

FROM “HAGGIS” TO “SCRAPPLE”-IT’S STILL OFFAL

I’m renaming Haggis “Scrapple.” Beyond the name change, I doubt much has changed.

9TH CIRCUIT REJECTS OBAMA/BUSH STATE SECRETS ARGUMENT IN MOHAMMED

A three judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, William Canby and Michael Hawkins, has firmly rejected the vile cover up attempted against several detainees/former detainees led by Binyam Mohamed. Very good news.

RUSS FEINGOLD: REPEATED ASSERTION OF STATE SECRETS “REMINISCENT OF BUSH ADMINISTRATION”

Russ Feingold raised two biggest concerns in a press conference on his report card of the Obama Administration’s first 100 days. He said Obama’s use of State Secrets was “reminiscent of the Bush Administration.” And he suggested the

intelligence community continues to stonewall the intelligence committees.

BREAKING NEWS! CIA'S SPOOKS LIE AND DECEIVE!

The NYT has a great story on how John Kiriakou pitched waterboarding in a minimally damaging way. But why not look at the CIA's current campaigns to do the same?

DID BYBEE SAY NO TO WATERBOARDING ON JULY 24, 2002?

Earlier today, I showed that Jim Haynes personally pushed the SERE people to come up with some materials on waterboarding and other techniques on July 25, 2002, just one day after OLC had given CIA clearance to use some—but not all—of the techniques they had asked for.

I wish I had read this passage from this Charlie Savage story before I wrote that post.

One thing could change that dynamic, however.

DID CONDI REALLY NOT KNOW DEFENSE WAS SLEEPING WITH THE SPOOKS ON TORTURE?

There's a weird detail in John Yoo's prepared testimony for last year's House Judiciary Committee hearing on Assholes Who Torture. He claims the National Security Committee (so, presumably John Bellinger or Condi or her boss) ordered OLC not to let on what it was doing to either State or Defense.

In particular, the offices of the CIA general counsel and of the NSC legal advisor asked OLC for an opinion on the

GM RESTRUCTURING PLAN, TAKE 20

GM may or may not have killed the electric car (I'm test driving the Volt tomorrow). But it just killed Pontiac.

TORTURE TIMELINE AND IRAQ-AL QAEDA TIES

At the same time as the Bush Administration was devising a plan to torture Abu Zubaydah, the the DIA was raising doubts about the intelligence collected by torturing Ibn Sheikh al-Libi.

JIM HAYNES' REQUEST: A[NOTHER] LIST OF TECHNIQUES-INCLUDING WATERBOARDING

The request to JPRA for a description of waterboarding appears to have come from DOD General Counsel Jim Haynes directly. And he did it already knowing they needed backup to authorize waterboarding.

ABOUT DEMOCRATIC COMPLICITY: THE EARLY BRIEFINGS ON TORTURE

Porter Goss and Crazy Pete Hoekstra want to claim (and some commentators are buying that claim) that Democrats are complicit in torture and that's why Obama isn't supporting a truth commission. But a review of the known briefing shows that they're not as complicit as Republicans.