

# New Report: Brennan's 'Black Ops' In Libya Caused "Benghazigate", Stevens Death

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Benghazigate' continues to unravel, and the man who's front and center at this week's Washington DC hearings is now being blamed for the villa siege last September...

According to a new investigative book published by two former US special operations soldiers, and serialised exclusively in yesterday's <u>Daily Mail</u>, former CIA Director, **David Petraeus**, was blackmailed by two senior CIA officers into resigning and was made to publicly admit to his affair with intelligence operative Paula Broadwell. Of course, this angle of the story will surely drive book sales, but it's not the most significant revelation in the story...



Drone-Master J: John Brennan

In their book which is due to be release tomorrow entitled, *Benghazi: The Definitive Report*, authors Jack Murphy (Army Green Beret) and co-author Brandon Webb (Navy SEAL and friend of Glen Doherty who died in the Benghazi siege) also revealed that *'Drone-Master J'*, **John O. Brennan** – President Barack Obama's current CIA Director nominee who was the President's own deputy NSA advisor at the time, had been authorizing covert 'unilateral operations outside of the traditional command structure', using the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) across Libya and North Africa. It is Brennan's black ops that are said to have prompted retaliation inside Libya that led to the September 11 Benghazi compound siege that killed four Americans, including 'Ambassador' **Chris Stevens** and three other Americans.

It's worth noting here that the Benghazi siege was initially blamed by Hillary Clinton, Susan Rice and the entire US media and the BBC at the time – on a highly deceptive YouTube film entitled, "The Innocence of Muslims". That was the first stages of the cover-up.

So, according to the new book, it's *John O. Brennan* who was the architect of events that led to the debacle known as Benghazigate? Apparently, yes, but *not quite...* 

Murphy and Webb's book, although very hard-hitting and well-researched, through what the authors describe as "a vast network of military insiders and intelligence officers to uncover the 'untold' story behind the attacks", focuses on the Petraeus Affair, but only provides surface detail on the actual nature of US Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens's mission there in Libya.

Nor do the authors explain that the compound in question was not an "Embassy" in Benghazi as the Obama White House first referred to it, nor was it a "US Consulate", or a "CIA safe house" as came to be known in later reports. Susanne Posel of OccupyCorporatism.com, reports what is more likely to be the real story:

"In Benghazi, Stevens stayed at a gated-villa, <u>leased</u> by the US State Department from a local man named Mohammad al-Bishari. The villa in Benghazi was not a US Embassy, diplomatic mission or extension of the embassy. In fact, the nearest US Embassy is <u>Tripoli</u>. This location housed Stevens where he spoke with the NTC, a defaco-government in Libya that assisted the US in the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

Stevens had previously been designated as a special representative to the NTC during the US-controlled Libyan revolution. To mask Stevens new role, he was given US Ambassador status by Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State, and stationed in Tripoli.

Bishari has confirmed that Stevens would stay at the villa when he met with the NTC. Stevens' mission in Benghazi was to gather intelligence for the CIA "conducting surveillance and collecting information on an array of armed militant groups in and around the city."



Hand in the honey pot: Petraeus and

Broadwell.

According to *The Mail* story, Petraeus's ousters were, 'high-level career officers on the CIA who got the ball rolling on the investigation'. <u>The Mail</u> exclusive goes on to explain how the Petraeus story unfolded and triggered a 'palace coup':

"The authors say that senior intelligence officers working on the 7th floor of Central Intelligence headquarters in Langley, Virginia, used their political clout to ensure that the FBI investigated the former Army general's personal life.

They then told Petraeus that they would publicly humiliate him if he didn't admit the affair and resign.

'It was well known to Petraeus's Personal Security Detachment (bodyguards) that he and Broadwell were having an affair. He wasn't the only high-ranking Agency head or general engaged in extramarital relations, but when the 7th floor wanted Petraeus out, they cashed in their chips,' Webb and Murphy write.

The book continues: 'The reality of the situation is that high-ranking CIA officers had already discovered the affair by consulting with Petraeus's PSD and then found a way to initiate an FBI investigation in order to create a string of evidence and an investigative trail that led to the information they already had—in other words, an official investigation that could be used to force Petraeus to resign.'

... Senior officials were furious over the way he had been running the agency since he was appointed in September 2011... He was turning the agency's focus from intelligence gathering and analysis to paramilitary operations, including drone strikes."

What they reveal about the Petraeus scandal is that the sensational extramarital affair was deployed in the media in order to keep the public distracted from the real story.

#### **Chris Stevens and CIA gun-running**

<u>According to the Daily Mail</u>, Webb and Murphy's book does document that "Stevens likely helped consolidate as many weapons as possible after the war to safeguard them, at which point Brennan exported them overseas to start another conflict".

Although both authors, who run a website called <u>SOFREP.com</u> – a news site written and edited by current and former members of the special operations community, appear to be 'well-positioned' to access classified insider information about events and a 'vast network' of contacts in the game, they could have gone a lot deeper into what are now mainstream allegations: that Chris Stevens was CIA point man for running illegal guns out of Libya via Turkey into Syria for the Free Syrian Army (FSA). Even Kentucky Senator **Rand Paul** challenged **Hillary Clinton** on these charges, but was stonewalled by the outgoing Secretary of State.

The book says that Stevens was aiding John Brennan in highly illegal international gunrunning, a fact alone that should (in theory, anyway) kill Brennan in the CIA directorate conformation hearings this week in Washington DC. It's amazing how this aspect of the story is given a back seat to a sex scandal – which makes us suspicious of this book, and its peculiar timing.

<u>Posel also explains</u> Stevens role as CIA gun-runner:

"Some of Stevens' <u>deals for arms</u> can be realized in the artillery and weapons being funneled to the Free Syrian Army (FSA) in Syria who are fighting the proxy war for the US. Stevens became the <u>"liaison"</u> between US-sponsored terrorist factions and the movement of arms to Syria to assist the FSA.

Shipments to the FSA have come from Saudi Arabia where the Salafi terrorists originated and the Partisans of Sharia is used to further subversive interests. Thanks to the US, the Saudi government and Stevens, the FSA are the most heavily <u>armed</u> state-sponsored jihadist group in the Middle East.

In reality, Islamic terrorist factions that work with the US were employed by the Saudi Arabian government to take out one of Petraeus' CIA spies. That spy's

### name was J. Christopher Stevens."



Author, former SEAL Brandon Webb



Author, former Ranger Jack Murphy

### **Chemical Weapons to Syria**

The other obvious and very big aspect of this story which they also miss, is the very visible thread which first appeared in early Dec 2012 of reports 'chemical weapons in Syria', and these are likely to have originated in Libya – in the form of Gadaffi's aging chemical weapons stocks being smuggled out of Libya and into the hands of the FSA in Syria... in order to blame Syria Assad government for using "chemical weapons against his own people".

In late December, the US intelligence community, via the US General Console in Istanbul, Turkey, <u>appears to have set-up the thread for the Assad chemical weapons</u> story to go public, but quickly began to back track on this talking point, practically abandoning it altogether in the end.

In 'Benghazi: The Definitive Report', it does appear that the authors have opened up the door to some incredible and perhaps crucial insights into events surrounding Benghazigate – and their book will make a big media splash but it seems like black-ops 'insiders' Murphy and Webb missed the biggest story in all of this – which just happens to be the very scandal that would certainly bring down the Obama Administration in one swoop. Amazing how these events are borne out – and not borne out in the media, as the case may be.

More and more these days, we see an endless parade of ex-Navy SEAL and ex-Special Ops commando authors – who may very well have a great black book when comes to inside info but they are not journalists, and in some cases their relationship to the special operations world may be a little too close for comfort to consider them objective and independent

investigators.

To authors Murphy and Webb, you cannot call it a "Definitive Report" a few months after the event. It's a bit cock-sure, to be sure.

We're waiting for the sequel, the book which blows the lid on the real story.

Until then, this might just be a 'controlled media detonation'.

key excerpts from the book:

- (Deputy National Security Advisor) John Brennan also ran a highly compartmentalized program out of the White House in regard to weapons transfers, and Stevens would not have been trusted with that type of information. Stevens likely helped consolidate as many weapons as possible after the war to safeguard them, at which point Brennan exported them overseas to start another conflict.
- During the rebellion against Gaddafi and in the aftermath of his death, Libya and North Africa became a staging ground for a dizzying array of operations by SpecOps, paramilitary forces, and international private military contractors working for everyone from European nations to multibillion-dollar oil corporations.
- What we do know is that the British Special Air Service (SAS) landed in Libya at some point—probably the secretive intelligence gathering component of the SAS called 'The Increment,' which works alongside MI-6.
- Elite counter-terrorist operators from America's Delta Force were deployed to Libya as
   'analysts,' which allowed President Obama to declare that America did not have any boots on
   the ground but was simply providing air support for the rebels. The reality was that Delta Force
   had a small contingent instructing the rebels in the finer points of weapons and tactics.
- Behind closed doors, President Obama had given his counterterrorism adviser, John Brennan, carte blanche to run operations in North Africa and the Middle East, provided he didn't do anything that ended up becoming an exposé in The New York Times and embarrassing the administration. In 2012, a secret war across North Africa was well underway.
- With JSOC (Joint Special Operations Command), Brennan waged his own unilateral
  operations in North Africa outside of the traditional command structure. These Direct Action
  (DA) operations, unlike the traditional ISR missions mentioned above, were 'off the books' in
  the sense that they were not coordinated through the Pentagon or other governmental
  agencies, including the CIA. With Obama more than likely providing a rubber stamp, the chain
  of command went from Brennan to McRaven, who would then mobilize the men of ISA
  (Intelligence Support Activity), SEAL Team Six, or Delta Force to conduct these missions.
- With a small element launching from an airfield in a European nation, JSOC operations targeted Al Qaeda personalities within Libyan militia organizations. In the weeks before the Benghazi tragedy, they most likely hit a known associate of Al-Suri in order to get him to "up periscope" and increase his visibility, which would then make it possible for JSOC to run a targeted operation to kill or capture him.

'Benghazi: The Definitive Report,' written by Brandon Webb and Jack Murphy, is published by William Morrow Company, an imprint of HarperCollins. It will be available for download in ebook format on Tuesday.

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