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# The Chairman's Action Report

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#### **THE PRESIDENCY**

**OBAMA'S LOVE OF ISLAM** - President Barack Obama cannot criticize anything done in the name of Islam, not even terror. Speaking at the conclusion of a conference just after the Jihad terror attack at Ft. Hood, President Obama said, "I planned to make some broader remarks. But as some of you might have heard there has been a tragic shooting at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas." The next morning before talking about the increasing joblessness in America he said, "This morning I met with FBI Director Mueller and the relevant agencies to discuss their ongoing investigation into what caused one individual to turn his gun on fellow servicemen and women. We don't know all of the answers yet, and I would caution against jumping to conclusions until we have all of the facts."

This is a man who very early in his Presidency flew to the Muslim nations to assure them that he understood Islam and honored Islam. He even gave a deep bow to a Muslim king, the first time ever an American president had bowed to anyone. Although he flew to Ft. Hood for a eulogy service for those killed, he has done all in his power to silence voices calling Nidal Malik Hasan's attack what it was, Islamic terrorism against unarmed men and women.

**OMABA'S POLITICALLY CORRECT GENERAL** - Soldiers serving under Army Chief of Staff George Casey, Jr. died and others were gravely injured, but the general's first response was to say a "greater tragedy" would be if their deaths caused discomfort to Muslims. On CNN he said, "I am worried - not worried, but I'm concerned that this increased speculation could cause a backlash against some of our Muslim soldiers. And I've asked our Army leaders to be on the lookout for that. It would be a shame - as great a tragedy as this was - it would be a shame if our diversity became a casualty as well." Later on ABC he upped political correctness saying any "backlash" against Muslims would be "an even greater tragedy." Shamefully, this political correctness began with President George W. Bush, but has reached the point of self destructive insanity under Barack Obama.

My good friend and syndicated columnist Don Feder had a great suggestion for General Casey: "Casey should demonstrate his commitment to diversity by offering to lead a squad of randomly picked Muslim GIs on a mission in Afghanistan - all of whom are behind him with loaded weapons." Sounds like a fair test to me.

**SPECIAL ARMY UNIT FOR MUSLIMS ONLY** - The 51st Translator Interpreter Company at Fort Irwin is an all Muslim unit -- no Christians or Jews allowed. The unit consists of 120 Muslims who were "recruited." Why are Christians and Jews prohibited from positions in this unit and what justification is given by the United States Army in this regard? Just imagine the outrage of the ACLU and the leftist media if there were an all Jewish unit that worked on translations with Israeli intelligence.

These Muslims were "recruited" with bonuses to join the Army, and many of them are there because of the money offered, not because of patriotism. Over 85% of those of Arab descent in the United States are Christians whose families have fled Muslim repression. The Religious Freedom Coalition has written to members of the both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees requesting an investigation. We have received no answers as yet. There are thousands of Iraqi Christian refugees who have worked as translators who are available. But the Army recruits Muslims, some with dubious connections to mosques that promote Jihad, all to prove how politically correct the Army is. General Casey apparently does not understand that his job is to win wars, not to manage "diversity."

**AND THE NAVY TOO?** – Our Navy Seals have captured one of the most wanted terrorists in Iraq, Ahmed Hashim Abed. Military intelligence says he masterminded the murder of four Blackwater guards who were attacked and killed, then burned and dragged through the city of Fallujah. Their burned bodies were hung on a bridge over the Euphrates River as trophies for the world to see. And what was the reward the Seals received for catching the leader of this vicious attack? Three Seals now face a January court martial for assault because Mr. Abed (who sustained no detectible injuries) says he was slapped while in their custody.

**OBAMA'S WORLD** - Would you be willing to die to make Europeans think better of America? Apparently Barack Obama thinks the opinion Europeans, Asians and Africans have about him is more important than the security of our nation. In a recent CNN interview he said, "... <u>before my election, less than half the people -- maybe less than 40 percent of the people -- thought that you could count on America to do to the right thing. Now it's up to 75 percent."</u> What does "the right thing" mean? To despotic leaders it means Barack Obama is more interested in his international image than in the security of his nation and they will take advantage of that weakness.

## **CULTURE AND RELIGION**

**VICTIMHOOD OF HASAN** – Sadly it is not just Barack Obama and General Casey who are playing down the Jihad attack at Ft. Hood. Experts and the media were very quick to make excuses for the actions of Jihadist Nidal Hasan. One of the excuses being given for the Jihad terror attack at Fort Hood is that Hasan once had a bumper sticker removed from his car because it expressed his Islamic faith. Dozens of major media outlets have offered this as proof that he was "persecuted as a Muslim." Removing a bumper sticker is "persecution," and in part the justification for mass murder!? Newsweek editor Evan Thomas said, "I cringe that he's a Muslim. I mean, because it inflames all the fears. I think he's probably just a nut case. But with that label attached to him, it will get the right wing going and it just -- I mean these things are tragic, but that makes it much worse." In other words liberals would have much preferred the shooter to have been a crazed white male carrying a Bible.

The reality of Hasan's treatment is the reverse of what liberals try to portray. Nidal Hasan was treated by everyone in the Army who came in contact with him with extra sensitivity because he was so openly a radical Muslim of Arab descent. It was sort of like being a homosexual at a firm like Microsoft, where a gay man can't get fired no matter how badly he performs his job. Hasan did poorly in the Army Medical School and would have been flunked out had he been a Christian or Jew.

The Army wanted a Muslim psychiatrist so badly that it lowered its standards and allowed a man to obtain a medical degree who was not only a dimwit, but one who promoted Jihadist concepts. Under his name on his business cards the letters "SOA" appeared for "Soldier of Islam." He not only contacted those in Yemen promoting Jihad, but there is now evidence he sent funds to terrorist organizations in the Middle East as well. The FBI knew this, the CIA knew this and Army Intelligence knew this.

BUT, Nidel Hasan was the Army's only Muslim psychiatrist, so it was hands off. Had he been a Jew who radically supported Israel, he probably would have been arrested for "spying." But because Hasan is a Muslim, he is a "victim" regardless of his actions.

**MODERATE CAIR?** – I have mentioned General Casey several times, but he is not alone; our entire military turns to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to give them advice on Islamic issues and even to help recruit "moderate" imams as chaplains. The FBI, in the past, even asked CAIR for advice on various matters.

Even before all the bodies were removed from Ft. Hood following the latest Jihad attack, CAIR representatives were in the media condemning the attack and expressing concern about a "backlash" against Muslims. Just how "moderate" is this organization? A frequent speaker at CAIR events is Zaid Shakir, who says it is wrong to shoot down civilian aircraft in the USA, but OK to shoot down aircraft carrying military service personnel, even within the United States. Now we know what CAIR means by "moderate." It is to be more selective in which innocent people can be killed during Jihad than, for example, the Taliban.

#### THE CONGRESS

**STIMULUS MONEY TO AARP** - The AARP is using a lot of money to promote Obama Care. The seniors' organization claims that cutting Medicare by \$600 billion will somehow make seniors better off. Where is the money coming from for the AARP advertisements on TV, radio and the Internet to support Obama care? Are they using the dues from memberships? Not at all.

AARP received \$18,176,224 in "Stimulus" funds from the Obama Administration, yet reports that it <u>created no jobs</u> with the funds. What was the money used for? When pushed, AARP claims the funds were used to "train" people to get jobs, but can't tell when or where the classes were held. Hmmm. Sounds like a payoff to me. Meanwhile, Congressman John Boehner of Ohio says that millions of dollars of Stimulus funds went to ten congressional districts in his state that do not exist. La Raza, (English translation "The Race") which is in actuality a rather racist organization, has also received Stimulus funds. Some of the more outrageous Stimulus expenditures can be found at www.Watchdog.org.

Get ready for this: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her leftist allies want to move forward with a <u>second</u> "stimulus "package. Pelosi believes that if the government will borrow another \$500 billion (or maybe just print the money) and spend it wildly, jobs will be created and good times will roll again. Isn't that what was said about the first stimulus? Meanwhile it seems that a lot of that money is finding its way to left leaning organizations that promote radical leftist ideas including homosexual marriage, assisted suicide, on-demand abortion, and attacks on Christians who hold traditional values. While Congress called for a stop to funding ACORN, money just seems to continue to flow to that radical left organization.

**UNLIMITED ABORTIONS FOR \$12 A YEAR -** Under the heading of "prohibiting abortion funding" the Senate "Health Care Reform" bill sets out rules that require insurance companies to provide unlimited abortions for poor women, and then on page 123 states that insurance companies "... may not estimate such a cost at less than \$1 per enrollee, per month." Since the coverage is not "free" the "public" insurance isn't paying for the abortions, according to Democrat lawmakers. National Right to Life has a different opinion and calls the Senate bill "unacceptable."

**OBAMA CARE'S REAL COST** – The House and the Senate versions of Obama Care will have a ten year cost of over \$2 trillion, but the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports that it will "reduce" the deficit. How? Here is how the numbers work ... Beginning in January of 2010 the taxes go up for individuals, and employers start paying into the new Health Care Fund ... BUT ... The plan will not start to payout until sometime in 2013. The cost is figured by Speaker Pelosi and Senator Reid by collecting taxes for ten years to pay for seven years of benefits. How does that work the second ten years? Anyway: the deficit "reduction" is figured against what it "would have been" if the payout was for the full ten years and not just the seven of the ten. Get that? Don't try this kind of accounting at home, it only "works" here in Washington, DC.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**IRAN RELEASES CHRISTIAN WOMEN -** On November 18th, Iran released Maryam Rostampour, 27, and Marzieh Amirizadeh, 30, from the infamous Evin prison in which many dissidents have died. They have been held since March 5th when they were arrested without charges being filed. A month later they were accused of "blasphemy" because of their Christian faith. On several occasions they were brought before a judge who offered to release them if they would renounce Jesus, which they refused to do. International pressure has been intense and no reason was given by Iran for releasing the two young women. The release was "conditional," meaning that they could be re-arrested at any time. The mainstream media in the United States and Europe have, for the most part, ignored the plight of the two Christian women. Some newspapers reported it as a "positive" sign for human rights in Iraq.

The same major news outlets like ABC, CNN and the BBC that have no problem with discrimination, persecution and murder of Christians in Islamic nations are running headlines denouncing the Swiss people for changing their Constitution to outlaw the construction of minarets (Islamic towers from which loud prayers are sounded). Some outlets say that the vote by 56% of the Swiss is "undemocratic." Only in the mind of a liberal can a vote by a free people be called "undemocratic" if they don't like the outcome.

**SUMMER CAMP** – This year we raised funds to supply water to a Christian children's summer camp in Jordan that is near the border with Israel. Our program was very successful and we raised the funds to supply the water in a short period of time. But the camp has other needs. It has been attacked and burnt to the ground twice since it first opened. If rebuilding had not been needed it would be far larger and able to accept more young people. Over the next several months the Religious Freedom Coalition will consult with camp directors to assess what we can do next year to enhance the camp experience for Christian youth in the Muslim nation of Jordan.

Please pray with us that the Christians of Jordan, particularly the children, and the Iraqi Christian refugees will find comfort in the Lord and a better life in the coming year. <u>Please Help!</u>

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