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Dear Sir,

The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) has at no time paid senior former U.S. officials or any other dignitary in the U.S. and denies these reports categorically and unequivocally. This is an utter lie and there is not even a scintilla of truth to it.

The MEK, as the legitimate opposition to the clerical regime, enjoys international recognition in Europe and the U.S. The objective of this failed propaganda is to weaken the widespread public support of the members of Congress, officials and scores of U.S. Generals for the residents of Ashraf and their call for the revoking of the illegitimate and unjust terror listing of the MEK.

Instead of disseminating these fabrications and baseless assertions, the question that has to be asked is why the U.S. has repeatedly violated its written promise to protect every resident of Camp Ashraf, and why has it allowed the Government of Iraq to slaughter residents at behest of the Iranian regime - atrocities that have been censured strongly by scores of prominent U.S. politicians.

The accusations aim to harm the dignity of the MEK and residents of Ashraf and to force them to accept conditions imposed by the Government of Iraq, conditions that have been dictated to Iraq by the Iranian regime.

There was no reference to ruling of the Federal appeals court in Washington on July 2010, a ruling that ordered the State Department to review the MEK's inclusion on the terror list. The court stipulated that the documents provided by the State Department were mostly based on hearsay and unsubstantiated evidence. In several Congressional hearings, the Secretary of State and officials of the State Department have been criticized for procrastinating revoking the designation.

It should be noted that the MEK filed a “mandamus” with the federal appeals court in Washington in February to order the State Department to remove the MEK from the terror list. The court ruled that the MEK has a right to a speedy hearing, and gave the government until March 26 to respond.

The MEK had no involvement in the assassination of U.S. citizens or military personnel in Iran four decades ago. Rehashing these allegations and calling this movement a sect only end up playing into the hands of the religious fanatics ruling Iran.

It is an insult to common sense and an insult to U.S. democracy to claim that leaders from both major parties support a "terrorist organization" in exchange for money. Several thousand politicians and legislators in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East support the MEK and Ashraf residents. It is very naive to claim that they have been bought off by the MEK. This movement is the sole hope of bringing about an Iran Spring and the establishment of democracy. These shameful accusations aim to sideline those who support democracy in Iran.

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