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Dear Dr. Hatch:

I am writing to you today on a subject of grave concern for our beloved Wake Forest as well as our country. I am a 1977 graduate of the University and a 1981 graduate of Wake's Law School. We have met on a couple of occasions; notably, in your hotel suite at the Orange Bowl the morning of that cherished game, but I would not expect you to remember me.

I was recently contacted by Cecily Craighill of Wake's development office. She was in town and we met for coffee to discuss giving to Wake Forest. I found her intelligent, well prepared, charming and possessing an open mind – a credit to the University. However, I told her I could not give anything to Wake so long as it had in its employ a compatriot of the Muslim Brotherhood whose goal it is to subvert our Constitution and replace it with Sharia Law. Additionally, I conveyed to her that if other alumni knew of these facts, I believe their giving would also be curtailed. I gave to her the same materials that I am enclosing for you, explained the material to her, and told her I would be writing you with the same information.

I know the above words (“a compatriot of the Muslim Brotherhood whose goal it is to subvert our Constitution and replace it with Sharia Law”) seem strong, but let me assure you, I have looked at this issue extensively and there is no doubt in my mind as to the veracity of those words.

As you no doubt are aware, I am referring to Khalid Griggs, Wake Forest's first Muslim Assistant Chaplain/Imam. Enclosed you will find four items.

1. TEAM B REPORT

The first one is the introduction and Executive Summary of a report delivered to Congress titled “Shariah: The Threat to America” (commonly referred to as the “Team B Report”). I have not included the whole report, but can do so in either book or digital form. I would ask that you note the authors of the Team B Report listed on page 2, they include: R. James Woolsey, the former Director of the CIA; Andrew McCarthy, the former Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney who successfully prosecuted the blind Sheik in the first World Trade Center bombing; Lieutenant General Harry Soyster, the former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency; Ambassador Henry Cooper, Reagan's Director of the Strategic Defense Initiative; as well as many other respected national security experts.

I would also kindly ask that you read the Executive Summary, which clearly and succinctly explains the threat we are facing today. The following is a quote from the introduction of the Team B Report:

Today, the United States faces what is, if anything, an even more insidious ideological threat: the totalitarian socio-political doctrine that Islam calls shariah. Translated as “the path,” shariah is a comprehensive legal and political framework. Though it certainly has spiritual elements, it would be a mistake to think of shariah as a “religious” code in the Western sense because it seeks to regulate all manner of behavior in the secular sphere – economic, social, military, legal and political. Shariah is the crucial fault line of Islam’s internecine struggle. On one side of the divide are Muslim reformers and authentic moderates – figures like Abdurrahman Wahid, the late president of Indonesia and leader of the world’s largest libertarian Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama – whose members embrace the Enlightenment’s veneration of reason and, in particular, its separation of the spiritual and secular realms. On this side of the divide, shariah is a reference point for a Muslim’s personal conduct, not a corpus to be imposed on the life of a pluralistic society.

By contrast, the other side of the divide is dominated by Muslim supremacists, often called Islamists. Like erstwhile proponents of Communism and Nazism, these supremacists – some terrorists, others employing stealthier means – seek to impose a totalitarian regime: a global totalitarian system cloaked as an Islamic state and called a caliphate. On that side of the divide, which is the focus of the present study, shariah is an immutable, compulsory system that Muslims are obliged to install and the world required to adopt, the failure to do so being deemed a damnable offence against Allah. For these ideologues, shariah is not a private matter. Adherents see the West as an obstacle to be overcome, not a culture and civilization to be embraced, or at least tolerated. It is impossible, they maintain, for alternative legal systems and forms of governments peacefully to coexist with the end-state they seek.

I submit to you that Khalid Griggs is clearly and definitively on the wrong side of this divide, as evidenced by the next three items I am enclosing.

TEAM B AUTHORS’ RESEARCH ON MR. GRIGGS

The genesis of the next two items is that when I found out that Mr. Griggs was employed by Wake Forest, I emailed two of the authors of the Team B Report, whom I know personally, and asked them to comment on Mr. Griggs and which side of the divide he was on. After a quick investigation they responded that he was definitely on the wrong side.

Please take a look at the two-page document with numbers 1 through 12 on the first page and the 16 footnotes on the second page (marked “Item 2”). This research demonstrates that Mr. Griggs was a member of the Islamic Party of North America (“IPNA”). IPNA claims that they are grounded in the teachings of leaders and members of the Muslim Brotherhood. In their published mission statement they claim their primary influences are: Maududi, Khomeini, Malik Bennabi, Qaddafi, and Sayyed Qutb. More on IPNA below.

The research also shows that Mr. Griggs has been and is still heavily involved with the Islamic Circle of North America (“ICNA”). ICNA was listed in the Texas Holy Land Foundation Trial, the largest terrorism financing trial our Justice department has prosecuted, as an organization friendly to and/or an entity of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The research shows additional ties of Mr. Griggs to radical Muslim groups who are on the wrong side of the Sharia divide.

The next document is an email I sent to a Team B author and his response (marked “Item 3”). As the email shows, Mr. Griggs own website at the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem states: “Some past members of the Washington, DC-based Islamic Party of North America, primarily Ibrahm Hanif, Jamal Abdullah, Salih Abdul Latif, and Khalid Abdul Fattah Griggs, labored to develop the ideological framework and organization structure, and program of action for the Institute for Islamic Involvement.” So, on his own website Mr. Griggs touts his membership in IPNA and affiliation with radical Muslim Brotherhood members.

TAKING ISLAM TO THE STREET: THE DAW’AH OF THE ISLAMIC PARTY OF NORTH AMERICA

The last item I am including (marked “Item 4”) came right out of the above titled book, which cites Mr. Griggs extensively and says on its back cover: “The Islamic Party brought the Revolutionary Islamic political and social thoughts of Sayyid Qutb, Qaddafi, Khomeini, and Maududi to the disenfranchised poor of the streets of Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, Cleveland and a dozen other cities. ‘Taking Islam to the Streets’ is a collection of the pamphlets used to train Daw’ah workers, along with a brief history of the Islamic Party.”

I bought this book from Amazon and read it. I include for your review pages 13 through 21, which are titled: “The Islamic Party in North America – Ideological Outlook and Membership Form.” This 9 page summary of the ideology of IPNA sets forth their radical ideology that is best summarized as being that all other forms of government (including the U.S. Constitution) must be replaced by Sharia Law through Islamic Revolution.

A few quotes:

“It is but natural that even today there must be the same kind of struggle between those who may strive to establish Islamic order and those who may be ruling or intend to rule according to their own whims or man-made laws.”

“The supremacy of Islam is not possible without revolutionary movement and only the brave and sacrificing elements possessing creative ardor and ideological fervor can launch this kind of movement.”

“Islam does not demand allegiance in spiritual matters alone. It wants to regulate and control all aspects of human life.”

“Islamic conception of freedom is that Mankind should be subject to none but to Allah....”

“The Islamic Party in North America is an ideological party in the widest sense and not a mere political party or a religious or social reform organization.”

And finally, I will quote the Motto of the Islamic Movement, which is found on page 66 of the book:

“Allah, the one true God, is Our Lord.
Muhammad ibn Abdullah, peace be upon him, is our leader.

Qur'an, the word of Allah, is our guide.
Sunnah, the established way of Prophet Muhammad, is our ideal.
Jihad, all out struggle, is our means.
Salvation, complete freedom for now and forever, is our end.”

I would also note that there is no definition of Jihad, to be found anywhere, other than violent revolution to establish the Islamic caliphate.

In short, my beloved Wake Forest has hired as an Assistant Chaplain a revolutionary zealot who espouses the replacement of the Constitution with Sharia Law and who believes that Sharia Law should govern every aspect of day to day living. This is not a religion but a totalitarian ideology of a geo-political nature that will use any means, including violent revolution, to impose its will. The ideology Mr. Griggs is attempting to spread is in direction contravention of American Constitutional principles.

I am sure that there are those who will say, “but Mr. Griggs is such a nice man.” And he may be a nice man in one-on-one situations, but nevertheless he espouses an ideology which is anti-American, and no doubt practices the Sharia law doctrine of taqiya* which commands him to lie to infidels to spread the faith.

After you have digested this information, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you along with one or more authors of the Team B Report to answer any questions you might have. While you are not unusual in being unaware of the threat that some call “radical” Muslims, such as Mr. Griggs, are to this country, I hope that now that you have been alerted to the threat, you will take actions to correct it.

Regards,

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*The word "Taqiyya" literally means: "Concealing, precaution, guarding." It is employed in disguising one's beliefs, intentions, convictions, ideas, feelings, opinions or strategies. In practical terms it is manifested as dissimulation, lying, deceiving, vexing and confounding with the intention of deflecting attention, foiling or pre-emptive blocking. It is currently employed in fending off and neutralising any criticism of Islam or Muslims.