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The [Select Committee on Benghazi](http://benghazi.house.gov/) was established by the US House of Representatives on May 8, 2014, by adopting H. Res. 567 <<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-resolution/567?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22benghazi%22%5D%7D>>, Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi, Libya. There are [12 members](#) <<http://benghazi.house.gov/>> ( 7 R, 5 D ), chaired by Rep. Trey Gowdy ( R-SC ).

Beginning September 17, 2014, [four public Hearings](http://benghazi.house.gov/hearings) <http://benghazi.house.gov/hearings> have now been conducted. The most recent hearing, conducted October 22, 2015, received the testimony of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as the sole witness. Conducted in the US House of Representatives Longworth House Office Building, the video of the entire hearing is posted [here http://benghazi.house.gov/hearings](http://benghazi.house.gov/hearings) on the Benghazi Select Committee website, in two parts.

The first video is also posted on YouTube [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABFWjZxCAAQ) [\[ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABFWjZxCAAQ>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABFWjZxCAAQ) [ Benghazi Select Committee (Hearing 4), video - 5:56:25, views - 350,030 ], covering the period approx. 10am to 4pm ( including recess breaks ). The second video is also posted on YouTube [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvl1LpZp3Q) [\[ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvl1LpZp3Q>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvl1LpZp3Q) [ Select Committee on Benghazi (Hearing 4 B), video - 5:20:43, views - 36,526 ], covering the period approx. 4pm to 9:20pm ( including recess breaks ).

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The general focus of this particular e-mail report is limited to three precise, prepared questions asked of Secretary Hillary Clinton by Rep. Mike Pompeo ( R-KS ) beginning close to 8:30 pm ( [second video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvl1LpZp3Q>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvl1LpZp3Q) time 4:27:00 ), especially the second question dealing with "any efforts by the US Government in Libya to provide any weapons, directly or indirectly, or through a cut-out, to any Syrian rebels or militias or opposition **Syrian** forces". These are the three questions of Rep. Pompeo, and the answers given by Secretary Clinton:

Rep. Pompeo: "Were you aware, or are you aware, of any efforts by the US Government in Libya to provide any weapons either directly or indirectly, or through a cut-out, to any Libyan rebels or militias or opposition to Gaddafi's forces ?"

Secretary Clinton: [ pause ] "That was a very long question, and I think the answer is no."

Rep. Pompeo: "Were you aware, or are you aware, of any US efforts by the US Government in Libya to provide any weapons directly or indirectly, or through a cut-out, to any Syrian rebels or militias or opposition to Syrian forces ?"

Secretary Clinton: "No."

Rep. Pompeo: "Were you aware, or are you aware, of any efforts by the US Government in Libya to facilitate or support the provision of weapons to any opposition of Gaddafi's forces, Libyan rebels, or militias through a third party or country ?"

Secretary Clinton: "No."

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The specific focus of this e-mail will be the core of the second question. Did the US Government in Libya provide weapons to the Syrian 'rebels'/militias/opposition ? Multiple sources have said "yes" and multiple sources have suspected "yes". Did **Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** know ? How about then **Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta** ? How about then **Director of the CIA, General David Petraeus** ? Is Hillary Clinton's "No" answer a Big Lie ? Is Congressman Trey Gowdy's Benghazi Select Committee going to call Leon Panetta and David Petraeus as witnesses to appear before the Benghazi Select Committee among the remaining 20 or so witnesses that Rep. Gowdy said in the Oct. 22 Hearing are planned to testify before the committee ? Will Panetta and Petraeus appear in open public Hearing(s) so the American people might hear for themselves their answers ?

THIS is the key to understanding the September 11, 2012 attack on the Benghazi diplomatic mission facility ( it was not a consulate or an embassy, but was a temporary facility ), and the subsequent attack on the nearby CIA Annex, which resulted in the murder of US Ambassador Chris Stevens, and three other Americans ( Foreign Service officer Sean Smith, CIA operator Tyrone Woods, and CIA operator Glen Doherty ), because THIS explains why the attack took place in the first place, and why Ambassador Chris Stevens was killed: The US Government was gun-running to the Syrian 'rebels' from Libya, through Turkey, to Syria.

In addition, was not **CIA Director Petraeus** most responsible for the CIA Annex "Stand Down" order forbidding their rescue of the Benghazi diplomatic mission personnel ( which thankfully was disobeyed ).

The Blaze.com

**New Explosive Benghazi Allegations:  
CIA Operators Told to 'Stand Down' During Attack As 3 Urgent Requests for Military Back-Up Were Denied**

<<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/explosive-benghazi-allegation-cia-told-to-stand-down-during-attack-3-urgent-requests-for-military-back-up-were-denied/>>

Posted on October 26, 2012

Includes videos

[ Warning: The Blaze.com has link on article webpage to certain vulgar words of US Vice President Joe Biden. ]

And were not both **CIA Director Petraeus** and **Secretary of Defense Panetta** most responsible for the failure to provide military air support to the embattled personnel at the CIA Annex which resulted in the deaths of Woods and Doherty ?

FoxNews.com

**EXCLUSIVE: CIA operators were denied request for help during Benghazi attack, sources say**

<<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/10/26/cia-operators-were-denied-request-for-help-during-benghazi-attack-sources-say/>>

Published October 26, 2012

Includes FOX News report video - 5:37

FoxNews.com

**Obama avoids question on whether Americans in Libya were denied requests for help**

<<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/10/27/obama-avoids-question-on-whether-americans-in-libya-were-denied-requests-for/?intcmp=trending>>

Published October 27, 2012

Includes FOX News report video - 3:17

**"The CIA and Defense Department have denied claims about requests for support being rejected."**

**The Benghazi Select Committee investigation is not yet over, and it is tasked with writing a Final Report**

**on the September 11, 2012 attack on Benghazi. Any credible, serious, thorough report produced by Rep. Gowdy's Benghazi Select Committee must include a thorough investigation and report on this matter of US Government gun-running to the Syrian rebels, because THIS is the key to understanding the September 11, 2012 attack on the Benghazi diplomatic mission facility !!!**

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**Among the individuals who have addressed the issue of US Government gun-running to Syria, in addition to Rep. Mike Pompeo ( R-KS ) ( who is also a West Point graduate ), are LTG ( Ret'd ) Jerry Boykin, former U.S. Army Special Forces Commander; US Senator Rand Paul ( R-KY ), Glenn Beck, Alex Jones, and more.**

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**LTG Boykin:** “I believe there has been significant information that has come out recently calling into question whether the ambassador was either involved in or making preparations for supplying material to the Syrian resistance forces.” [ January 22, 2013 ]  
<<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article33698.htm>>

**(Video) Retired Lt. Gen. Jerry Boykin suspects US Was Running Guns To Syrian Rebels Via Benghazi**

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2l7ITwqv50c>>

Video - 16:23

Views - 18,121

January 22, 2013

## **Former Special Forces Commander: Was U.S. Running Guns to Syrian Rebels Via Benghazi?**

**CIA: No**

<<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/former-special-forces-commander-was-us-running-guns-syrian-rebels-benghazi-cia-no>>

January 22, 2013

New York Times

## **Arms Airlift to Syria Rebels Expands, With Aid From C.I.A.**

<<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/25/world/middleeast/arms-airlift-to-syrian-rebels-expands-with-cia-aid.html>>

March 24, 2013

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FOX News

## **[ US Senator ] Rand Paul: Benghazi May Have Been Cover-up for Obama Gun-Running [ to Turkey, then Syrian rebels ]**

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQV513CXclg>>

Video - 1:03

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**Senator Rand Paul: "I think arms were being sold, and have been sold, out of Libya to Turkey, and they're winding up in the hands of the Syrian rebels. ... That may have been occurring through the CIA Annex."**

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**Video excerpt from US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing  
January 23, 2013:**

## **Rand Paul Destroys Hillary Clinton Over Benghazi-Gate During Capitol Hill [ Public Hearing ]**

<[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jriU\\_cPU9Vk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jriU_cPU9Vk)>

Video - 6:12

Views - 1,251,648

**Published on Jan 23, 2013** [ This is a video excerpt from then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's appearance before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 23, 2013. THIS WAS MORE THAN TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO !!!

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's prepared statement

<<http://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/SECRETARY%20OF%20STATE%20HILLARY%20RODHAM%20CLINTON.pdf>>. ]

( At 2:20 into video )

**Senator Rand Paul:** "Now my question is, is the US involved with any procuring of weapons, transfer of weapons, buying, selling, anyhow, transferring weapons to Turkey, out of Libya ?"

**Secretary of State Hillary Clinton:** [ (feigned?) befuddled look ] "To Turkey ? I will have to take that question for the record. Nobody's ever raised that with me."

**Senator Rand Paul:** "It's been in news reports that ships have been leaving from Libya and that they may have weapons. And what I'd like to know, is the [ CIA ] Annex that was close by, were they involved with procuring, buying, selling, obtaining weapons, and were any of these weapons being transferred to other countries, any countries, Turkey included ?"

**Secretary of State Hillary Clinton:** "Well, Senator, you'll have to direct that question to the agency that ran the [ CIA ] Annex. And I will see what information is available and ..."

**Senator Rand Paul:** "You're saying you don't know ?"

**Secretary of State Hillary Clinton:** "I do not know. I don't have any information on that. ... "

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