Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. I. Charles McCullough III
Inspector General
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear General McCullough:

As you may know, information has recently come to light that raises serious questions about the impact on the federal government's national security 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 Brothers call "civilization jihad" – we believe that the apparent involvement of those with such ties raises serious security concerns that warrant your urgent attention.

We deem it imperative that your office also conduct an investigation of the extent to which such influence operations may have contributed to a fundamental misunderstanding of the Muslim Brotherhood by U.S. intelligence – which could, in turn, have contributed to the policy community's susceptibility to subversion at the hands of the Brothers and their allies[2]. In this regard, we note that the "Supreme Guide" of the international Muslim Brotherhood, Muhammad Badi, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples" against the United States. See Muhammad Badi Sermon, September 30, 2010 (translation enclosed).

As noted in "The Muslim Brotherhood in America: The Enemy Within," a product of the Center for Security Policy (www.MuslimBrotherhoodinAmerica.com), of particular concern is the testimony provided the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 10, 2011 by Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper. On that occasion, he declared:

> "The term 'Muslim Brotherhood'...is an umbrella term for a variety of movements, in the case of Egypt, a very heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried Al Qaeda as a perversion of Islam. They have pursued social ends, a betterment of the political order in Egypt, et cetera....In other countries, there are also chapters or franchises of the Muslim Brotherhood, but there is no overarching agenda, particularly in pursuit of violence, at least internationally."

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Still, the question exists, to what extent does such a statement reflect the direct influence within the intelligence community of Brotherhood operatives? Alternatively, has the approach of U.S. intelligence towards organizations – abroad or at home – that are associated with the Muslim Brotherhood been shaped by the policy community's willingness to engage that group, a sentiment it appears may have been influenced by determined efforts by the Muslim Brotherhood to penetrate and subvert the American government as part of its "civilization jihad"?

These sorts of activities strike us as deeply problematic with respect to the national interest and security, and 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 [Office of the Director of National Intelligence] 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 were involved in any of the above-mentioned activities, have helped achieve the adoption of the above-mentioned policies and initiatives, or are otherwise involved in the execution of these policies and initiatives.

In your report, we request that you also answer the following questions:

(1) Within the programs and operations of the establishment 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 "civilization jihad" objective of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America?[3]

(2) How is the Muslim Brotherhood active in the "programs and operations" of the establishment for which you serve as Inspector General – (a) through what specific individual and organizational agents, (b) whether or not the specified individuals involved (e.g., Mohamed Magid, President of ISNA) are U.S. citizens, and (c) what is its/their relationship with the international Muslim Brotherhood, whose "Supreme Guide," Mohammed Badie, in September 2010 openly called for jihad by all "the Arab and Muslim peoples," against the United States?[4]

(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 Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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: Lieutenant General James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence
Hon. Mike Rogers, Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Attachments: a/s

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[1] See enclosed: Official Government exhibit entered into evidence in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas by the United Stated Department of Justice; July 1, 2009 opinion of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas; 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] *Op.cit*, 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.

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