

DISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM, CIFA VERSION

Remember that word? As a kid you probably proudly claimed to have learned its opposite, antidisestablishmentarianism, not long after you learned how to spell M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I. You may vaguely remember that the word pertains directly to state sanctioning—or unsanctioning—of religion.

According to Warren Strobel, the Pentagon has decided to use the term “disestablished” to refer to the closure of the CIFA program.

ONCE AGAIN, FORGERIES?

The news that the CIA may have forged a letter alleging ties between Al Qaeda and Iraq reminds me that OVP—particularly Scooter Libby—was the one behind many of the Iraq-Al Qaeda claims.

ANTHRAX TIMELINE

The media is finally beginning to question the story about Bruce Ivins (though Glenn is still schooling them). But here’s a question I see no one asking, much less answering. The LAT reported that attention began to focus on Ivins in “late 2006” only after FBI Director Mueller changed the leadership team on the investigation.

Federal investigators moved away from Hatfill — for years the only publicly identified “person of interest” —

MICHAEL ISIKOFF'S CHAT WITH CHENEY'S LAWYER

Michael Isikoff took a whole bunch of contradictions in Scooter Libby's cover story and just dismissed them as irrelevant based on the explanation offered by one anonymous source.

The anonymous source? Terry O'Donnell, Dick Cheney's own lawyer.

JANE MAYER, THE CIA INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, AND THE TORTURE TAPES

Jane Mayer's Dark Side corroborates something I've been arguing. The CIA IG's report on torture—which concluded that CIA's interrogation methods were cruel and inhumane—was one of the things that made the CIA panic and destroy the torture tapes.

IVINS AND THE ANTHRAX

INVESTIGATION

There were at least two points where, by virtue of being a top expert on anthrax, Bruce Ivins may have been able to monitor and perhaps influence the anthrax investigation.

WHO FIRST SPREAD THE IRAQI ANTHRAX CLAIM?

The likely sources for the earliest stories claiming Iraq had a role in the anthrax attack are pretty telling.

CONYERS TO LUSKIN: WE TOLD YOU SO

Like Pat Leahy did last night, John Conyers takes a victory lap after yesterday's ruling that Miers and Bolten don't have absolute immunity.

WHITEHOUSE AND FEINGOLD STRIKE BACK AT PIXIE DUST

Feingold and Whitehouse are finally trying to end the process of Pixie Dusting.

SCOTT MCCLELLAN DISMANTLES CHENEY'S PLAME FIREWALL

Dick Cheney has always claimed he could have declassified Plame's identity. But at the same time he was making such claims, Harriet Miers, as White House Counsel, disagreed with that claim.