

# MAYBE JOHN BRENNAN DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT CIA LYING TO CONGRESS?

Mark Udall just released word that John Brennan failed to ~~connect the dots~~ do his homework before meeting with Udall about his CIA confirmation.

Mark Udall, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said he is “deeply disappointed” that CIA nominee John Brennan was unprepared to discuss the Intelligence Committee’s recent report on the CIA’s Detention and Interrogation Program. Udall and Senators Carl Levin (D-Mich.) and Ron Wyden (R-Ore.) met with Brennan today after asking him to review the committee’s findings, which were based on a documentary review of more than 6 million pages of CIA and other records, and raises critical questions about intelligence operations and oversight.

“I was deeply disappointed today during my meeting with John Brennan. A few weeks ago, I had asked that he be prepared to discuss at today’s meeting the findings of the Senate Intelligence Committee’s comprehensive study on the CIA’s Detention and Interrogation program. Not only was he not prepared to discuss the important findings, but he hadn’t reviewed the report at all,” Udall said. “Brennan promised today to review the findings before the Intelligence Committee’s confirmation hearing next Thursday. I intend to hold him to that promise, and I hope Mr. Brennan will be more forthcoming in his testimony next week. I understand that he may not see it in his or the CIA’s

interests to criticize the very agency that he hopes to lead, but I see this as an opportunity for Mr. Brennan to correct the record, institute the necessary reforms and help restore the CIA's reputation for integrity and analytical rigor." [my emphasis]

Take a close look at the bolded language in Udall's statement.

Udall's meeting with Brennan was also attended by Carl Levin and Ron Wyden.

We know that Ron Wyden has [two significant concerns](#) about the torture report.

I am particularly interested in getting your reaction to the report's revelation that the CIA repeatedly provided inaccurate information about its interrogation program to the White House, the Justice Department, and Congress, and your view on what steps should be taken to correct inaccurate statements that were made to the public.

The CIA has made inaccurate statements to the public—something that seems to be echoed in Udall's interest in Brennan "correct[ing] the record."

And that CIA ~~provided inaccurate information~~ lied about the torture program to the White House, the Justice Department, and Congress. Udall's suggestion that Brennan might not want to criticize the agency, his suggestion that CIA needs to restore its integrity, and his mention of oversight (which, after all, is impossible if CIA insists on lying) all seem to parallel Wyden's concerns about CIA's lies to everyone who was supposed to be overseeing it.

So maybe it's just that Brennan failed to do his homework.

Or maybe it's that Brennan, [a serial liar](#), intends to dodge all questions about CIA's own

lying to its overseers.