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Eric Holder, Attorney General
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Eric Holder,

The recent activities at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, detailed in the enclosed article, appear to contemplate false flag attacks in order to goad the U.S. into attacking Iran. WINEP is the offshoot of an organization (AIPAC) we believe should long have been registering under the 1938 Foreign Agents Registration Act.

WINEP would apparently like to see false flag naval incidents against U.S. ships or attacks on U.S. military bases. Given WINEP's close ties to Israeli intelligence and military officials who often work as staff members, it is not unreasonable to assume WINEP is channeling these plots to foreign entities that are in a position to turn them into violent covert actions.

In the past, such attempts to thwart advice and consent governance in the U.S. were taken very seriously by the U.S. Department of Justice. We urge you to investigate WINEP to determine whether it is actively inciting covert actions against the U.S. in order to obtain something current polls indicate the majority of Americans firmly oppose: another unwarranted U.S. military action in the Middle East.

We urge that since WINEP is a link in a well-documented chain going back to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it too should register as an Israeli foreign agent. An initial review of WINEP's activities since 1984 reveals it tightly coordinates with the Israeli government to obtain U.S. taxpayer-funded benefits and advocate policies advanced by and in the interest of the Israeli government. WINEP does not appear to engage in activities of any legitimate charitable corporate purpose. Other foreign government lobbyists engaged in highly similar activities are openly declaring their foreign ties and submit reports every 6 months for public inspection in the FARA section. This protects Americans and provides the transparency originally envisioned in FARA.

Sincerely,

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Director of Research

Cc: Ronald Machen, US Attorney – Washington, DC, Heather Hunt, FARA unit

Enclosure: Spy Crisis Launched AIPAC's Think Tank – 10/7/2012, ANTIWAR.COM