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The Honorable Sue Myrick U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Myrick:

This responds to your letter, dated October 21, 2009, to the Attorney General requesting information regarding the evidence and findings by the Department of Justice and the FBI which resulted in the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) being named as an unindicted co-conspirator of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development in *United States v. Holy Land Foundation et al.* (Cr. No. 3:04-240-P N.D.TX.). An identical letter has been sent to the other Members who joined in your letter. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Enclosed are four copies of the trial transcripts on CD-ROM that contain testimony and other evidence that was introduced in that trial which demonstrated a relationship among CAIR, individual CAIR founders, and the Palestine Committee. Evidence was also introduced that demonstrated a relationship between the Palestine Committee and HAMAS, which was designated as a terrorist organization in 1995. Specifically, the enclosed CD-ROM's contain:

- 1. A Palestine Committee document recovered in the search of Ismail Elbarasse's Virginia residence that Special Agent (SA) Lara Burns refers to in her testimony (File titled "Elbarasse Search 19." This is the original Arabic version and starting on page six is the English translation of the document);
- 2. Testimony of SA Lara Burns (file titled "HLF Transcripts Burns 9-29-08." The relevant portion begins on page 186, line 6 and continues);
- 3. Testimony of SA Lara Burns (File titled "HLF Transcripts Burns 10-07-08." The relevant portions begin on page 99, line 12 and continues to page 101, line 10; and page 148 lines 5-25. This transcript also contains a discussion between defense counsel Dratel and Judge Solis on page 149, line 5 through page 151, line 7).

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I am aware of your letter to FBI Director Mueller, dated November 23, 2009, concerning a request for an investigation into the possible illegalities of CAIR. I have been assured that the information has been assigned to appropriate FBI entities for additional review.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of further assistance regarding this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure