

AFFIDAVIT OF
SEMA KARAOGLU

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

Ms. Sema Karaoglu Flew, being sworn, hereby says and deposes:

1. I am United States citizen currently residing in San Clemente, California. I was born in Nicosia, Cyprus in 1945.
2. I am a graduate of CSUN (California) with a degree in History. At present I am not employed but choose to dedicate my time to better the lot of Turkish Americans in the United States and to promote better understanding of the tragic events of World War I which are presented, especially in the United States, as unilateral and biased representation of the events without showing the suffering of the Turkish people at the hands of the rebel and/or insurgents (the Armenian people of both the Ottoman Empire and the Czarist Russian Empire.) The Armenian insurgence is especially hurtful as the Armenian Millet (minority) in the Ottoman Empire had the MOST PRIVILEGED STATUS of all the Millets in the Ottoman Empire.
3. Over the years, I have been following the physical attacks by the extremist Armenian groups and lately their cultural attacks on the character of not only the Turkish people in Turkey and the world over but on Turkish American people in the United States. The Armenian hatred seems to be a manufactured hatred by the Armenian Apostolic Church in order to unify its own people.
4. I am currently a Vice President of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations based in Washington DC and a founding member of the Turkish American Alliance for Fairness based in California as well as a founding member of Daughters of Ataturk.
5. Both as Vice President of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations and a member of the Turkish American Alliance for Fairness, on November 15, 1999, I went to a California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) hearing in San Diego, California. I knew that the State Treasure, Mr. Phil Angelides was going to speak against investing in Turkey. Mr. Angelides has been urging both CalPERS and CalSTRS to adopt new guidelines for investing in the world's high-risk emerging markets. Mr. Angelides has a personal ideological and political ax to grind, which he refuses to admit, but says that these investment reports are not consistent with the investment policies of California. Mr. Angelides' personal vendetta was openly evident when he was joined by Mr. Walter Karabian. My personal rights as United States citizen were violated when I was intimidated to speak, to present the Turkish point of view even though I was well prepared on the subject and had some documents with me.

I had seen and heard Mr. Karabian talk many times before. But this time he was there with his own television crew, his bodyguards, his reporters and what I believe to be his Armenian supporters.

When I told Mr. Angelides' aide that I wanted to talk, they practically surrounded me and intimidated me. I do not know what the people who surrounded me were saying (they were speaking in Armenian) but their sneers and looks were unbearable. MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED at an OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA CalPERS and CalSTRS meeting.

Needless to say I did not speak nor was I in any way asked to speak. The agenda was filled instead with a film by Peter Jennings about the Armenian Genocide and a talk about the Evacuation of Smyrna (present that Izmir, Turkey). The hearing about CalPERS and CalSTRS investments had become an arena about Armenian Genocide where even Mr. Angelides' remarks were overshadowed by those of Mr. Karabian.

6. I believe that Mr. Topalian's terrorist crimes are as heinous as hate crimes because they have sent a message to the Turkish American community that verbal opposition or lobbying against the Armenian American agenda to promote the genocide allegation will lead to retribution of some sort, and thus de facto contributes to denying Turkish Americans the right to participate in the political process and debate over an issue of public importance such as I have experienced at the CalPERS and CalSTRS meeting in November 1999.
7. Again, I believe as a registered Republican, my rights are violated when the Armenian Republicans in California openly have stated that they would not support any candidate (presidential or otherwise) that does not recognize the Armenian genocide. MY RIGHTS AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS OF ALL AMERICANS ARE VIOLATED WHEN SUCH AN OPEN STATEMENT IS MADE.
8. In conclusion, I wholeheartedly believe that in order to be able to live in a true democracy, all should be able to speak their beliefs, their opinions on any given subject. By verbal or written intimidation, by presenting a unilateral view of history, by demanding that all candidates recognize the Armenian genocide a true democracy cannot be established. The United States, the most powerful nation in the world, should not be held hostage to the demands of the few.

Notarization

Sema L. Karabian *Sema L. Karabian* Flew

October 4, 2000

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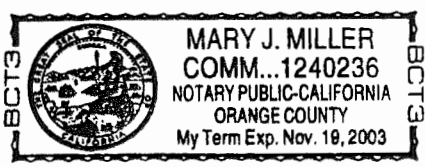
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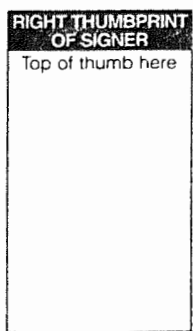
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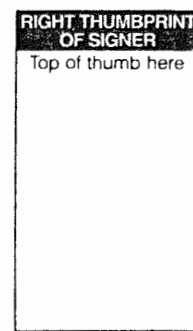
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