

GOVERNOR-APPOINTED PANEL CLEARS GOVERNOR OF WRONG- DOING

The Personnel investigation into the firing of Walt Monegan—the one conducted by three governor appointees (Sarah didn't hire all of them, but she can fire any of them)—has cleared Sarah Palin of any wrong-doing.

Since this outcome is almost certainly too little too late to help the McCain-Palin ticket, I'll review the report sometime after we elect a new president. But this explains how the Personnel board came to the contradictory conclusion from what Stephen Branchflower did:

These findings differ from those of the Branchflower Report because Independent Counsel has concluded the wrong statute was used as a basis for the conclusions contained in the Branchflower Report, the Branchflower report misconstrued the available evidence and did not consider or obtain all of the material evidence that is required to properly reach findings.

So the governor's appointees say Branchflower just answered the wrong question. And didn't consider all the evidence—which is not surprising, of course, since Palin reneged on her promise to cooperate with the Branchflower investigation and the governor's office refused to turn over emails clearly relevant to the attempts to fire Monegan.

Also, the executive summary makes no mention of whether it was appropriate or not for Sarah Palin to allow her husband to use government resources to stalk her ex-brother-in-law.