

TALON, GUARDIAN, INSERT YOUR NAME OF THE WEEK

Several people noted the announcement that DOD was shutting down the TALON database, wondering if the database was just going to be renamed down the line, as TIA seems to have morphed. Apparently they missed this detail:

It will be closed on Sept. 17 and information collected subsequently on potential terror or security threats to Defense Department facilities or personnel will be sent by Pentagon officials to an FBI database known as Guardian, according

STEPHEN HAYES TELLS THE TRUTHINESS: CIA TRIP REPORT

I laid out earlier all the details that Stephen Hayes suppressed for his hagiography of Dick Cheney. There are two areas in which his propaganda tract is useful, the second of which I'll deal with in a later post.

Declassifying the Trip Report

The first is a consistent theme Hayes uses for his tale about OVP's involvement in the Plame leak.

THEY CAN'T LEGISLATE \$HIT

Marty Lederman notes that Cheney's latest dodge includes a reference to the ruling that limits Congress' oversight over the Executive strictly to those areas where it pertains to legislation. From that, he argues that Cheney's response was premised on the belief that FISA itself is an illegal restriction on the Executive.

Finally, the letter lists numerous reasons why the VP's office might not release the requested documents.

WILKES WILL GET AN ENEMY COMBATANT LAWYER FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION-RELATED TRIAL

At least that's what I infer from the comments of the lawyer from the public defender's nonprofit that will now take on Wilkes' defense in one of two cases (thanks to chrisc for sending this on) he has been charged on.

A lawyer from Federal Defenders of San Diego Inc., a nonprofit that represents indigent people accused of federal crimes, will represent Wilkes in the criminal case with co-defendant Kyle "Dusty" Foggo, the former third-highest-ranking

WHAT STEPHEN HAYES DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT CHENEY'S INVOLVMENT IN OUTING VALERIE WILSON

I confess. I peeked ahead.

Today, we're going to play a little quiz game. If you had to pick the parts of the CIA Leak story that Cheney's hand-picked propagando-biographer would leave out, thereby leaving a picture that Dick Cheney was not centrally involved in the leak, what would you leave out?

The answers are after the jump.

Hayes left out: The notes Cheney made on Wilson's op-ed, including the question "Or did his wife

DETAILS ON CHENEY'S FISA DOCUMENTS

It appears that Dan Eggen has gotten a copy of the letter from Dick's office, detailing which documents he has that respond to FISA subpoenas. Among other things, Eggen's report appears to suggest that the warrantless wiretap program operated illegally for 9 days (and possibly as many as 22 days) before it was amended to satisfy DOJ; previously, we had only know it had operated illegally for one day.

Here're the

SCHLOZ SHORTENED

From TPMM, though no details about why or when:

Bradley Schlozman, a former Justice Department official who was at the center of the U.S. attorneys scandal and is under investigation by the Department's inspector general for his alleged efforts to politicize the Civil Rights Division, has finally left his post at the Department.

And while we're counting people leaving DOJ, one of the good guys is leaving, too:

DLA Piper US LLP today announced that Peter Zeidenberg, a

DOCUMENTS FROM DICK, NOT BUSH?!?!?

As ThinkProgress reports, the Senate Judiciary Committee was about to issue subpoenas on the warrantless wiretapping program. And then Cheney told Specter no. And Specter did what Cheney told him to do. Lesson number 383,947 in why Specter is the most pathetic piece of haggis in the Senate.

In fact, we were about to issue subpoenas then and one of the senators came to our meeting and said that the vice president had

SENATE FRIENDS

I only caught the tail end of Pat Leahy's uneventful press conference. But apparently, I didn't miss much. The deadline for the White House still stands—but they're going to miss it. And Leahy—he says he can't do anything until everyone returns in September.

But there is something he can do now. Why don't those on the Senate Judiciary Committee—and anyone else in the Senate who'd like to join in—submit a friend of

HOUSE GOP MUTINY

We've been hearing inklings of a BushCo plan for a veerrrrrryyy sloooooow draw-down of troops. Scott Horton explains the reasoning more clearly than "serious" journalists would.

A major point driving the move has been the Congressional G.O.P. Bushwas told that if he pushed a straight continuation of the Surgestrategy after this fall, he would lose most of the CongressionalG.O.P.