

BLACKWATER'S NAY-SAYER IN HPSCI: CRAZY PETE HOEKSTRA

You know how Crazy Pete Hoekstra has led the chorus of those who claim Leon Panetta should never have briefed Congress on the secret assassination squads, that the program in question was not that big a deal? To his credit, he's doing it even now that Blackwater's role has been revealed.

"I think there was a little more drama and intrigue than was warranted," said Representative Peter Hoekstra of Michigan, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee.

Um, yeah. It all makes sense why Hoekstra would care about Congressional oversight when the CIA shoots down missionaries but not when CIA pays Blackwater's mercenaries to assassinate its enemies.

Hoekstra, of course, is very closely tied (and financially reliant upon) the Prince and DeVos families. What he says about investigations into Erik Prince's company should never be taken as credible.

I will say this though. As we get further and further along, the design of the HPSCI investigation into all this—including the inclusion of that missionary plane to get Crazy Pete's buy-in—looks smarter every day.