

CHENEY LIES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE & TORTURE TAPE DESTRUCTION

Marcy noted earlier the article in today's Washington Post by Peter Finn and Joby Warrick detailing the story surrounding abu-Zubaydah's capture and torture. I want to pick up where Marcy left off; i.e. the evidence that nothing was obtained from abu-Zubaydah's torture is the reason the torture tapes destroyed.

THEY'RE NOT TAX HAVENS ... THEY'RE SECRECY HAVENS

We need to close tax havens not just because they're tax havens. They're also one of the tools corporations are using to hide risk.

CITI AND AIG DIDN'T STILL DON'T GET IT

Fox Business News has an article describing what it got in response to a FOIA request for Treasury documents on the bailout. While most of the interesting details were redacted because of attorney-client privilege, the documents do reveal the extent to which Citi and AIG were as arrogant when Treasury was negotiating this stuff as they have been in recent weeks.

THEY SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO NOOR AL-DEEN

The same night they captured Abu Zubaydah, the US got a young associate of his, Noor al-Deen, who warned them Abu Zubaydah was not who they thought he was. But the US ignored that information and tortured Abu Zubaydah anyway.

THE TORTURE TAPE LIBRARY, EPISODE 51

Judge Hellerstein, after reviewing some contents from the CIA's torture tape library, has taken the next step in forcing CIA to turn over some of that information to the ACLU.

TRASH TALK - F1 CIRCUS BEGINS AND ELITE EIGHT

It is here; can you feel the anticipation? That's right, the start of the 2009 Formula One season with the Australian GP. Also on tap is the NCAA Elite Eight.

LOBBYISTS WAILING ABOUT DELICIOUS HELL FOR LOBBYISTS

Lobbyists are, predictably, very sad that they have to lobby for stimulus funds in writing rather than in person.

DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS AND AIG

Remember the flap in the last few years about deferred prosecution agreements? The flap started when it was reported that John Ashcroft's firm had gotten a \$52 million deal from his former colleague, NJ US Attorney Chris Christie, to monitor an out-of-court settlement with medical device company Zimmer Holdings. Bush's DOJ loved the deferred prosecution agreements because it provided a way to "crack down" on corporate crime without dismantling the company.

WHAT IF BIG MEDIA BECAME A SYSTEMIC RISK?

There were two interesting questions Tim Geithner didn't answer today. Whether he knows of another systemically large non-bank that might fail, and what would happen if GE Capital

posed a systemic risk.

DARRELL ISSA FEARS MICHELLE'S TRICEPS, BUT NOT DICK'S GUNS

Darrell Issa wants to regulate Michelle Obama. I guess he's afraid of her triceps.