

PELOSI APPOINTS DUSTY FOGGO AND JOSE RODRIGUEZ' BUDDY TO ETHICS COMMITTEE

Porter Goss' tenure as Director of the CIA is noted for two things above all—and neither has to do with the collection and analysis of intelligence.

First, there's his buddy, Dusty Foggo, whom Goss appointed to be Executive Director of the CIA. In that role, Foggo is alleged to have exploited the weaknesses of the earmark system—not to mention Duke Cunningham's weakness for whores—to steer millions of dollars in contracts to the company of his childhood friend, Brent Wilkes. In addition, Foggo pulled strings to get his girlfriend hired at CIA.

Then, there's Jose Rodriguez, whom Goss appointed to be director of the CIA's Clandestine Services after Goss ousted Stephen Kappes because he wasn't a political hack. Rodriguez is best known for ordering the torture tapes depicting Abu Zubaydah's and al-Nashiri's interrogation destroyed—in spite of the many court orders and outstanding requests from the 9/11 Commission and Congress for such evidence. Goss says he wasn't involved, but Rodriguez faced no discipline for having the tapes destroyed—even in spite of the fact that then DNI John Negroponte warned Goss to make sure the tapes weren't destroyed. Rodriguez also spiked the internal CIA investigation into why the folks who rendered Abu Omar out of Italy were so damned incompetent—leaving a cell phone trail right up to the CIA's doors, not to mention thousands of dollars in hotel bills because spooks must have luxury, don't you know.

In short, Porter Goss is known to be an incredible hack who oversaw great ethical (and legal) abuses that, at least so long as Goss was

in charge, escaped all consequences.

Precisely the kind of guy you'd want in charge of Congress' Ethics Review Board, right? Oh wait, I mean, precisely the kind of guy Nancy Pelosi would want in charge of Congress' Ethics Review Board (h/t John Forde). You and I, of course, would think it an utterly ludicrous idea to put a guy like Goss, with huge ethical stains on his record, in charge of Congress' ethics. But I guess the Speaker of the House doesn't agree.