

TIME TO FIRE THE WHITE HOUSE WEBMASTER

I thought it worth mentioning that the Administration has twice made claims in the last week that their website refuted. First came Senator Leahy, who noted that Cheney's claims not to be part of the Executive Office of the President were disproved by the White House website.

The Administration's response today also claims that the Office of the Vice President is not part of the Executive Office of the President. That is wrong. Both the United States Code and even the White House's own web site say so " at least it did as recently as this morning.

Then yesterday, CREW pointed out that the White House website disproved White House claims that the Office of Administration was not subject to FOIA.

After learning that the Bush administration claimed that the Office of Administration wasn't subject to Freedom of Information Act requests, CREW did some research. Seems the White House website, which is an official voice of the Bush administration, states otherwise:

In fact, evidence that the Office of Administration is subject to FOIA requests is made [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#) on the White House website and even once on the Department of Justice site [here](#).

Rather than wait for the next ridiculous White House claim to be disproved by its own website, I say we try to anticipate it. What assertion, made on the White House website, do you think we

should just ignore as a mirage invented by some over-imaginative White House webmaster? Some of my nominations include this whole section of the website, particularly this one. We ought to assume this, this, this, and this simply aren't true. And while we're at it, I'm just going to presume that this never happened—since it's on the White House website, it must not be true.

See how much fun you can have simply ignoring things you don't like that appear on the White House website?