

LBJ STRIKES AGAIN

✘ A lot of people (Obama, above all) compare Obama to JFK.

A lot of people (again, Obama leading the pack) compare Obama to Abraham Lincoln.

Some people compare Obama to FDR.

Me, I'm amused most of all to see what a close scholar of LBJ Obama is.

Obama stood chatting with Democrats on his side of the aisle, and McCain stood on the Republican side of the aisle.

So Obama crossed over into enemy territory.

He walked over to where McCain was chatting with Republican Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida and Independent Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut. And he stretched out his arm and offered his hand to McCain.

McCain shook it, but with a "go away" look that no one could miss. He tried his best not to even look at Obama.

Finally, with a tight smile, McCain managed a greeting: "Good to see you."

It's not that I'm a huge fan of this kind of physical gamemanship. But boy do I think it gets under McCain's skin.

And given that we're one more McCain meltdown away from winning this election, I confess to being amused in this particular case.