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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant
From: Aram S. Hamparian, Executive Director
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Re: **New revelations about Turkish spying on the U.S. government**

The *Washington Times* recently printed an update (2/4/05) on the long-standing allegations by former FBI translator Sibel Edmonds, a whistleblower who was fired after charging that "Turks suspected of ties to terrorism had infiltrated the FBI, State Department and Department of Defense." The article (initially reported by UPI) cites the earlier coverage of this issue on CBS's *60 Minutes* (see excerpt below from their August 6, 2004 program).



[...] Take the case of Jan Dickerson, a Turkish translator who worked with Edmonds. The FBI has admitted that when Dickerson was hired, the bureau didn't know that she had worked for **a Turkish organization being investigated by the FBI's own counter-intelligence unit.**

They also didn't know she'd had a relationship with **a Turkish intelligence officer stationed in Washington** who was the target of that investigation. According to Edmonds, Dickerson tried to recruit her into that organization, and insisted that Dickerson be the only one to translate the FBI's wiretaps of that Turkish official.

"She got very angry, and later she threatened me and my family's life," says Edmonds, when she decided not to go along with the plan. "She said, 'Why would you want to place your life and your family's life in danger by translating these tapes?'"

Edmonds says that when she reviewed Dickerson's translations of those tapes, she found that Dickerson had left out information crucial to the FBI's investigation - information that Edmonds says would have revealed that **the Turkish intelligence officer had spies working for him inside the U.S. State Department and at the Pentagon.**

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