

MARCY ON MSNBC TO EXPLAIN SECRET PROGRAM BACKGROUND

ATTENTION all Wheelhouse and FDL members, Ms. Marcy Wheeler will be on MSNBC TeeVee with David Shuster during the 3:00-4:00 pm Eastern time hour. She is at the studio now and will be helping to explain details behind the much discussed "secret program". For more background, see these recent posts [here](#) and, to a lesser extent, [here](#). Watch along with us and comment away!

ON THE EVE OF SOTOMAYOR: RICCI IS IRRELEVANT

Tomorrow, Monday morning July 13, 2009, Judge Sonia Sotomayor begins the hearing portion of her confirmation process. So far, there has been the expected (sadly) partisan yammering on her nomination. Then, on Friday, there suddenly emerged something that might seem to take hold as the focus of the obligatory partisan sniping.

FINAL DECISION: THE DIGNITY OF JUDGE KAREN WILLIAMS

Federal judges live and serve in mostly quiet and unappreciated dignity. That is certainly the

case with Fourth Circuit Judge Karen Williams.

STUNNING AL-HARAMAIN FILING SHAMES OBAMA; SHOWS DUPLICITY OF OFFICIALS

In early June, a critical hearing was held in front of Vaughn Walker in the al-Haramain case warrantless wiretapping case. Judge Walker entered an order commanding the attorney for plaintiffs al-Haramain et. al to file a motion for summary judgement. The motion has now been filed and it is literally damning to President Obama and his Administration.

PALIN MISREPRESENTS ETHICS COMPLAINT DISMISSAL RECORD

Ever since the stunning decision to quit her elected office, and abandon her constituents, Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska has been relentlessly repeating the line that she has been victorious in every ethics investigation against her. This ABC News report is typical: But she said a major factor in the decision was the mounting legal bills she and the state have had to incur to fight ethics charges from her political

PALIN ACCUSED OF MOOSE HOMICIDE!

As Edward Teller has reported, there are rumors of a criminal indictment involving Sarah Palin. I have obtained a copy of news hot off the press on this: It's a moose homicide!

PALIN: IS THERE A SCANDAL OR IS SHE JUST ABANDONING HER OFFICE AND CONSTITUENTS

The same week she is blasted by staffers of her former running mate, John McCain, Sarah Palin has resigned

TORTURED TO DEATH

As Spencer Ackerman informs, the long awaited IG Report will be a little longer awaited, and will not be released today. Could be tomorrow, could be next week; what a shocker. In the meantime, and in keeping with our coordinated push with the ACLU Accountability Project, I would like to draw attention to an article Andy Worthington has out today.

SUPER BOWL 43 TRASH TALK: THE RED & THE BLACK

This is it baby, the big finale. All the marbles come down to these two: One Red. One Black. One will leave with the Lombardi Trophy in hand, the other with the regret of the world's biggest runner-up percolating in their gut for the entire off season, maybe for the rest of their lives. It is time for Super Bowl Trash Talk!

OBAMA GITMO DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER WORKING THREAD

As I indicated in comments, I have a copy of the supposed final draft of Obama's Executive order on Guantanamo. Perhaps I will append the main post later, but i want to get it up now. Especially since William Ockham reports that the ACLU has beat me to the punch. That is what I get for actually driving home and opening a bottle of wine for my wife I guess. Go figure.