BENGHAZI IS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER SEX SCANDAL

It's taken a soap opera to get the network evening news broadcasts to take an interest in what happened in Libya on 9/11/2012. Better late than never.

Three days after Barack Hussein Obama was safely re-elected, Gen. David Petraeus, the CIA director, resigned. The reason, he said, was his affair with Paula Broadwell, 40, his biographer.

They became smitten when he was in Afghanistan and she was embedded there, but the affair didn't begin until after he was sworn in as CIA Director, Gen. Petraeus has said. He broke it off last summer.

The FBI learned of the affair in May or June, when Tampa socialite Jill Kelley complained she was receiving threatening emails from Ms. Broadwell, who apparently suspected Ms. Kelley had supplanted her in Gen. Petraeus' affections.

The Pentagon is investigating thousands of emails, some "like phone sex," exchanged over two years between Ms. Kelley, 37, and Marine Gen. John Allen, who replaced Gen. Petraeus as commander in Afghanistan.

Ms. Kelley and her husband, Scott, a physician, threw lavish parties despite being heavily in debt. Their lavish lifestyle was financed in part, apparently, by a phony charity they started.

When it was learned the FBI agent who initially reported the emails is being investigated for having an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Kelley, the supermarket tabloids hit the trifecta. The prurient details shouldn't obscure these important questions:

*She took classified materials from government offices, Ms. Broadwell reportedly has admitted to the FBI. (As an Army Reserve intelligence officer, she has the clearance to read them, but not the need to know.) How did she get them?

In a speech in Denver Oct. 27, Ms. Broadwell said prisoners were being held at the CIA annex. Is this true? Did Gen. Petraeus tell her this?

We didn't learn about the affair until election day, the White House claims. This strains credulity. Gen. Petraeus apparently lied when he testifed about Benghazi to the House Intelligence Committee Sept. 13. Why? His testimony was behind closed doors, so security couldn't have been the reason. Was he being blackmailed?

The most important questions have nothing to do with sex:

*Why was security in Libya so lax? Ambassador Chris Stevens and local security officials

complained repeatedly about it, so this had to be deliberate. Who made the decision not to protect our diplomats?

*What was going on at the CIA annex? The CIA acknowledges it was gathering intelligence on Islamists. Ms. Broadwell said prisoners were being kept at the annex. The CIA was buying back man-portable anti-aircraft missiles that went missing after the regime of Muammar Khadafy fell, according to some reports. Some were then transferred to the rebels in Syria, say others. If that's true, to whom in Syria were the MANPADs given?

*Former Navy SEALs Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty were killed by a mortar round some seven hours after the attack began. Could the military have come to their rescue during that time? Were military forces ordered to stand down? If so, why? By whom?

Mr. Woods or Mr. Doherty was illuminating the mortar position with a ground laser designator, according to "those present at the compound," Fox News reported. This would have been foolish if there were no aircraft on station that could take the mortar out, because a jihadi with a cell phone could trace the laser beam back to its point of origin. Why did the former SEALs think an aircraft was on station? If one was, why didn't it fire?

He and Mr. Doherty were going there to help, Mr. Woods told his superiors when he heard shooting at the consulate. They were ordered to stand down, but went anyway, Fox News reported. Who told them not to come to the aid of the diplomats? Why?

*Shortly after it began, officials in Washington knew the attackers were a relatively small group of well-armed terrorists. Within a day, an al-Qaida affiliate had claimed responsibility. But for nearly a week afterward, President Obama and senior administration officials claimed the attack was the result of a "spontaneous" protest to a Youtube video. Why did they lie?

These questions aren't as sexy as the love triangle that's finally gotten the "mainstream" media's attention, but they're more important. They deserve answers.

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