

Six Congressional Reports:

- December 30, 2012, FLASHING RED: A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK AT BENGHAZI, issued by both parties U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Fifty security incidents in Benghazi was a "flashing red" warning, according to the Republican report. Failing to suspend or abandon the Benghazi facilities was a "grievous mistake." Key findings include State Department initial knowledge that the attack was preplanned and the absence of any protest, at least by September 15th. Report faults IC and open source reports for the account of a protest in Benghazi.

- April 23, 2013, INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA, issued by Republican Majority of five House committees

On "the same day and prior to" Ambassador Rice's talk show appearances, "a senior official on the ground in Libya informed senior leaders at the State Department that there was no demonstration prior to the attack." The Administration had altered its talking points to "remove references to the likely participation of Islamic extremists." The President and Secretary Clinton for appeared in a \$70,000 advertisement campaign in Pakistan disavowing the YouTube video. Also, "State Department personnel have testified that funding was not a reason for the drawdown of security levels in Benghazi."

- September 16, 2013, BENGHAZI ATTACKS: INVESTIGATIVE UPDATE INTERIM REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD, issued by Republican Majority of Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Under Secretary of Management at the Department of State Ambassador Kennedy personally oversaw the number staff at any time at the Special Mission Compound, decided to discontinue the Security Support Team, and approved the extension of the facility "as is."

All four State Department officials who were placed on administrative leave failed to receive due process from the State Department, three of whom were not permitted to see the charges against them for six months because the information was classified. Hillary Clinton selected four of the five Accountability Review Board members, Undersecretary Kennedy oversaw the selection of ARB staff, and the ARB failed to interview Clinton. Admiral Mullen gave Cheryl Mills a friendly "heads up" that Charlene Lamb would not be a good witness before Congress.

- January 15, 2014, REVIEW OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S. FACILITIES IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA, SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2012, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL VIEWS," issued by U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The bipartisan report holds the State Department responsible for inadequate security at the Mission in the face of an increased violence, and the tragedy "preventable." There were three diplomatic Security agents assigned to the Mission, whereas nine security officers were assigned at the CIA Annex. Itemization of security improvements at the CIA Annex is redacted, while the Mission failed to keep all surveillance cameras running or install its new cameras. The attacks were in three distinct phases, with probing attacks at the CIA Annex between 11:56 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

This Report details the August 15, 2012 Emergency Action Committee Report and its corresponding classified cable: "A CIA officer 'briefed the EAC on the location of approximately ten Islamist militias and AQ training camps within Benghazi.'" "Individuals affiliated with terrorist groups, including AQIM, Ansar al- Sharia, AQAP, and the Mohammad Jamal Network, participated in the September 11, 2012, attacks." The FBI and CIA reviewed the closed circuit television video from the Mission on September 18, 2012, and FBI intelligence reports regarding the interviews of the survivors were disseminated on September 20, 2012.

- February 7, 2014, BENGHAZI: WHERE IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY? issued by Republican Majority of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Secretary Clinton was aware of the security problems in Libya and should have acted accordingly, according to this Republican report. Of the four reinstated employees who had been placed on leave (Charlene Lamb, Scott Bultrowicz, Ray Maxwell, and Eric Boswell), two retired with full benefits, and the other two have been reassigned to positions with commensurate pay and benefits. Elizabeth Dibble, Jake Sullivan, and Victoria Nuland, were all promoted. Patrick Kennedy was unaccountable, even after (1) "approv[ing] a one-year extension of the Benghazi SMC in December 2011," (2) telling "the Defense Department in July 2012 that the State Department would no longer need the U.S. military's 16-member SST," and (3) "terminat[ing] Embassy Tripoli's use of a DC-3 aircraft that provided logistical support to the SST" on May 3.

- February 10, 2014, MAJORITY INTERIM REPORT: BENGHAZI INVESTIGATION UPDATE, issued by Republican Majority of House Armed Services Committee

While this Republican report declares that there was no "stand down" order given and that the military acted appropriately given the resources available, the Committee questions the posture of military forces. Why didn't the Administration prioritize a violent Libya among the ongoing threats"? Why was the Commander's in Extremis Force training on September 11th? Why didn't General Ham know that the CIA had a facility in Benghazi?

The State Department was ultimately responsible for embassy security. The attack was "carefully planned," with a "scouted...scene beforehand."

Transcripts:

- November 15, 2012 testimonies, APPENDIX to U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence report, issued on November 21, 2014; Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, National Counterterrorism Center's Matt Olson, Senior CIA Officer # 1 [Redacted], Senior CIA Officer # 5 [Redacted], Former Acting CIA Director Michael Morell, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Patrick Kennedy, and Deputy FBI Director Sean Joyce
- June 4, 2013 Deposition transcript of Ambassador Pickering, House of Reps Committee Government Reform.
- June 26, 2013 Executive Session Interview transcript of General Carter Ham, House of Reps Committee on Armed Forces, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- Jan 31, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of [Redacted], LTC, Defense Attache, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- Feb 28, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of [Redacted], LTC, Office of Security Cooperation, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

- March 5, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of [Redacted], LTC, Military Trainer, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- March 7, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of [Redacted], Operations Director, SOCAFRICA, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- March 12, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of Brigadier General Scott Zobrist, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- March 14, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of Rear Admiral Brian Losey, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- March 18, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of Rear Admiral Richard Landolt, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- March 20, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of Vice Admiral Charles Leidig Jr., House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.
- April 9, 2014 transcript Executive Session Interview of General Carter Ham, House of Reps Armed Forces Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Joint with Oversight and Government Reform Committee.