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Obama's Leak Obsession Leads to Privacy Abuses

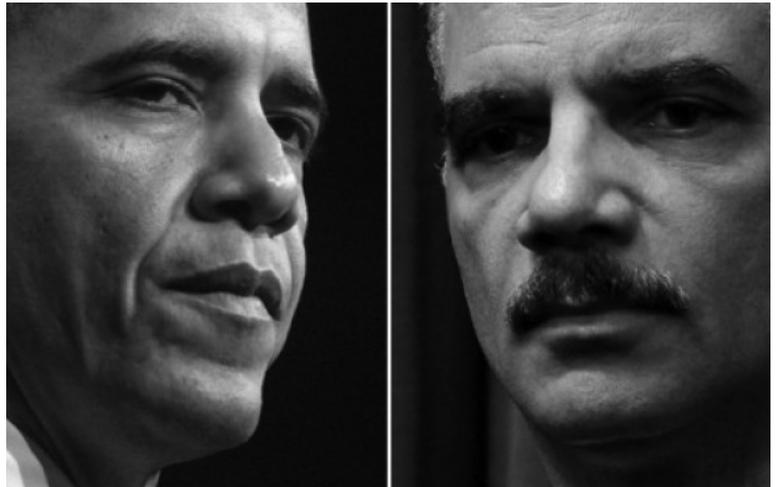
By Roger Aronoff

The Obama Administration is obsessed with leaks. Not the information it carefully leaks on its own, but the leaked stories which prove inconvenient for the Administration's carefully crafted narratives. This serves as an extension of the White House's emphatic desire to control all media accounts of itself, and craft a positive image before the public. Thus, even in the case of national security, leaks are designed to enhance the Administration's profile. For those that aren't, the reporters better watch out.

"Administrations have always done exactly what Obama's has: condemn leaks in public while leaking for its own benefit," asserted Trevor Timm in the June 2012 issue of Foreign Policy magazine. "America's finest journalism is often produced with the aid of classified information; The New York Times' report on warrantless wiretapping and The Washington Post's exposé on CIA secret prisons, both winners of the Pulitzer Prize, are just two of countless examples." He calls this Obama's "secret hypocrisy." Indeed, the Administration did not go after the leakers of the Stuxnet story, nor the leakers of the "kill list" story, because those were sanctioned leaks.

More than hypocrisy, the Administration's recent actions border on being a vendetta. No better example exists than the recent Associated Press scandal, in which the Justice Department subpoenaed a sweeping two months of AP phone records from Verizon Wireless last year without notifying the news organization—essentially giving the AP no chance to fight back in the courts. "Even beyond the outrageous and overreaching action against the journalists, this is a blatant attempt to avoid the oversight function of the courts," wrote Lynn Oberlander, general counsel for the New Yorker. Had the Administration come to the Associated Press and asked for the records directly, "they would have had an opportunity to go to court to file a motion to quash the subpoenas," he writes.

"What would have happened in court is anybody's guess—there is no federal shield law that would protect reporters from having to testify before a criminal grand jury—but the Justice



Department avoided the issue altogether by not notifying the AP that it even wanted this information."

What has happened as a result of the Administration's circumvention of the courts? Associated Press CEO Gary Pruitt said that sources are now hesitant to talk to the AP because they're concerned that they'll be monitored by the government.

"Sources, just in the normal course of news gathering, recently, say we don't necessarily want to talk to you," said Pruitt. "We don't want our phone records monitored by the U.S. government." The CEO argued that the seizure of these phone records is "unconstitutional."

It appears that President Obama and his Administration were upset with the Associated Press not just because they had a source within the government—the AP held the story back a number of days at government request—but because the news organization exercised one-upmanship by releasing the story before an official Administration press release could be issued. "The White House wanted to—wanted us to hold it another day because they wanted to announce this successful foiling of the plot," said Pruitt on CBS's Face the Nation. "So they wanted—they didn't want to get scooped," asserted Bob Schieffer.

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On the liberal website **Salon.com**, entitled, “**Conspiracy theorists flummoxed in face of actual scandals,**” and subtitled, “**The Benghazi/ IRS/AP trifecta was the moment critics of Obama and the government had been waiting for. Or was it?**” Alex Seitz-Wald cited **Accuracy in Media’s Roger Aronoff** as one of those “conspiracy theorists.” He wrote, “**Roger Aronoff**, the editor of the conservative media watchdog group **Accuracy in Media**, worried that the IRS scandal ‘threatens to overshadow Benghazi.’”

Seitz-Wald was trying to argue that conservatives should be very pleased about the IRS scandal, which he labelled a “70% real scandal,” unlike **Benghazi** and **Fast and Furious**, which he viewed as far down on the scandal scale. Citing **Rush Limbaugh** and **Rep. Michele Bachmann**, he said they were making the case that the **Obama Administration** deliberately leaked the IRS scandal to, in essence, bury the Benghazi scandal.

That is the context in which he cited, and linked to **Aronoff’s** article, “**IRS Scandal Threatens to Overshadow Benghazi.**” The problem is, the relevant point of the article was that Benghazi is still a major scandal too, and should not be ignored by the news media or Congress.

Editor’s Message



Dear Fellow Media Watchdogs:

While it is clear that the Obama administration is caught up in a series of scandals, the question many people are asking is, “What is going to be done about it?” During his first term, Operation Fast and Furious, Solyndra, and Benghazi were clear examples of combinations of bad policy and abuse of power, cronyism, and outright corruption. But Obama was re-elected, and it appeared that he might be starting his second term with a clean slate, at least in terms of scandals.

But now, with the IRS scandal, the criminalizing of reporting by the Obama Justice Department, and the growing Benghazi scandal, there are increasing calls for a special counsel to get involved. This is mostly the case regarding the IRS scandal, and, to a lesser extent, the leak investigations.

AIM’s good friend, Andrew McCarthy, the former federal prosecutor who now writes for National Review, is opposed to a special counsel. He points out that the person would not be independent, but rather appointed by, and answerable to, the executive branch, meaning the President and Attorney General. He says that “Public disclosure should be the goal,” and that once a prosecutor takes over, “the public flow of information stops. All witnesses will claim...they cannot discuss the matter ‘on advice of counsel.’”

McCarthy argues: “Let’s put law and atmospherics aside and try to be completely practical. The imperative in the IRS scandal is not criminal prosecution. It is political accountability: to lay bare what corrupt officials have done, for the purpose of swiftly determining whether they are unfit to hold offices of public trust and whether the system in which they operate tends to corruption. The appointment of a special counsel would undermine that goal.”

On the questions related to the leak investigations of the Associated Press and James Rosen of Fox News, the idea is that Attorney General Eric Holder may have committed perjury when he testified to a House committee on May 15th that “the potential prosecution of the press for the disclosure of material” wasn’t something he was involved in or knew about. Yet he later acknowledged signing off on an affidavit, in pursuit of a search warrant, to go after Rosen’s phone and email records.

So even though he didn’t prosecute, and called Rosen a co-conspirator and a flight risk, it certainly appears to have been a “potential prosecution.” Or was he lying to and deceiving a judge in order to get the search warrant? The truth is that this is an Obama scandal more than it is a Holder scandal. It is clear that he is doing exactly what the President wants him to do, but the weight of the scandals may have reached a point where his continued service is too much of a distraction. •

For Accuracy in Media

Roger Aronoff

Your Letters

To the Editor:

Regarding your article on veterans’ benefits, this administration does not care about veterans. It’s obvious. Obama is just traveling around “campaigning,” nothing gets done that’s important like the veterans waiting without limbs for some benefits.

Shame on this administration! There is always enough money for Obama’s family to go on lavish vacations, have huge parties, and go golfing. They really don’t care! *Boysenberry*

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“[T]hey didn’t tell us their motive, but that certainly seemed that way to us,” said Pruitt. “We didn’t think that was a legitimate reason for holding the story.”

In addition, Pruitt noted that the Administration had been broadcasting that there was no real threat on the anniversary of Osama bin Laden’s death. This was patently false, as the story issued by the AP demonstrated. “So that was misleading to the American public. We felt the American public needed to know this story,” Pruitt said, according to the AP. He told *Face the Nation* that the move by the Justice Department will “hurt journalism” as a whole.

How far, exactly, is the Obama Administration willing to go to harass journalists who are just doing their job? Former New York Times Washington bureau chief Max Frankel argued in the 1970s that “We have been taught, particularly in the past generation of spy scares and Cold War, to think of secrets as secrets—varying in their ‘sensitivity’ but uniformly essential to the private conduct of diplomatic and military affairs and somehow detrimental to the national interest if prematurely disclosed.”

However, “practically everything that our Government does, plans, thinks, hears and contemplates in the realms of foreign policy is stamped and treated as secret—and then unraveled by that same Government, by the Congress and by the press in one continuing round of professional and social contacts and cooperative and competitive exchanges of information.”

“The governmental, political and personal interests of the participants are inseparable in this process,” continued Frankel. “*Presidents make ‘secret’ decisions only to reveal them for the purposes of frightening an adversary nation, wooing a friendly electorate, protecting their reputations*” (emphasis added). In other words, what is secret remains secret in Washington only so long as it is expedient to the President (unless it is leaked by his critics), and the press serves a vital role in disseminating information both for and against an Administration.

President Obama is making an unprecedented effort to control this process of give and take with the press. As Adam Serwer of the liberal *Mother Jones* magazine tweeted in response to the recent James Rosen debacle, “If you prosecute reporters for seeking/receiving leaks...you’re basically making non-government sanctioned reporting a crime.”

“If James Rosen’s ‘clandestine communications plan’ were illegal, every journalist in Washington would be locked up. Unreal,” tweeted Ryan Lizza, Washington correspondent for *The New Yorker* magazine. Even the White House’s favorite go-to guy, Chuck Todd of MSNBC, called it proof that the Obama administration wanted to “criminalize journalism.”

“The case of Stephen Jin-Woo Kim, the government adviser, and James Rosen, the chief Washington correspondent for Fox News, bears striking similarities to a sweeping leaks investigation disclosed last week in which federal investigators

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obtained records over two months of more than 20 telephone lines assigned to the Associated Press,” reported Ann E. Marimow for *The Washington Post*. Kim is just one of six persons that the Administration has tried or will try under the Espionage Act—more than all previous administrations combined. According to the *Post*, the Justice Department used “security badge access records,” traced calls, and searched Rosen’s emails. The affidavit lists Rosen as a criminal “co-conspirator” in the release of top secret information, and suggested that he is a flight risk.

In response to labeling Rosen a co-conspirator, *The New York Times* editorialized that “the Obama administration has moved beyond protecting government secrets to threatening fundamental freedoms of the press to gather news.”

Of course, the President is no fan of Fox News. In 2009 his former campaign advisor and then-White House Communications Director, Anita Dunn, said the news organization “often operates almost as either the research arm or the communications arm of the Republican Party.” “We traditionally will go after the emails of a person who is under criminal suspicion for leaking it,” said columnist Charles Krauthammer on Fox News. “But we do not go after the journalists who merely are soliciting information. We have never had a successful prosecution of a journalist doing his job.”

CBS News journalist Sharyl Attkisson,

the recipient of Accuracy in Media’s 2012 Reed Irvine Award for Investigative Journalism, now believes that her computers may have been compromised as early as February 2011, if not earlier, when she was reporting on the *Fast and Furious* scandal and green energy stories detrimental to the President. “Well, I’m not ready to fully speak publicly about some things that have affected me because I’m trying to be methodical and careful about what I say,” she told WPHT radio in Philadelphia, “but there has been an issue in my house and there’s been an issue with my computers that’s gone on for quite a long time, that we’re looking into.” Attkisson likened her position as possibly similar to that of Rosen. However, “The Justice Department denies targeting Attkisson, which makes the possibilities even more chilling,” wrote Rick Moran for the *American Thinker* website. “Someone wanted to know what Attkisson knew about two administration scandals and were willing to break the law to find out.”

While Attorney General Eric Holder claims he recused himself in the case of the AP story (though he admits he never signed a recusal letter, and doesn’t remember specifically when he supposedly did it), NBC News’ Michael Isikoff reported on Thursday that Holder signed off on the “search warrant that identified Fox News reporter James Rosen as a ‘possible co-conspirator’ in violations of the Espionage Act and authorized seizure of his private emails.” This brings into question whether or not Holder was telling the truth about having recused himself in the AP case. And what about in the matter of Sharyl Attkisson?

Not only does the Administration have the power to subpoena phone records, it may also have the power to know what was said in those phone calls. In an appearance in early May on CNN, former FBI counterterrorism expert Tim Clemente asserted that “We certainly have ways in national security investigations to find out exactly what was said in that conversation”—referring to a past phone conversation with the wife of Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Tsarnaev, along with his brother Dzhokhar, was the alleged Islamic terrorist responsible for the Boston Marathon bombing.

“It’s not necessarily something that the FBI is going to want to present in court, but it may help lead the investigation and/or lead to questioning of her,” said Cle-

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mente. “We certainly can find that out.”

“I’m talking about all digital communications are, there’s a way to look into digital communications in the past, and I can’t go into detail of how that’s done or what’s done,” he said in the second interview, “but I can tell you that *no digital communication is secure*” (emphasis added). No other major U.S. news sources fol-

lowed up on what Clemente said. There was some coverage in the British press, but I have seen no confirmation, nor denial. When this first came out, it seemed too incredible a concept to believe—that all digital communications in the U.S. are being recorded. Now, with the revelation of the Administration’s actions towards journalists, this doesn’t seem so far-fetched.

Does our government truly have this power, and if so, what exactly is the Obama Administration doing with it? Congress and the media should look into this. •

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Another Cover-up for the Saudis?

By Cliff Kincaid



The possible involvement of a Saudi in the Boston terror attacks is being curiously ignored or downplayed by most of the mainstream media. Steve Emerson, Glenn Beck, and others have pressed for answers, however. Beck has issued a full report with updates on the controversy.

When Rep. Jeff Duncan, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, questioned Homeland Security Department Secretary Janet Napolitano on the matter, she claimed his questions were “not worthy of an answer” and that much of the reporting has been “wrong.” She later said the Saudi was on a watch list but had no involvement.

Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir issued a statement condemning the bombings in Boston and offering his condolences to the families of the victims.

On Twitter, according to one report from Ahmed Al Omran, a Saudi blogger and journalist, “many Saudis expressed their fear that one of their countrymen could be involved in the bombings. According to the Saudi cultural attaché in the US, there are more than 1,000 Saudi students going to school in Boston.” Al Omran graduated with a Master’s degree from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

The reason for the sensitivity may be that the Obama Administration has been

working with Saudi Arabia in “counterterrorism,” and that the country has served as a base for Obama’s drone attacks on al-Qaeda leaders he wants eliminated. This fact was covered up by our major newspapers, including The Washington Post and New York Times, for over a year.

The Post finally blew the whistle on its own cover-up, acknowledging that “an informal arrangement among several news organizations” had been in existence to protect the Saudi role in the drone attacks.

The paper said that it “had refrained from disclosing the location at the request of the administration, which cited concern that exposing the facility would undermine operations against an al-Qaeda affiliate regarded as the network’s most potent threat to the United States, as well as potentially damage counterterrorism collaboration with Saudi Arabia.”

Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen, an American citizen, was said to be the first target of a Saudi-based American drone strike. His son, also an American citizen, was later killed in a drone attack.

The Saudis claim they are cooperating with the U.S. They say that in October 2010, Saudi intelligence officials provided key information to American officials that foiled an attempted terrorist plot involving bombs heading to the United States that originated in Yemen.

But the Saudi role in the drone attacks gives the Saudi regime leverage over the Obama Administration. It might come in handy if Saudis were implicated and detained in terrorist attacks on the United States.

The Saudis and their U.S. allies, especially in the oil business, are heavy hitters in Washington, D.C.

Last October we reported on the Arab-US Policymakers Conference, or AUSPC, sponsored by various American Big Oil

companies, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and U.S. corporations such as Boeing. The government of Saudi Arabia and other Arab states were also major sponsors.

On April 20, just five days after the Boston bombings, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel left Washington for the Middle East where, among other things, he was going to discuss a \$10 billion package of arms to Saudi Arabia.

This follows a Saudi agreement in 2010 to purchase 84 F-15SA “Strike Eagle” fighter jets, a deal which had a value of \$29.4 billion.

A Department of Defense release about the arms sales referred to “Hagel’s First Middle East Trip to Seal Historic Arms Deal.”

If the major media will cover up the Obama Administration’s use of Saudi Arabia as a base for drone attacks, it cannot be dismissed out of hand that reporters are covering up a Saudi role in the Boston terror attacks.

Fox News reporter Bret Baier looked into the alleged Saudi role in the bombings and said the Saudi student became the subject of an “internal document” and put on the “no fly list” because of “an abundance of caution and out of diligence,” according to U.S. officials. However, Baier echoed officials as saying there was no evidence of the man’s involvement in the bombings.

Columnist Diana West said we can’t trust Fox News on this matter, since it is part-Saudi-owned.

Beck appeared on Bill O’Reilly’s show on April 25 to present his findings. “We’re always willing to give you a hearing,” O’Reilly said, without commenting directly on his charges of a cover-up. •

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Don't Forget Misha

By Bethany Stotts



The mainstream media are absent on the Misha story, preferring to let the discussion of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's possible mentor devolve into hearsay reporting rather than to delve in-depth into the background of this Islamist. Perhaps he undermines the narrative that this was a couple of self-radicalized kids who were just taking out their anger at America for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Who is Misha? "Misha was an Armenian native and a convert to Islam and quickly began influencing his new friend, family members said," according to the Associated Press. "Under the tutelage of a friend known to the Tsarnaev family only as Misha, Tamerlan gave up boxing and stopped studying music, his family said. He began opposing the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He turned to websites and literature claiming that the CIA was behind the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and Jews controlled the world."

"Tamerlan loved music and, a few years ago, he sent Khozhugov [his brother-in-law] a song he'd composed in English and Russian," continues the AP. "He said he was about to start music school." Then, after talking with Misha, he decided that Islam could not support his musical goals.

"Musical instruments are considered haram (sinful) by Islamists," outlines Abdel Bari Atwan in his recent book *After bin Laden: Al Qaeda, the Next Generation*. "Ibn Tamiyyah—a scholar widely admired by jihadis—said that music is 'alcohol to one's soul.'"

The younger Tsarnaev brother has confessed to the authorities that the Boston bombs were designed using the recipe out-

lined by al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's online jihadist magazine, *Inspire*. But, as the Misha connection shows, Tamerlan's views may not have been only radicalized over the Internet—they were likely radicalized first at home. The Tsarnaev brothers' uncle, Ruslan Tsarni told the Daily Mail that "that the man responsible was a cleric aged around 30 called Misha and that he was an Armenian who, unusually for such a largely Christian people, had converted to Islam."

"As far as he knew Misha was based in a mosque that was a short drive from Cambridge and that he was new to Islam."

Last weekend, Christian Caryl, a regular contributor to *The New York Review of Books*, located Misha, also known as Mikhail Allakhverdiv. "He confirmed he was a convert to Islam and that he had known Tamerlan Tsarnaev, but he

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flatly denied any part in the bombings," reports Caryl. The interview doesn't indicate whether he was a cleric, as Uncle Tsarni alleged. "I wasn't his teacher. If I had been his teacher, I would have made sure he never did anything like this," Allakhverdiv told Caryl.

The FBI would not disclose to Caryl whether Allakhverdiv was connected to the bombing, so Caryl relies on statements by anonymous government officials that

he had no connection to the bombing.

Regardless of whether Misha aided in the bombings, isn't what he taught Tamerlan—that he might have radicalized him—still of interest?

The stories between Misha and Tamerlan's uncle Tsarni are simply irreconcilable. "A close friend of the family in Boston said that Misha was not known to have visited Tamerlan at home," reports Caryl. (Relatives said otherwise.) "I interviewed Allakhverdiv in Russian and it seems likely that in whatever contact the two men had, they would have spoken Russian."

If these two stories don't match, then why aren't the media digging deeper into this issue? Perhaps they are afraid of the Islamist angle. This piece by the Los Angeles Times does little but repeat the family's side and Allakhverdiv's assertion that he was not Tamerlan's teacher. The Boston Herald likewise reprinted his assertion, as did CBS Boston.

"CNN has made repeated efforts to speak with Allakhverdiv, but has so far been unsuccessful," report Josh Levs and Ben Brumfield for CNN. Allakhverdiv is also not speaking to *The Washington Post*.

Todd Wallack and Lisa Wangness of the *Boston Globe*, in contrast, asked the hard questions. "The Review of Books published a brief account of the interview with Allakhverdiv on its blog Sunday night, saying the item was part of a longer piece on the Tsarnaev family and Boston's Russian and Chechen community to be published in a forthcoming edition of the journal," they wrote for the *Boston Globe*. "But the brief account left many questions unanswered... There was no information about Tamerlan's religious beliefs or politics, nor was there an explanation of why the two men stopped talking."

Since Allakhverdiv clearly has no interest in speaking to the press further, as evinced by his refusal to speak to the *Post* or CNN, perhaps a little investigative journalism is in order. These future stories should center around facts, not hearsay quotes from either party.

However, as of this writing the media appears to have dropped the story entirely, abrogating its journalistic duties. •

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Chris Matthews Grills Carney—Even the Bush Administration Conducted Leak Investigations in Public

By Don Irvine



MSNBC's Chris Matthews grilled White House press secretary Jay Carney, as he tried to understand why Obama only learned of the Department of Justice's investigation of the Associated Press after the story had broken in the newspapers.

Matthews: The problem with arguing is, we had a recent administration, the Bush Administration, W's Administration, the President announced there was an investigation of the leaks regarding Scooter Libby and the rest of those people. That was all conducted in the public light. By the way, how could the President or anybody in the White House imagine this thing was going to be kept secret with "AP" being subpoenaed for all those records? So that it was only a matter of telling him ahead of time so that he could...

Carney:...It wasn't a question of...

Matthews: ... an effective chief executive.

Carney: Chris, I think, again, it's not a question of keeping it secret. It is not, in our view, appropriate for the White House to be involved in an ongoing criminal investigation.

Matthews: Not even to know what was going on? Okay.

Carney: I would ask you to consider the alternative to that and to, as you know, because you've covered this and been, you know, around here for a long time, you know what past history here tells us about involvement of White Houses in criminal investigations led by the Justice Department.

Matthews: You saw what I saw, Jay. Jon Stewart the other night did a wonderful parody of it, it's a tragic parody, of the

President time after time saying, "I heard it in the papers. I read it in the news." Learning things other people are learning as they learned it. It seems like to run the United States Government is to be ahead of the game.

Carney tried his best to spin this as a question of how it would look if the White House was involved in a criminal investigation, but that wasn't the question. The question was, why wasn't the President informed of this investigation and why did he have to read about it in the newspapers, as he claimed?

Matthews was critical of the Obama White House for days over how they were handling the scandals. You know it's bad when he actually makes a favorable comparison about how the Bush administration handled leak investigations.

It's become clear that the White House needs a crisis management team to handle the barrage of scandals that have overwhelmed Carney, and made his 2006 prediction that he wouldn't be a very good press secretary come true. •

Maureen Dowd Hits Obama on Benghazi

By Don Irvine



Less than one month after criticizing President Obama for not having learned how to govern, after failing to get a new gun bill passed in the Senate, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd was back hitting Obama for his handling of Benghazi:

"The capital is in the throes of déjà vu and preview as it plunges back into Clinton Rules, defined by a presidential aide on the hit ABC show 'Scandal' as damage control that goes like this: 'It's not true, it's not true, it's not true, it's old news.'"

"...The administration's behavior before and during the attack in Benghazi, in which four Americans died, was un-

worthy of the greatest power on earth. After his Libyan intervention, President Obama knew he was sending diplomats and their protectors into a country that was no longer a country, a land rife with fighters affiliated with Al Qaeda.

"Yet in this hottest of hot spots, the State Department's minimum security requirements were not met, requests for more security were rejected, and contingency plans were not drawn up...Hillary Clinton and Ambassador Chris Stevens were rushing to make the flimsy Benghazi post permanent as a sign of good faith with Libyans, even as it sat ringed by enemies.

"The hierarchies at State and Defense had a plodding response, failing to make any superhuman effort as the siege waxed and waned over eight hours... The defense secretary at the time, Leon Panetta, insisted, 'We quickly responded.' But they responded that they would not respond."

Liberals like Dowd, who were initially quick to dismiss any attempt by Republicans to get to the truth about Benghazi, are now concerned that the White House's stumbling will prove costly to the Democrats in the mid-term 2014 elections, as well as to Hillary Clinton in 2016.

The public deserves the truth and not excuses and obfuscation from the President. •



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What You Can Do

Please send the enclosed postcards to:

- Mr. Dana Milbank of The Washington Post for accusing congressional investigators of prematurely criticizing the White House for the IRS scandal;
- Mr. Phil Griffin of MSNBC for his continued tolerance of hosts like Chris Matthews and Martin Bashir accusing people of racism just for being critical of President Obama;
- Please make a sizable donation to AIM to help us continue our work in 2013.