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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

December 11, 2012

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

Three months ago today, the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya was attacked in a terrorist assault. Yet three months later, no one has been held accountable for this attack. That is why I write you again to urge you to immediately cut off all U.S. foreign assistance to the government of Tunisia – including any funds associated with the Millennium Challenge Corporation – in response to Tunisia’s two-month obstruction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) efforts to interview the only known detained suspect from the September 11 terrorist attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi, Ali Harzi.

As you may know, Harzi was identified as an alleged conspirator in the attack on the U.S. consulate, which resulted in the death of four Americans, including J. Christopher Stevens, the first U.S. ambassador killed in the line of duty since 1979. According to press reports, Harzi, a Tunisian national, was detained on the Turkish border in the weeks following the attacks and subsequently transferred to his home country.

Unfortunately, upon Harzi’s return to Tunisian custody, the FBI was blocked from interviewing Harzi, under any conditions, for nearly two months. During that period, an FBI interrogation team waited on the ground in Tunisia for five weeks, before they departed earlier this month after continued obstruction. These unnecessary and unfounded delays are inexcusable and demonstrate that Tunisia is no friend or ally of the United States.

It is unconscionable that American tax dollars would continue to go to a country that refuses to allow the FBI to investigate this terrorist attack. As I wrote in my October 31 letter to you (enclosed), since January 2011 the U.S. has committed more than \$300 million “to support Tunisia’s transition [to democracy], focusing heavily on technical and financial assistance to Tunisia’s economy and private sector.” How is it possible that Tunisia is receiving more than \$300 million in taxpayer dollars while simultaneously obstructing FBI efforts to investigate the death of four Americans?

Tunisia has had two months to facilitate an interview between Harzi and the FBI, and has repeatedly failed to do so. The FBI wasted five weeks with a team on the ground in Tunisia waiting for access. It is time for the State Department to send a strong signal to Tunisia by

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cutting off American assistance until access is provided. Should you fail to cut off this aid, I will take appropriate legislative action to end U.S. aid to Tunisia.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I am concerned to read in the enclosed *CBS News* article that, "[so] far the FBI has not been allowed to question [Benghazi plot suspect Ali Harzi]" who has been held in Tunisia since October 11. The fact that the Tunisian government has had this suspect in custody nearly a month and has not allowed the FBI to question him about his role in the death of an American ambassador and three other U.S. officials is inexcusable. This individual may have information that would help bring those who committed these murders to justice and may even prevent future deaths of innocent Americans.

According to the State Department's Web site, since January 2011 the U.S. has committed more than \$300 million "to support Tunisia's transition [to democracy], focusing heavily on technical and financial assistance to Tunisia's economy and private sector." In addition, Tunisia was selected to receive a \$20 million grant through a Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Threshold Program. How is it possible that Tunisia is receiving more than \$300 million in taxpayer dollars while obstructing FBI efforts to investigate the death of four Americans?

The actions of the Tunisian government have shown that it is not a cooperative partner for the U.S. As chairman of the appropriations committee on Commerce-Justice-Science that funds the FBI and as a member of the appropriations subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations which funds the State Department and foreign aid, I urge you to cut off all U.S. foreign assistance to Tunisia – including the indefinite termination of the \$20 million MCC Threshold Program – if they do not immediately grant the FBI access to interview this suspect.

Martin Luther King famously said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Tunisia's actions have shown that they are no friend to the U.S. and that they are not deserving of foreign aid if they continue to obstruct the FBI investigation.

Should you fail to condition this aid, and the FBI continue to be unable to question this suspect, I will take appropriate legislative action to prevent this aid from being disbursed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

You must act
quickly. The FBI
needs to be able
to talk to this
individual ASAP.

CBS/AP/ October 25, 2012, 2:52 PM

Egypt identifies Benghazi attack suspect killed in Cairo

CAIRO An Egyptian security official says a man killed in a security ambush in a Cairo suburb is a Libyan national suspected of links to the deadly attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi.

The official says authorities identified the suspect on Thursday as 35-year-old Karim el-Azizi. The official says a large number of explosives were found in his apartment including 15 rocket-propelled grenades and 195 hand grenades.

The official says that when security forces cordoned off the area late Wednesday, the suspect detonated a bomb and was found dead in the apartment.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

El-Azizi is the first suspect Egypt has linked to the Benghazi attack.

In Tunisia, suspect Ali Harzi was repatriated on Oct. 11 by authorities in Turkey, and a judge issued his arrest warrant, lawyer Ouled Ali Anwar told The Associated Press. He said his client was told by a judge Tuesday that he has been charged with "membership of a terrorist organization in a time of peace in another country."

U.S. officials told CBS News' David Martin Wednesday that Harzi is not considered to be one of the ring leaders of the Benghazi attack. So far the FBI has not been allowed to question him.

A person who saw Harzi's court dossier told The Associated Press that the file links him to the Sept. 11 attack on the consulate, which left Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans dead.

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