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Bureau Chief Heather Hunt
Department of Justice – FARA Registration Unit
1400 New York Avenue, N.W., 1st Floor – Public Office, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Hunt:

I am writing to notify you that the Center for Security Policy sent a letter to the Reverend Franklin Graham alerting him to possible violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) which apparently targeted him as the subject of a foreign influence operation. It is our assessment that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) was operating as an unregistered foreign agent when they asked twice that Reverend Graham's invitation to speak for the May 6 National Day of Prayer – first at the Pentagon and then at the Cannon House Office Building – be rescinded. We believe that these specific acts to pressure a clergyman and prominent public figure – along with the sponsors of his speaking engagements in the Army and Congress - meet the definition of a political influence operation under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

It is our assessment that CAIR's influence operation against Reverend Graham and his sponsors should have been reported to FARA, as required by law. We also believe that CAIR has failed to register as a foreign agent with the FARA office, as required by law.

Please see the attached letter for more details on this particular political influence operation by CAIR. We refer you as well to our report at www.cairobservatory.org, analyzing CAIR's possible status as an unregistered foreign agent under the requirements of FARA, working for the interests of foreign principals in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Iran.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Gaffney, Jr.

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Attachments:

Letter to the Reverend Franklin Graham

CAIR action alert dated April 22, 2010 / CAIR press release dated April 26, 2010