archive in Annandale, Virginia, this memo described the group’s mission here as: “a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within, ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their [i.e., our] hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

Attached to the Explanatory Memorandum was a list of 29 groups under the heading “A list of our organizations and the organizations of our friends.” This list included what were at the time the most prominent Muslim-American organizations in the country. With a few exceptions (notably, groups like the Council on American Islamic Relations or CAIR), that came into existence sub- sequently), they continue to be such to this day.

As you may know, these organizations were among the roughly 300 indi- viduals and groups listed as unindicted co-conspirators in the Holy Land trial. We learned in the course of preparing our report that the prosecution had in- tended to bring charges against at least some of the unindicted co-conspirators once it had secured the initial conviction of five of the foundation’s officials, which it did in November 2008.

Thanks to recent interviews with unnamed Justice Department officials conducted by one of our Team members, counterterrorism expert Patick Poole, we have finally been able to confirm why the further prosecutions did not occur: According to Mr. Poole's sources, "those indictments were scuttled last year at the direction of top-level political appointees within the Department of Justice (DOJ) — and possibly even the White House."

One of the Justice Department officials put it this way:

Jim Jacks [the U.S. attorney in Dallas who prosecuted the Holy Land Foundation executives] and his team were ready to go. There's a mountain of evidence against all of these groups that was never introduced during the Holy Land trial and it is damning. We've got them on wire-taps. That's exactly why many of these leaders and groups were named unindicted co-conspirators in the first round of prosecutions.

But from a political perspective there was absolutely no way that they could move forward. That's why this decision came from the top down. These individuals who were going to be prosecuted are still the administration's interfaith allies. Not only would these Muslim groups and their friends in the media be screaming 'Islamophobia' at the top of their lungs and that this is a war against Islam, but the administration would look like absolute fools. It's kind of hard to prosecute someone on material support for terrorism when you have pictures of them getting handed awards from DOJ and FBI leaders for their supposed counter-terror efforts. How would Holder explain that when we're carting off these prominent Islamic leaders in handcuffs for their role in a terror finance conspiracy we've been investigating for years? This is how bad the problem is. Why are we continuing to have anything to do with these groups, knowing what we know?

We are very concerned that political considerations may have obstructed justice and allowed Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated organizations and individuals to continue with impunity to engage in the stealthy forms of sedition against our country, government and Constitution that the *Ikhwan* calls "civilization jihad." Failure to act against such co-conspirators not only enables them to persist in such activities. It is perceived as "submission," which – according to their shariah threat doctrine – obliges the Brotherhood's operatives and associates to redouble their efforts to "make [their enemies] feel subdued," including through the use of terrifying violence.

We were pleased to see Chairman Peter King taking seriously the issue of "radicalization" within the Muslim-American community during his Homeland Security Committee's recent hearings. This is a positive first step in understand-

ing the seriousness of the threat of shariah in America and, accordingly, in determining who within that community is a problem, and who is not. We also welcome Rep. King's initiative last week in asking the Attorney General to respond to several pertinent questions about the failure to indict and prosecute other co-conspirators in the Holy Land money-laundering affair.

Mr. Poole's Justice Department sources have raised broader concerns, however. These include evidence that – thanks to misbegotten official “outreach” efforts to self-appointed “leaders” of the Muslim community – Brotherhood influence operations have been highly successful in penetrating and interfering with our law enforcement, homeland defense, military and intelligence communities' performance of their vital missions. If that is the case, the implications could not be more serious, and the need for corrective action could not be more acute.

Therefore, we call upon you as leaders of the legislative branch to undertake investigations of the aforementioned allegations as a matter of the utmost urgency. Should you need any further inducement, consider how one of Mr. Poole's Justice Department sources characterized the stakes:

This is a national security issue. We know that these Muslim leaders and groups are continuing to raise money for Hamas and other terrorist organizations. Ten years ago we shut down the Holy Land Foundation. It was the right thing to do. Then the money started going to KindHearts. We shut them down too. Now the money is going through groups like Islamic Relief and Viva Palestina.

Until we act decisively to cut off the financial pipeline to these terrorist groups by putting more of these people in prison, they are going to continue to raise money that will go into the hands of killers. And until Congress starts grilling the people inside DOJ and the FBI who are giving these groups cover, that is not going to change. My biggest fear is that Americans are going to die and it will be the very Muslim leaders we are working with who will be directly or indirectly responsible.

Team B II stands ready to assist in your inquiries and attendant hearings into this matter.

Sincerely,

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