

ZOMG! A CONGRESSPERSON ACCUSES CIA OF LYING TO CONGRESS

✘ Just take a look at these traitorous accusations a certain Congressperson made about the CIA yesterday:

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this committee can't do its job if you don't share information with us

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ZOMG! Congressperson, you just accused the CIA of lying to Congress!! You can't do that!! Remember what Crazy Pete Hoekstra said about such disloyal accusations when beating up on Nancy Pelosi this spring!

She made some outrageous accusations last week where she said that the CIA lied to her and lied systematically over a period of years. That is a very, very serious charge.

It is downright outrageous that a Congressperson would make such brash accusations. Last spring, Crazy Pete even suggested that making such outrageous accusations might require the Congressperson making such claims resign.

Crazy Pete? Will you please tell Crazy Pete that he should stop making such accusations about CIA lying to Congress?

Or better yet, perhaps you can just admit that CIA has systematically lied to Congress, both about the CIA shoot-down of a missionary plane in Peru, and about torture.

HOEKSTRA: Then just kind of speak for a couple of minutes. I want to kind of change the tone a little bit. And I want to talk about accountability.

I want to talk about the inability of the community to hold itself accountable for its performance. And what I see an increasing – from my perspective, an increasing demonstration that this community is unwilling to be held accountable by – by Congress and this committee.

How do I come to this conclusion?

You know we are coming to a – to a close on a very painful chapter in the intel community, the shoot down of Americans, the death of a mother and a daughter in Peru almost nine years ago. The accountability board has recently finished its work. But if there's ever an example of justice delayed, justice denied, this is it.

The justice – or the accountability board was impaneled to investigate the wrongful deaths of these two Americans, misleading and some might say lying to Congress by the intel community. And the result of this is after eight years, there's been minimal accountability.

I think the only reason that there's been any accountability is because of the work of people on this committee, myself, Ms. Schakowsky has been a stalwart in working with me and Mr. Miller in continuing to press this issue forward.

You know, you go through this whole process and then you add what I consider

insult to injury. You know I've asked the community what information can be shared with the surviving family members.

And again, Ms. Schakowsky is working with us to get them a full accounting of exactly what happened in that fateful day in 2001.

With the information that I've been told that I could share with the family was mistakes were made. People were held accountable and it won't happen again.

That's totally unacceptable. And I hope that under your leadership, the leadership of Director Panetta, this family will get a much more complete accounting of what happened to their wife, their daughter, their grandchild on that day.

The community performance in terms of accountability, have been unacceptable. From my perspective, you can almost say that the bureaucracy won.

These were Americans that were killed, with the help of their government. The community covered it up, they delayed investigating. It took three years, three years for the IG to complete its report. So the accountability board really wasn't impaneled until seven years after the incident. And it took more than eight years before any sanction were ever proposed and implemented.

From my perspective, it's a failure of all levels of leadership within the community to hold itself accountable. And perhaps the most tragic of circumstances were people and family members were killed by their own government – or with the help of their own government.

Maybe you can explain today why it took eight years, more than eight years for there to be any type of accountability.

My second point is, this committee can't do its job if you don't share information with us. It was last week that we began a hearing by holding up the Washington Post, because the Washington Post had more information than this committee had about what the intel community might be doing in regards to targeting Americans.

Today we get a story from The New York Times. The Whitehouse hastily called a briefing on Tuesday evening to discuss the new details of this case.

I wish you would hastily call a meeting or a conference call with this committee to share information on terrorist cases that might help.

But it's interesting that to get your best information on what's going on in the intel community today it appears you go to the newspapers. And these are not the only two instances.

It also concerns Fort Hood. It took us weeks to get information on Fort Hood. It took us weeks to get information on the Christmas Day bomber. Even your – you yourself admitted or said a couple of weeks ago that Congress when they played games with you when you went to Yemen, when they wouldn't share information with you on the specific instructions from people in the intel community and the – and the administration saying, you know, "When Congressman Hoekstra is in Yemen and he asks questions about these areas where he has oversight, tell him that you can't answer those questions and that information will be forthcoming when he comes back to Michigan – or excuse me,

when he comes back to Washington, D.C.”

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