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Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Rice:

This is now my third letter regarding the two Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA) campuses in Virginia and concerns raised by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) on the content of textbooks being used there.

Since my last letter, I have solicited the opinion of the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) regarding the applicability of the Foreign Missions Act (FMA) to the issues surrounding the Islamic Saudi Academy. The CRS findings indicate that "ISA could be deemed a 'foreign mission' by the State Department for FMA purposes..." which would carry with it certain secretarial authorities.

With the 2008 school year rapidly approaching, it is imperative that this matter be resolved. If the students at ISA are *not* being taught or exposed to texts that incite hatred and intolerance of other people and faiths, then in all fairness to them and those associated with the academy, concerns should be put to rest. If, however, the content of the textbooks is consistent with USCIRF's findings outlined in its June 11 report, then immediate action is required.

These determinations cannot be made without the counsel of language experts who are uniquely skilled to translate and interpret the textbooks. Therefore, considering the information provided by CRS, I ask you once again to convene a meeting of relevant State Department and USCIRF representatives (which would include the expert analysts commissioned by USCIRF to translate and interpret the ISA textbooks as well as any analysts commissioned by the State Department to translate and interpret the ISA textbooks that the department has received), to conclusively determine what precisely is being taught at ISA. The findings of such a meeting would inform what, if any, State Department action is necessary and prudent to "protect U.S. interests."

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress