

Obama Must Answer

Sept. 19—Several U.S. Senators have demanded that the Obama Administration provide answers to the obvious questions about the lax security which allowed the murder of Libyan Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other U.S. personnel.

- On Sept. 13, Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) called for hearings on the lack of intelligence, security, and appropriate response to the attacks on American embassies.

- On Sept. 13, Sens. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) and Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) introduced S.B. 3551, which requires “investigations into and a report on the Sept. 11-13, 2012, attacks on the United States missions in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen.” Reports on the investigations are to be submitted to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and House Committee on Foreign Affairs, within 30 days.

- On Sept. 14, Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Susan Collins (R-Me.), the chairman and ranking member of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, sent a letter to Harold W.


Geisel, Deputy Inspector General of the State Department, demanding answers to detailed questions about the lack of security at the Benghazi consulate.

- Also on Sept. 14, Collins posted the following statement on her website:

“During the past two days, I have participated in classified briefings by the National Counterterrorism Center and the Department of Defense on the attacks on our consulate in Benghazi during which four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were killed.

“The lack of security provided to the Ambassador and other American personnel in Benghazi is deeply troubling and inexplicable given the dangerous threat environment in that city. Earlier attempts in June to reportedly attack the British ambassador and to plant a bomb outside of our consulate clearly demonstrated how dangerous and unsettled Benghazi is. Surely, the State Department should not have relied on Libyan nationals to guard the consulate. Rather, armed U.S. Marines should have been assigned to provide security.

“The kind of weapons used by the attackers also strongly suggests to me that this attack was planned and not the result of a spontaneous protest. . . .”



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