

IT'S NOT JUST MCCAIN'S ADVISORS WITH FINANCIAL TIES TO EVIL DICTATORS; IT'S HIS WIFE

If Cindy McCain would just release her tax returns, we could all help her and her husband try to meet the standards John McCain claims to support on the campaign trail.

CONYERS TO ROVE: NO, IT'S NOT AN OPEN BOOK TEST...

Gosh, Karl Rove seems to lack confidence he can answer the questions HJC might ask of him. I wonder if that's because he knows they will have a whole lot of material to ask about?

BERLUSCONI TO TESTIFY IN ABU OMAR TRIAL

Berlusconi will have to testify at the Abu Omar rendition trial.

BUSH: THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH THAN THROUGH E-MAIL

Bush looks forward to using email again, once he's in a place they don't delete it in bulk.

YOO ISSUED AN OPINION ON 9/11 ABOUT SCRAMBLING PLANES

John Yoo apparently issued an opinion on 9/11 as to whether it would be legal to shoot down hijacked planes.

JOHN YOO'S NON- EPHEMERAL WRITINGS

John Yoo didn't want to write things that people didn't remember. I wonder whether he now regrets that his most famous writings will be remembered, but remembered with disdain?

IF THEY CUT OFF YOUR

RENT-A-GENERALS, JUST BUY-AN-ADVISOR

I highly recommend checking out this Media Matters database, which lists all 4500 appearances the Rent-A-Generals named in NYT's article on the program (I hope Media Matters expands it to include other Rent-A-Hacks listed in the full document dump). Here, for example, are the appearances made by David Grange, the most prolific Rent-A-General, just as the Iraq War began.

Kind of hard to see, I know, but it basically reads CNN CNN

WHY DROP CHARGES AGAINST AL-QAHTANI?

The charges against Mohammed al-Qahtani were dropped not because he was tortured. So was Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, after all, and he's still being charged. The charges against al-Qahtani were dropped because trying him would have amounted to trying Rummy, Jim Haynes, and Diane Beaver, too. And trying al-Qahtani would have also proved that torture doesn't work.

UPDATE ON MICHIGAN

From MI, at least, it looks like the primary is over and MI's delegation has been largely resolved, save for the details.

FITZ ON FIRING

Patrick Fitzgerald answers about five questions about being fired as a USA—one of which is somewhat revealing wrt the Libby and Rezko investigations.