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# Position Statement

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### BENGHAZIGATE

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Benghazigate is a national disgrace. An act of war was committed there and the President is conducting a cover-up. He is treating the act of war as if it were a mere criminal act. He acts as if today were September 10, 2001. If there is no war, we would now have no need for Gitmo or detention centers. This is what he appears to be aiming for.

At Benghazi, if Muammar Gaddafi had been in power at the time of the attack, we would attack him. But, if you blame a video for the attack, no response is needed. President Obama voted "present" and no one gets attacked. He cannot admit Al Qaeda attacked, because they are "on the run." He staked his presidency on that non fact. To the contrary, they appear to be gaining strength under his watch.

The facts are these:

1. Forty- eight (48) hours before the attack on our diplomatic mission, Al Qaeda demanded an attack in Libya in response to the death of their number two man, Abu Yahya al-Libi, in Pakistan. An attack on our mission, in June, was in response to the reported death. However, conflicting reports from Al Qaeda, including videos of an alive al-Libi, muddied the waters. This September video was the official announcement of al-Libi's death. There is no question that the video was a "trigger" calling for violent action in Libya.

2. Twenty-four (24) hours before the attack in September, this demand for an attack by Libyans against the United States, was repeated on jihadist websites. Both demands were reported widely. The contents of this video state that a long time was used to put the demand for attacks together and it was timed for release for 9/11.

3. Hours before the attack, the mission reported it was likely to be attacked. The security guard had disappeared and at least one member

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*"...the President is conducting a cover up."*

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of the guard was seen photographing the security walls. Both actions, especially combined with the warnings from Ayman Zawahiri, are classic indications of a brewing attack.

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4. In the months before the September attack, there was no mention "in the street" of the video that few, in any case, ever saw.

5. Only Al Qaeda mentioned the video in other demonstrations. (The producer of the film has a checkered past and some have suggested he is a plant to inflame emotions in planned demonstrations such as in Cairo. Al Qaeda has used this tactic before.) There were no demonstrations in Benghazi, only the attacks. On September 12, the day after the attack, there were demonstrations, not against the United States, but against Al Qaeda for the attack themselves. On September 21, thousands demonstrated once again in Benghazi, blaming Al Qaeda for the September 11 attacks. The video was never mentioned in these demonstrations.

6. Only the Obama Administration blamed the video for the attack, but produced no evidence. Contrarywise, General Petraeus testified on November 15 that the attack was terrorist related and that the mention of this was taken out of his produced talking points, but not at his instigation. That the order had to come from the President is in line with the "confusion" instigated by the President himself. He said in a debate, he knew they were terrorist related and said so the next day. However, it was discovered only in edited video of his 60 Minutes interview. That reference, likewise, was taken out and never aired. For weeks, Susan Rice and the President only mentioned the video, despite knowledge to the contrary.

7. The dots lead to the Zawahiri "trigger" on the attack when in Nasr, Egypt, in October, arrests were made and the participants in the Cairo demonstrations as well as the Benghazi attacks were named. Other dots appeared to his September 10 video. Our "intelligence community" discount this "trigger" because it came too soon, contrary to known precedents. This is false. The Quran only requires a warning - no time limit -and if those warned do not understand the warning, there is no penalty for the attackers.

8. While Zawahiri has not "claimed" responsibility for the attacks, he has called them "defeats" in line with our "defeats" in Iraq and Afghanistan. Debate the accuracy of the defeats, but this is what Zawahiri claimed.

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9. The question as to who changed or "massaged" public talking points is open. Senator Diane Feinstein publicly blamed DNI Director James Clapper. A more likely scenario is the President or one designated by him. The precedent was set last year when Usama Bin Laden was ordered assassinated. In the many versions of the description of his death, none said he was unarmed and unresisting, until the accounts of the SEALs emerged. All worked off Presidential approved talking points. Usama was firing back, he was armed, there was a fierce firefight. Then they settled on he was unarmed but "resisting." There is no evidence of Bin Laden resisting (had he been resisting, a killing would have been legal), except for the White House approved talking points. These talking points were designed to improve the image of a "gutsy" president, not one who wavered for months, as Obama did. The talking points of Benghazi were politically designed to get the President re-elected and deflect any criticism of the attack until after the election.

10. Yes, Mr. President, you are responsible, as is anyone who obeyed, knowing the truth, including Ms. Rice. This is one more example of your failed leadership, your Missing in Action, lead from behind, voting present type of decision making. You left this mission unguarded, without support, despite several days warning. What else are you hiding? The Buck stops on your desk and you have ordered your minions to follow your lead without question. Now we know the reason for the bowing deeply to our adversaries. You cower and will not exercise strength.



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