

HAVING BEEN ABSOLVED BY DOJ, CIA NOW ADMITS THEY ILLEGALLY SPIED ON SSCI

When Ron Wyden first asked John Brennan whether CIA had to comply with the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Brennan suggested they didn't have to if they were conducting investigations.

The statute does apply. The Act, however, expressly "does not prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity ... of an intelligence agency of the United States." 18 U.S.C. § 1030(f).

Then in March, after Senator Feinstein accused the CIA of improperly spying on her committee, Brennan claimed it was outside the realm of possibility.

As far as the allegations of, you know, CIA hacking into, you know, Senate computers, nothing could be further from the truth. I mean, we wouldn't do that. I mean, that's – that's just beyond the – you know, the scope of reason in terms of what we would do.

Now that DOJ has decided not to investigate CIA's illegal domestic spying, we learn it was well within the realm of possibility.

CIA employees improperly accessed computers used by the Senate Intelligence Committee to compile a report on the agency's now defunct detention and interrogation program, an internal CIA investigation has determined.

Findings of the investigation by the CIA Inspector General's Office "include a

judgment that some CIA employees acted in a manner inconsistent with the common understanding reached between SSCI (Senate Select Committee on Intelligence) and the CIA in 2009," CIA spokesman Dean Boyd said in a statement.

Brennan's solution is to have corrupt hack Evan Bayh conduct an accountability review of the spying.

Mark Udall and Ron Wyden are furious. DiFi is less so. The Republicans on the Committee have been silent; apparently they're okay with CIA breaching separation of powers.

And yet again, the CIA proves it refuses to subsist within democratic structures.