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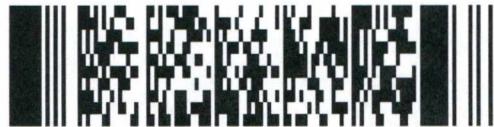
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Document Date: **September 28, 2012**

Correspondent: **MRS. HEATHER SMITH**

Subject/Description: **MICHELLE AND I ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS  
OF YOUR HUSBAND, SEAN, AND WE EXTEND OUR  
HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES. (SEAN SMITH)**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 28, 2012

Mrs. Heather Smith  
U.S. Embassy The Hague  
The Netherlands

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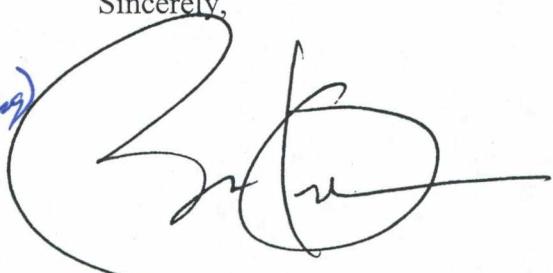
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Time and again, Sean answered his country's call to serve, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. I hope you take great pride in his selfless devotion to protecting the freedom, dignity, and hope that our Flag represents.

The remarkable legacy your husband leaves behind will live forever in the hearts of those he loved, and in the enduring strength of the country he served. With Sean's example to guide us, we will carry forward his work of making our country stronger, our citizens safer, and the world a better and more hopeful place for all our children.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20502

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DPO AE 09715

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[POTUS HAND SIGN]

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BARACK OBAMA

# ***White House Postal Unit***

***Please dispatch the following via PRIORITY (with) TRACKING:***

- ***Mrs. Heather Smith***

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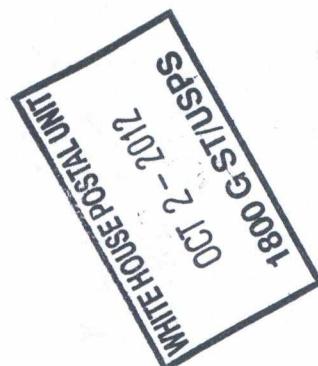
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***6-7223***

***ryoungjr@who.eop.gov***



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*One off  
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## Case, Michael

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**From:** Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 7:13 PM  
**To:** Tedmon, Dirk  
**Cc:** Lillie, Jordan; Case, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences

**Categories:** Fiona

I think this means we're good to reprint that one and drop off tonight!

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**From:** Brooks, Maren  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 7:12 PM  
**To:** Lillie, Jordan; Wright, Brisha A.  
**Cc:** Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly; Tedmon, Dirk; Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Subject:** RE: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences

Our recommendation is a slight amendment to what you proposed:

U.S. Embassy The Hague  
The Netherlands

Thanks and sorry for the delay.

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 7:10 PM  
**To:** Brooks, Maren; Wright, Brisha A.  
**Cc:** Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly; Tedmon, Dirk; Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Subject:** RE: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences

Adding Dirk and Fiona for awareness when you receive this confirmation. Thanks!

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**From:** Brooks, Maren  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 5:11 PM  
**To:** Lillie, Jordan; Wright, Brisha A.  
**Cc:** Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences

I'm checking on this Jordan. I think what you propose will be fine, but should have an answer shortly.

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 4:39 PM  
**To:** Wright, Brisha A.  
**Cc:** Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly; Brooks, Maren  
**Subject:** RE: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences

Hi Brisha,

Thank you so much again for your help with these letters. I'm sorry to bother you about the Smith address again, but we are wondering if it would be possible to simply use the city and country on the inside address block, as shown below:

**Mrs. Heather Smith**  
**The Hague**

• **The Netherlands**

We will still use the DPO address on the outside envelope. Please let me know if the above could be an accurate way to simplify this.

Thanks,

Jordan

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**From:** Wright, Brisha A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** Lillie, Jordan; DL-WHO-Custom Letters; Olson, Elizabeth H.; Langner, Emily R.  
**Cc:** #WWD; #CROSS  
**Subject:** NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences  
**Importance:** High

NSS clears with edits on the **Ambassador Stevens doc.**

If you would like a better address to use for the address block on Mrs. Smith's letter, you can use the following below. But the actual mailing address should be the DPO address currently on the letter.

c/o Embassy of the United States of America  
Lange Voorhout 102  
2514 EJ The Hague.

Thanks.

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012 6:56 PM  
**To:** Brooks, Maren; Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly  
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**Jordan Lillie**  
Writer | Presidential Correspondence  
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[jlillie@who.eop.gov](mailto:jlillie@who.eop.gov)

## Hendricks, Catherine

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012 5:22 PM  
**To:** Hendricks, Catherine  
**Subject:** FW: NSS CLEARED: Pkg. 4549- Benghazi Attack Condolences  
**Attachments:** Condolence - Ambassador Stevens - 09192012.docx; Condolence - Sean Smith - 09192012.docx; Condolence - Glen Doherty - 09192012.docx; Condolence - Tyrone Woods - 09192012.docx  
  
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## Hendricks, Catherine

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:23 PM  
**To:** Brooks, Maren  
**Cc:** Boyd, Valerie S.; Adams-Smith, Kelly; DL-WHO-Custom Letters  
**Subject:** FW: Sean Smith

Hi Maren,

We have received this request and will let you know if any questions arise. We will send the draft to NSS for review prior to printing this letter.

Thanks,

Jordan

**Jordan Lillie**  
Writer | [Presidential Correspondence](#)  
o: 202.456.3219 | c: 202.503.5874  
[jlillie@who.eop.gov](mailto:jlillie@who.eop.gov)

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**Feed:** Proclamations, Messages, and Custom Documents: Custom Letter to an Individual

**Posted on:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 12:46 PM

**Author:** Brooks, Maren

**Subject:** Sean Smith

**Occasion for sending letter::** Condolence

**Event date, if applicable::** 9/11/2012 12:00 AM

**Deadline date and time:** 9/20/2012 12:00 AM

**WH point of contact::** Maren Brooks, Valerie Boyd, Kelly Adams-Smith

**Commissioned Officer requesting::** Brian McKeon

**Prefix::** Mrs.

**Full name of recipient::** Heather Smith

**Salutation::** Dear Mrs. Smith

**Recipient mailing address::**

c/o Executive Office, Box 1

Unit 5770

DPO AE 09715

} mailing label

**WH Office Requesting:** NSS

**Please provide us with background on this request and its origin::**

Sean Smith was killed during an attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya on September 11. He was a veteran Air Force officer and a 10-year State Department Information Officer stationed in The Hague. He was TDY in Libya to assist with the opening of an American Corner to build cultural ties between the U.S. and Libya. He is survived by his wife Heather, daughter Samantha (6) and son Nathan (5). The President spoke with Heather Smith on September 12 to offer condolences. A letter is also requested.

**Recommended talking points::**

**Should a photo be included in the envelope?:** No

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Addressee	Address	Salutation
Individual	Mr.*/Miss/Ms.**/Mrs. ....	Dear Mr./Miss/Ms./Mrs. ....
More than one signer Mary Allen and Jane Smith	Ms. Mary Allen Ms. Jane Smith (Address)	Dear Ms. Allen and Ms. Smith:
More than one signer John Jones Ray Smith Jack Ryan Bob Hart	Mr. John Jones (Address) (Include others in body of letter)	Dear Mr. Jones:
More than one signer John Smith Jack Young (when small town and 2 signatures with no street address, send two replies.)	Mr. John Smith (Address)	Dear Mr. Smith:
Members of an organization (No names given)	Members of (organization name) (Address)	Dear Friends:
Members of an organization (c/o Mrs. John Allen) (Members to be brought into the body of the letter)	Mrs. John Allen (Organization Name) (Address)	Dear Mrs. Allen:
Physician, Surgeon, Osteopath, Chiropractor, etc.	...., M.D. (or D.D.S., etc.) (Address)	Dear Dr. ....:
Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.***	Dr. .... (Address)	Dear Dr. ....:
Registered Nurse	Mr. .... (Address)	Dear Mr. ....:
Lawyer***	Mr. .... (Address)	Dear Mr. ....:
Coach	Mr. .... (Address)	Dear Coach ....:
Citizen living abroad or foreign citizen****	Mr. .... (Street Address) (City) (Zip) (Country)	Dear Mr. ....:

\* Use no title when it is not known from the given name whether the addressee is a man or a woman.

\*\* Use the title Ms. when a woman's marital status is unknown and when she indicates preference for Ms. Exception: Elderly ladies of unknown marital status should be addressed as "Ms." unless a preference for "Miss" is indicated.

\*\*\* Individuals with a J.D. are not called Dr.

\*\*\*\* Foreign addresses vary by country. Direct questions regarding correspondence to citizens living abroad or foreign citizens to the Executive Clerk's Office of Presidential Support, 456-2304. You may also want to refer to the contact addresses provided on the American Embassy and Consulate websites for a specific country, listed at [usembassy.state.gov](http://usembassy.state.gov).

NOTE: When a street address and a post office box number are both given, the post office box number only should be used.

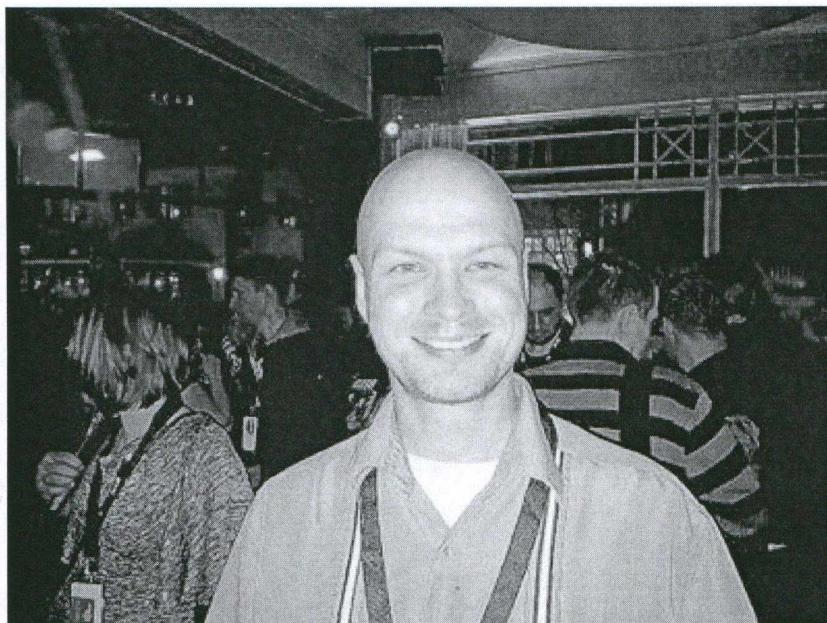


## San Diegan slain in Libya attack 'lived to serve'

**State Department employee killed in Libya was San Diego native who loved computers**

By Nathan Max

Monday, September 17, 2012



Sean Patrick Smith's life revolved around computers.

It didn't matter if he was on the clock, working with the State Department, or off the clock, participating as an online gamer. Smith, 34, who died last week in the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was almost always on a computer, his mother said Monday.

"He loved computers," said Patricia Smith, 72. "Computers were a part of him. You couldn't have one without the other."

As a San Diego native, Sean Smith grew up in Clairemont, raised by a single mother, and enlisted in the Air Force immediately after graduating from Mission Bay High School in 1995, his mother said from the family home. He served in the Air Force for six years.

"Sean Smith, it seems, lived to serve, first in the Air Force, then, with you at the State Department," President Barack Obama said last week during the transfer-of-remains ceremony at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. "He

knew the perils of this calling. ... And there, in Benghazi, far from home ... he laid down his life in service to us all."

Smith was an only child and resided in The Hague, Netherlands, with his wife, Heather, and children Samantha, 7, and Nathan, 6.

Smith was one of four people killed in the attack in Benghazi, which took place in response to a low-budget anti-Islamic film produced in the United States, and one of three with ties to the San Diego region. Former Navy SEALs Glen Doherty, 42, of Encinitas and Tyrone Woods, 41, of Imperial Beach were also killed, along with U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

"I am enormously proud of the men and women of the State Department," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said. "I'm proud of all those across our government, civilian and military alike, who represent America abroad. They help make the United States the greatest force for peace, progress and human dignity the world has ever known."

"If the last few days teach us anything, let it be this: That this work and the men and women who risk their lives to do it are at the heart of what makes America great and good."

Smith's official title with the State Department was "information officer," but his mother said his work was classified. She doesn't know why he was in Libya.

If asked, his mother said, he would joke: "If I told you anything, I'd have to shoot you," said Patricia Smith, who had visited her son in South Africa, Montreal and the Netherlands since he left the Air Force.

"I never asked anything, and he never told me anything."

Outside the office, Sean Smith was an avid gamer and excelled at the multiplayer game EVE Online, where he was known as "Vile Rat." His personal email address was vilerat@gmail.com, his mother said, much to the consternation of State Department officials, who she said had asked him to change it.

"He would get a big grin on his face every time he would give that email to a general," Patricia Smith said.

After his death, a Facebook tribute page was created, RIP Sean "Vile Rat" Smith, which has more than 1,500 followers.

As the attack in Libya was unfolding, Sean Smith was online and briefly sent out a message before disconnecting, according to his mother and multiple media reports.

"He's my only child," Patricia Smith said. "He turned out to be a perfect kid."

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# Heather Smith is Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith' Wife (PHOTOS)

Benghazi : Libya | Sep 12, 2012 at 3:04

PM PDT

By Mivall

[fandaily.info](#) September 12, 2012 By Miva [Leave a Comment](#) September 12, 2012 By Miva [Leave a Comment](#) Protesters in Libya attack the US embassy in Benghazi during a protest over the film by American producer Sam Bacile "Innocence of Muslims" that ridicules Islam prophet Muhammad, so far three Americans were confirmed to be dead among those is US Ambassador John Christopher Stevens and Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith who is survived by his beloved wife Heather Smith and their two young children. 52-year-old Ambassador Chris Stevens was killed in the country he loved and helped for many years, apparently he and other men, some media suggest Libyan officials told protesters where the American were hiding and they attack the building, Ambassador Stevens, two unidentified Marines and Officer [Sean Smith died](#) by home inhalation; other sources claimed the car they were escaping in was struck by a rocket propelled grenade. A Libyan doctor said the Ambassador who was the only American taken to the hospital died of [severe asphyxia due to smoke inhalation](#), this caused bleeding in the stomach, but had no other injuries. Ambassador Chris Stevens who is believed not to be married or had any children is survived by his parents in North Carolina. Foreign Service Information Management Officer, Sean Smith like Ambassador Stevens was one of the finest American men serving in Libya. Air Force veteran Sean Smith joined the department in 2001, before that he arrived in Benghazi he served as an informant in Hague, Pretoria, Montreal and Baghdad. He was the beloved husband of his loving wife Heather Dye Smith from Herndon, Virginia to Eugene and Kaye Dye. Heather and Sean are the caring parents of their children Samantha and Nathan. Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith born in June 1st, 1978 was also well known in the [gamer community](#) known by his alias "Vile Rat", "Vilerat" and "Viletat" he was an important participant in the [gaming community](#) and most notoriously in the Sci-Fi multiplayer video game with Eve Online guild Goonswarm, he was also a moderator in the e-community Something Awful. Need a little help here, confirm this info. Sean's wife Heather Eugenia Smith born on May 2nd, 1974, lived in Roswell, GA graduated from Roswell High in 1992, she later lived in Dulles, VA, Canton, GA. Her sister is Melissa. You can find Sean Smith on [Facebook here](#) Our thoughts and Prayers go out to Heather her children, other members of her family, friends during this sad time. Jason Luis Rivera the 40-year-old man arrested after he was caught trespassing and hanging out with [Meet Julia Muñoz Huaman](#) she is the woman from Peru that cut off the penis of her partner Ramon. A sad story was reported yesterday when Japan's war veteran reporter Mika Yamamoto was shot and [The Costa Concordia cruise ship ran aground](#) last week, 11 people died more than 20 are still missing. Another crazy man went on a shooting spree killing several innocent people at Texas A&M

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## Hendricks, Catherine

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**From:** Kimball, Emilie A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 9:07 AM  
**To:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation of Military status for Benghazi attack condolence letters

Here you go!

I just called Brent to make sure I understood correctly as well. Tyrone S. Woods can be referred to with his rank – SCPO  
Tyrone S. Woods, USN (Ret) and “Dear Senior Chief Woods”

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Sowders, Brent R. MSgt USMC WHMO/HQ [mailto:[Brent.Sowders@whmo.mil](mailto:Brent.Sowders@whmo.mil)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Kimball, Emilie A.  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation of Military status for Benghazi attack condolence letters

Good Morning Emilie,

Please tell Jordan that I never received her email. **Sean Smith departed the Air Force (did not retire, no rank retained)** and went into Foreign Service, Glen Doherty departed the Navy (did not retire, no rank retained) and went into Foreign Service and Tyrone S. Woods did retire from the Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer then went into Foreign Service.

Please let me know if you need anything else. Talk soon.

R/S  
Brent

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**From:** Kimball, Emilie A. [mailto:[Emilie\\_A\\_Kimball@who.eop.gov](mailto:Emilie_A_Kimball@who.eop.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2012 5:54 PM  
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**Cc:** Sowders, Brent R. MSgt USMC WHMO/HQ  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation of Military status for Benghazi attack condolence letters

Forwarding - Thank you for your help here Brent, if possible!

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**From:** Lillie, Jordan  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2012 5:52 PM  
**To:** Sowders, Brent R  
**Cc:** Kimball, Emilie A.  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Military status for Benghazi attack condolence letters

Hi Brent,

I'm writing to request confirmation of the military/veteran status for 3 of the Americans killed in the Embassy attack in Libya last week.

The information I have from NSS on these individuals is as follows:

- **Glen Doherty** – former Navy SEAL
- **Tyrone S. Woods** – former Navy SEAL

- **Sean Smith** – veteran Air Force officer

In order to draft condolence letters for these individuals, we need to know if they retained a rank so that we can refer to them appropriately (either with their rank or as civilians) in each condolence letter.

Can your office please advise what is best here? Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your help.

Thanks,

Jordan

**Jordan Lillie**

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## Remarks on the Deaths of American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya

### Remarks

**Hillary Rodham Clinton**

Secretary of State

**Treaty Room**

**Washington, DC**

**September 12, 2012**

Yesterday, our U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya was attacked. Heavily armed militants assaulted the compound and set fire to our buildings. American and Libyan security personnel battled the attackers together. Four Americans were killed. They included Sean Smith, a Foreign Service information management officer, and our Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens. We are still making next of kin notifications for the other two individuals.

This is an attack that should shock the conscience of people of all faiths around the world. We condemn in the strongest terms this senseless act of violence, and we send our prayers to the families, friends, and colleagues of those we've lost.

All over the world, every day, America's diplomats and development experts risk their lives in the service of our country and our values, because they believe that the United States must be a force for peace and progress in the world, that these aspirations are worth striving and sacrificing for. Alongside our men and women in uniform, they represent the best traditions of a bold and generous nation.

In the lobby of this building, the State Department, the names of those who have fallen in the line of duty are inscribed in marble. Our hearts break over each one. And now, because of this tragedy, we have new heroes to honor and more friends to mourn.

Chris Stevens fell in love with the Middle East as a young Peace Corps volunteer teaching English in Morocco. He joined the Foreign Service, learned languages, won friends for America in distant places, and made other people's hopes his own.

In the early days of the Libyan revolution, I asked Chris to be our envoy to the rebel opposition. He arrived on a cargo ship in the port of Benghazi and began building our relationships with Libya's revolutionaries. He risked his life to stop a tyrant, then gave his life trying to help build a better Libya. The world needs more Chris Stevenses. I spoke with his sister, Ann, this morning, and told her that he will be remembered as a hero by many nations.

Sean Smith was an Air Force veteran. He spent 10 years as an information management officer in the State Department, he was posted at The Hague, and was in Libya on a brief temporary assignment. He was a husband to his wife Heather, with whom I spoke this morning. He was a father to two young children, Samantha and Nathan. They will grow up being proud of the service their father gave to our country, service that took him from Pretoria to Baghdad, and finally to Benghazi.

The mission that drew Chris and Sean and their colleagues to Libya is both noble and necessary, and we and the people of Libya honor their memory by carrying it forward. This is not easy. Today, many Americans are asking – indeed, I asked myself – how could this happen? How could this happen in a country we helped liberate, in a city we helped save from destruction? This question reflects just how complicated and, at times, how confounding the world

can be.

But we must be clear-eyed, even in our grief. This was an attack by a small and savage group – not the people or Government of Libya. Everywhere Chris and his team went in Libya, in a country scarred by war and tyranny, they were hailed as friends and partners. And when the attack came yesterday, Libyans stood and fought to defend our post. Some were wounded. Libyans carried Chris' body to the hospital, and they helped rescue and lead other Americans to safety. And last night, when I spoke with the President of Libya, he strongly condemned the violence and pledged every effort to protect our people and pursue those responsible.

The friendship between our countries, borne out of shared struggle, will not be another casualty of this attack. A free and stable Libya is still in America's interest and security, and we will not turn our back on that, nor will we rest until those responsible for these attacks are found and brought to justice. We are working closely with the Libyan authorities to move swiftly and surely. We are also working with partners around the world to safeguard other American embassies, consulates, and citizens.

There will be more time later to reflect, but today, we have work to do. There is no higher priority than protecting our men and women wherever they serve. We are working to determine the precise motivations and methods of those who carried out this assault. Some have sought to justify this vicious behavior, along with the protest that took place at our Embassy in Cairo yesterday, as a response to inflammatory material posted on the internet. America's commitment to religious tolerance goes back to the very beginning of our nation. But let me be clear – there is no justification for this, none. Violence like this is no way to honor religion or faith. And as long as there are those who would take innocent life in the name of God, the world will never know a true and lasting peace.

It is especially difficult that this happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It's an anniversary that means a great deal to all Americans. Every year on that day, we are reminded that our work is not yet finished, that the job of putting an end to violent extremism and building a safe and stable world continues. But September 11<sup>th</sup> means even more than that. It is a day on which we remember thousands of American heroes, the bonds that connect all Americans, wherever we are on this Earth, and the values that see us through every storm. And now it is a day on which we will remember Sean, Chris, and their colleagues.

May God bless them, and may God bless the thousands of Americans working in every corner of the world who make this country the greatest force for peace, prosperity, and progress, and a force that has always stood for human dignity – the greatest force the world has ever known. And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Thank you.

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Office of the Press Secretary

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## Remarks by the President at Transfer of Remains Ceremony for Benghazi Victims

Andrews Air Force Base

2:46 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Scripture teaches us "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Glen Doherty never shied from adventure. He believed that, in his life, he could make a difference -- a calling he fulfilled as a Navy SEAL. He served with distinction in Iraq and worked in Afghanistan. And there, in Benghazi, as he tended to others, he laid down his life, loyal as always, protecting his friends. Today, Glen is home.

Tyrone Woods devoted 20 years of his life to the SEALs -- the consummate "quiet professional." At the Salty Frog Bar, they might not have known, but "Rone" also served in Iraq and Afghanistan. And there, in Benghazi, he was far from Dorothy and Tyrone Jr., Hunter and little Kai. And he laid down his life, as he would have for them, protecting his friends. And today, Rone is home.

Sean Smith, it seems, lived to serve -- first, in the Air Force, then, with you at the State Department. He knew the perils of this calling from his time in Baghdad. And there, in Benghazi, far from home, he surely thought of Heather and Samantha and Nathan. And he laid down his life in service to us all. Today, Sean is home.

Chris Stevens was everything America could want in an ambassador, as the whole country has come to see -- how he first went to the region as a young man in the Peace Corps, how during the revolution, he arrived in Libya on that cargo ship, how he believed in Libya and its people and how they loved him back. And there, in Benghazi, he laid down his life for his friends -- Libyan and American -- and for us all. Today, Chris is home.

Four Americans, four patriots -- they loved this country and they chose to serve it, and served it well. They had a mission and they believed in it. They knew the danger and they accepted it. They didn't simply embrace the American ideal, they lived it. They embodied it -- the courage, the hope and, yes, the idealism, that fundamental American belief that we can leave this world a little better than before. That's who they were and that's who we are. And if we want to truly honor their memory, that's who we must always be.

I know that this awful loss, the terrible images of recent days, the pictures we're seeing again today, have caused some to question this work. And there is no doubt these are difficult days. In moments such as this -- so much anger and violence -- even the most hopeful among us must wonder.

But amid all of the images of this week, I also think of the Libyans who took to the streets with homemade signs expressing their gratitude to an American who believed in what we could achieve together. I think of the man in Benghazi with his sign in English, a message he wanted all of us to hear that said, "Chris Stevens was a friend to all Libyans. Chris Stevens was a friend."

That's the message these four patriots sent. That's the message that each of you sends every day -- civilians, military -- to people in every corner of the world, that America is a friend, and that we care not just about our own country, not just about our own interests, but about theirs; that even as voices of suspicion and mistrust seek to divide countries and cultures from one another, the United States of America will never retreat from the world. We will never stop working for the dignity and freedom that every person deserves, whatever their creed, whatever their faith.

That's the essence of American leadership. That's the spirit that sets us apart from other nations. This was their work in Benghazi, and this is the work we will carry on.

To you -- their families and colleagues -- to all Americans, know this: Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. We will bring to justice those who took them from us. We will stand fast against the violence on our diplomatic

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missions. We will continue to do everything in our power to protect Americans serving overseas, whether that means increasing security at our diplomatic posts, working with host countries, which have an obligation to provide security, and making it clear that justice will come to those who harm Americans.

Most of all, even in our grief, we will be resolute. For we are Americans, and we hold our head high knowing that because of these patriots -- because of you -- this country that we love will always shine as a light unto the world.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The flag they served under now carries them home. May God bless the memory of these men who laid down their lives for us all. May God watch over your families and all who loved them. And may God bless these United States of America.

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**The White House**

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 15, 2012

## Weekly Address: Carrying on the Work of Our Fallen Heroes

This week in Libya, we lost four of our fellow Americans. Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, Sean Smith, and Chris Stevens were all killed in an outrageous attack on our diplomatic post in Benghazi.

These four Americans represented the very best of our country.

Glen and Tyrone had each served America as Navy SEALS for many years, before continuing their service providing security for our diplomats in Libya. They died as they lived their lives – defending their fellow Americans, and advancing the values that all of us hold dear.

Sean also started his service in uniform, in the Air Force. He then spent years at the State Department, on several continents, always answering his country's call. And Ambassador Chris Stevens died a hero in two countries – here in the United States, where he inspired those of us who knew him; and in Libya, a country that he helped to save, where he ultimately laid down his life.

On Friday, I was able to tell their families how much the American people appreciated their service. Without people like them, America could not sustain the freedoms we enjoy, the security we demand, and the leadership that the entire world counts on.

As we mourn their loss, we must also send a clear and resolute message to the world: those who attack our people will find no escape from justice. We will not waver in their pursuit. And we will never allow anyone to shake the resolve of the United States of America.

This tragic attack takes place at a time of turmoil and protest in many different countries. I have made it clear that the United States has a profound respect for people of all faiths. We stand for religious freedom. And we reject the denigration of any religion – including Islam.

Yet there is never any justification for violence. There is no religion that condones the targeting of innocent men and women. There is no excuse for attacks on our Embassies and Consulates. And so long as I am Commander-in-Chief, the United States will never tolerate efforts to harm our fellow Americans.

Right now, we are doing whatever we can to protect Americans who are serving abroad. We are in contact with governments around the globe, to strengthen our cooperation, and underscore that every nation has a responsibility to help us protect our people. We have moved forward with an effort to see that justice is done for those we lost, and we will not rest until that work is done.

Most of all, we must reaffirm that we will carry on the work of our fallen heroes.

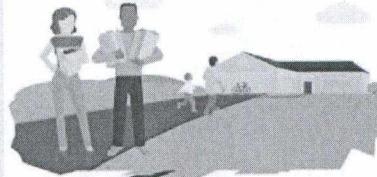
I know the images on our televisions are disturbing. But let us never forget that for every angry mob, there are millions who yearn for the freedom, and dignity, and hope that our flag represents. That is the cause of America – the ideals that took root in our founding; the opportunity that drew so many to our shores; and the awesome progress that we have promoted all across the globe.

We are Americans. We know that our spirit cannot be broken, and the foundation of our leadership cannot be shaken. That is the legacy of the four Americans we lost – men who will live on in the hearts of those they loved, and the strength of the country they served.

So with their memory to guide us, we will carry forward the work of making our country stronger, our citizens safer, and the world a better and more hopeful place. Thank you.

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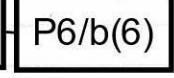
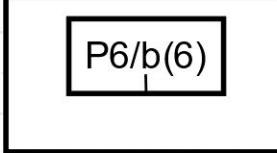
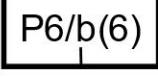
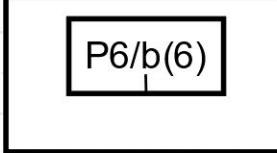
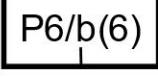
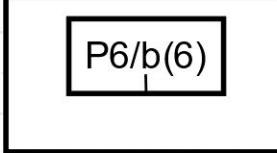
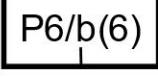
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Dear Mr. President, I am outraged and furious about the murders of Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Information Management Officer Sean Smith, and security personnel Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, at the hands of evil Muslims—after these brave and honorable Americans were abandoned alone, unprotected, undefended, and unsupported in the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya!!! I am also outraged and furious about the attacks on American Embassies and schools by mobs of bloodthirsty, homicidal, looting, evil Muslims in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, and Sudan! Enough of the permissive approach to these evil creatures that gives them a license to kill Americans without any fear of arrest and prosecution, punishment, or retribution!!! Enough of giving them American aid—hard earned tax dollars from Americans who hope to assist them to live a better, healthier, democratic life!!! These evil creatures do not appreciate those gifts! As a hard-working taxpayer and loyal American, I demand that all Americans abroad in diplomatic missions, embassies, and consulates be properly protected and defended! Marine Corps Embassy Security Groups should be given ANY weapons that they need to effectively defend ALL our American installations in foreign countries—especially hostile, Muslim countries. There should be a shoot-to-kill standing order for our Marine guards and other security folks for any intruder at our embassies and consulates who has the intent of murder, violence, taking hostages, arson, and looting! The USA should use drone strikes or even air strikes to short-circuit attacks on American facilities. We also need to promptly CEASE all foreign aid to Egypt (Egypt is NOT a friend and ally to the USA), Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, and Sudan. These host countries must be made pay for all damages and looted items at our American embassies, consulates, and schools! Otherwise, you are reinforcing the idea in their evil, sick, psychopathic, inhuman minds that they have a license to kill Americans and steal or destroy American property without any negative consequences. The British learned prior to World War II that appeasement does not work. We need a true, national day of mourning for our dead from Libya! The election is coming rapidly! Sincerely, Richard Shannahan

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Dear Mr. President, I am the demo that you want to vote for you in November. I am an Independent and I am a woman. I voted for you in 2008. I'm sorry to tell you that you've lost my vote (for many reasons) and frankly, you have blood on your hands. Your administration could have prevented what happened in Libya. Never forget that you could have saved the lives of Christopher Stevens, Tyrone Woods, Glen Doherty and Sean Smith. Remember their names. Please stop focusing on your re-election and start doing your job. Sincerely, Melinda Grotz

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September 21, 2012 Mr. President: I know you're busy these days, so I thought I'd help you out with deciphering the non-film -caused terror attacks in Benghazi. Following is a quote from Gulag Bound, which sounds cogent enough to me, and will assist you in getting at the facts, (but only If the story is true) so that you don't have to wait until after Nov. 6th, to tell the people of the United States why four Americans, including Ambassador Christ Stevens, died that day in Libya.

WEAPONS HUNTING: The Reason for the 9-11 Murders in Libya September 20, 2012, 7:33 pm

1 The Chase in Benghazi He and Ambassador Stevens, as well as the two other special operators from Wind Zero, were executing a CIA and State Department mission to track not only Qaddafi's weapons, but to trace any and all weapons trafficking in the regions. Smith was the information officer at the Benghazi mission and likely was too close to having uncovered intelligence that pinpointed key players both in and outside of Libya. Intelligence was shared with the CIA, which does enforce the drone program, whether inside Libya, stemming from the mission to remove Qaddafi, or in other hot-spots in the Middle East. by Denise Simon (@spongedocks) & Arlen Williams (@ArlenWms) The Soviet occupation in Afghanistan was a long and stalwart war to install a subset of an overall communist footprint in the region. Military and ideological defeat were predictable and the CIA aided in the quest against the Soviets. Part of the original objective of the United States (credited to Zbigniew Brzezinski and adopted by Presidents Carter and Reagan) was to arm key factions to fend off the Soviets. This was successful. But, as the full retreat by the Soviets was underway, al Qaeda and the Taliban were soon in full possession of weapons that the United States had provided over the years to the anti-Soviet opposition. And the greater part of weapons inventories were Soviet, including even tanks, amidst quite a full array of conventional weapons left behind in their hasty exit. The Afghans being resourceful took full advantage and learned to repair, rebuild and clone weapons and ammunition, both. This would soon become a major threat to the West. The cure was to dial up big dollars and go on a buy-back mission to get the weapons out of the hands of militants. Everyone in the nation was armed with virtual immunity; no checks and balances of force existed. Mutual failures to contain were nearly locked in. So, at least by the time of the Clinton administration, the U.S. had begun attempts at a buy-back program, to regain weapons sent to Afghanistan. Looking over to Libya, Qaddafi during his reign, set on a quest to obtain his own arsenal. It came to include not only millions of weapons, from small arms and rocket propelled grenades, to Russian shoulder fired SA-24 missiles; it also carried a nuclear ambition. Foreign

leaders pressed Qaddafi only on the nuclear ambition and there he capitulated, but all other weapons including the MANPADS among its surface to air missiles arsenal, was left out of the process and the arrangements made with him. Last year, as the mission was underway to remove Qaddafi from power, a great deal of confusion set in and all armories were raided by unique militias across Libya. All weapons were stolen and taken to destinations unknown. Qaddafi had spent an estimated \$30 billion in the span of twenty-five years, on conventional weapons from the USSR and China, via Algeria and even Belarus. Included in this stout purchasing campaign were planes and communications equipment. In the realms of arms trafficking, black markets, and jihad, members of these groups know the movement of weapons and maintain a keen eye upon their vulnerability, either to steal or to purchase them at discounted prices. Such was the case during the regime change objective, to remove Qaddafi from power. Libya experienced a huge infiltration of underworld terror groups such as al Qaeda, Boko Harem, pirates from Somalia, and militias, all sneaking into Qaddafi's inventory. Weapons did leave Libya, but it is unknown just what remained in country. Of particular importance are the 20,000 MANPADS of which today, only 5,000 have been recovered. Enter the United States with a large purse of an allocated \$40 million, to search for weapons and to buy-back in large numbers, while tracing and tracking the sources and associations of the groups. (To be sure, a few other countries did in fact donate much smaller dollars to support the mission.) Transitional fighters and jihadis across the region have no loyalty to a country or flag, but only to their causes. They include AQIM, al Shabaab, AQAP, and Ansar al Sharia, to list only a few. The groups transit borders, from North Africa to Syria, with some number and variations of these weapons from Libya. Since the removal of Qaddafi, Libya has no cohesive government in place and Benghazi is a perfect product of lawlessness and confusion. Libya during the overthrow of Qaddafi, March 20, 2011; Benghazi became the center of opposition. It should also be known and understood that communications between and among the leadership of terror networks is performed on the Internet by means of dynamic chat rooms and similar websites. The most clandestine communications are found on the sites of video games and other computer games. Here, open chatter, instruction, and planning take place under the guise and cover of gaming. Such is the case in the matter of weapons and the terror attacks we are witnessing in the Middle East. One of the four Americans murdered in Benghazi was Sean Smith, who was known for his online gaming and social media skills. He and Ambassador Stevens, as well as the two other special operators from Wind Zero, were executing a CIA and State Department mission to track not only Qaddafi's weapons, but to trace any and all weapons trafficking in the regions. Smith was the information officer at the Benghazi mission and likely was too close to having uncovered intelligence that pinpointed key players both in and outside of Libya. Intelligence was shared with the CIA, which does enforce the drone program, whether inside Libya, stemming from the mission to remove Qaddafi, or in other hot-spots in the Middle East. The single Obama regime method of processing the 'kill list' is to use drone strikes and having proven intelligence as provided by Sean Smith and the two retired SEALS via Wind Zero connecting the dots of weapons, money, and names, led to the violent event and their deaths in Benghazi. It was never about a video. That pretense was concocted as cover and the State Department, as well as radical Muslims had their hand in disseminating that disinformation. Related observations: Ambassador Stevens spoke Arabic and French. He was a foreign service officer all his life and had spent significant time in Syria. Likely, he was drawn to the mission and to the high salary and benefits for taking this job. Very likely, the fact of the homosexual U.S. Ambassador's presence among the weapons hunting American operatives was icing on the cake. As reported in numerous venues, the four murdered Americans were found in an apartment, not a recognized consulate, in the Jihadi rich city of Benghazi. Al Qaeda in Libya and their ringleader, Abu Sufian Ibrahim Ahmed Hamuda bin Qumu, were trying to get rid of Gaddafi for 20 years. Ostensibly, Qunu has health problems and was released from Gitmo to Qaddafi in 2007. But, essentially, he was employed by Hillary Clinton, neck-deep in the instigation of Arab Spring unrest under the shadow-creating umbrella of the U.S. State Department's "Civil Societies" initiative. See in Gulag Bound, "The Engineers of 'Leaderless' Arab Spring & Occupy Wall Street." See in the New York Times, "Libyan, Once a Detainee, Is Now a U.S. Ally of Sorts." Qumu essentially created or re-created the al Qaeda effort which successfully participated in ousting Qaddafi. The Blind Sheikh was and is a major issue of Egypt and Muslim Brotherhood; this was Libya. Egypt was a massive protest on 9-11-2012; this was a militia attack of Benghazi operators. Denise Simon is Senior Research Analyst on Domestic and Foreign Policy for Stand Up America; also 3rd Officer for Watchmen of America, Public Affairs Officer, and an Intel Officer for Watchmen of Florida. Denise is a member of the International Association of Counterterrorism and Security Professionals and is a First Observer, in addition to an executive career in national and international telecommunications, and non-profit organization....." So, I guess a MANPAD is Man-Portable Air Defense System- I don't know weapons, or acronyms, but I guess they are a shoulder-fired missile. Obviously, I have no way of confirming what Ms. Simon has to say. But it sounds a bit more plausible than you repeating yourself about that film stuff, and expecting us to buy it. And didn't I postulate in the Spring of 2011 that Hillary may have instigated the Arab Springboard to the Muslim Brotherhood? I do have a comparison, however. Was Benghazi the direct opposite of Fast & Furious - a loose "redistribution of guns" (I understand you're quite fond of that word, "Re-distribution) whereas Libya was a disgracefully run weapons locator program? As you know F&F was a dreadfully vile exercise in 2nd Amendment violating gun-yanking, that resulted in the death of not only Brian Terry, but hundreds of Mexicans as well. I believe Univision asked you a few questions on that. And by the way, how does the DOJ get to investigate the DOJ? We the American People deserve so much more, and Brian Terry's family of course does, too. Incidentally, I note that more and more websites are mentioning Brian Terry in the same sentence with Donald Young. Also, there has

been discussion as to whether Ambassador Stevens was a gay man. I heard former Congressman, Rob Simmons discuss that on a local radio station. If Mr. Stevens was gay, do you think it wise for Mrs. Clinton to send him into a jihadist arena, among the practitioners of a religion so "peaceful" that they murder homosexuals? I'm also wondering about that strange movie maker, Nakoula B. Nakoula. Here's a quote on him:

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LOS ANGELES (The Blaze/AP) — A Southern California filmmaker linked to an anti-Islamic movie blamed at least in part for sparking protests across the Middle East was interviewed by federal probation officers at a Los Angeles sheriff's station but was not arrested or detained, authorities said early Saturday. Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was interviewed at the station in his hometown of Cerritos, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Don Walker said. Federal officials have said they were investigating the activities of Nakoula, who has been convicted of financial crimes. If the probation department determines Nakoula violated terms of his release by uploading a video to the Internet, a judge could send him back to prison. Walker said Nakoula traveled voluntarily in a squad car with deputies. "He went to the Cerritos station to talk with probation officers. He's not under any arrest," Walker said. The deputy said he doesn't have information on the interview or how long it lasted. KNBC-TV reported deputies in two marked cars and one unmarked vehicle pulled up to Nakoula's home around midnight then left as a group for the station. Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore described Nakoula as "very cooperative." A KNBC photo of deputies escorting Nakoula from his home showed him wearing a heavy coat, scarf, hat and glasses. The federal probation department is reviewing the case of Nakoula, who was previously convicted on bank fraud charges and was banned from using computers or the Internet as part of his sentence. The review is aimed at learning whether Nakoula violated the terms of his five-year probation.

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So in the Obama administration, people are grabbed in the middle of the night, with no arrest warrant? Where was a lawyer for the guy? Granted, he's a crook: check bouncing, or whatever. But wasn't he also an FBI "patsy?" Nakoula reminds me a lot of Robert Braddock- formerly employed by Brook Colangelo – your LGBT "go to" guy. Braddock wound up falsifying the Larry Sinclair lie detector test- possibly at the behest of David Axelrod, but I can't confirm that. How COULD I? At least the FBI got hold of Braddock in the Chris Donovan Connecticut crooked campaign financing stuff. Funny how no one in the media talks about Braddock's White House Connections...go figure.... Prayers for the families of all who should not have died, Maureen Cc: Sen. McCain Sen. Lieberman Speaker Boehner FOX

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: ELIZABETH H. OLSON  
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DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: FIONA O. REEVES  
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE LETTERS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS OF THE  
EMBASSY ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA

The attached condolence letters are for family members of the four Americans killed in the attack on the United States diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.

✓ **Ambassador John Christopher Stevens**

Ambassador Stevens is survived by his father, Mr. Jan Stevens, of Sacramento, California; and his mother, Mrs. Mary Commanday, of Oakland, California.

✓ **Sean Smith**

Sean Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Heather Smith, and his children, Samantha and Nathan. He was a United States Air Force veteran.

✓ **Glen Doherty**

Glen Doherty is survived by his mother, Mrs. Barbara Doherty, of Woburn, Massachusetts. He was a former United States Navy SEAL.

✓ **SCPO Tyrone S. Woods, USN (Ret)**

Senior Chief Woods is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Woods, of Henderson, Nevada, and his children, Tyrone Jr., Hunter, and Kai. He was a former United States Navy SEAL.



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