

# IF UNDIEBOMB 2.0 IS ONE OF THE WORST LEAKS OF HOLDER'S CAREER, WHY IS JOHN BRENNAN CIA DIRECTOR?

In a press conference today, Eric Holder didn't let recusal from the UndieBomb 2.0 leak investigation stop him from commenting on it. Among other things, he claimed this one of the most serious leaks he has seen since he started as a prosecutor in 1976.

This was a very serious leak. A very, very serious leak. I've been a prosecutor since 1976, and I have to say that this is among, if not the most serious, it is within the top two or three most serious leaks I've ever seen. It put the American people at risk. And that is not hyperbole. It put the American people at risk.

But here's the thing. According to his own sworn testimony, John Brennan had a key role in providing hints that led to the actually damaging parts of the leak.

I said there was never a threat to the American public as we had said so publicly, because we had inside control of the plot and the device was never a threat to the American public.

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I – I – what I'm saying is that we were explaining to the American public why that IED was not in fact a threat at the time that it was in the control of individuals. When – when we say positive control, inside control, that means that

we (inaudible) that operation either environmentally or any number of ways. It did not in any way reveal any type of classified information. And I told those individuals and there are, you know, transcripts that are available of that conversation, "I cannot talk to you about the operational details of this whatsoever."

Sure, Brennan claims this didn't amount to sharing classified information. But he could have just said the plot was actually rolled up on April 22. Instead, he let slip that we (actually, the British and Saudis) had inside control, which led Richard Clarke to figure out what had happened.

Even if DOJ doesn't consider Brennan a subject or target of this investigation (which is itself noteworthy), his part in the leak still shows really poor judgment and information security.

So if this leak was so damaging, why did a guy who had a central part in it get promoted?