

ANOTHER 16 WORDS: BOUMEDIENE BITES BUSH AGAIN

Laura Rozen rocks, and today she rolls up more jaw dropping malevolence and fraud on the part of the Bush/Cheney Administration. A potentially explosive new court filing by the lawyers for Lakhdar Boumediene and five other Guantanamo detainees suggests that the Bush administration ordered the Bosnian government to arrest and hold the men after an exhaustive Bosnian investigation had found them innocent of any terrorism related activity and had ordered their release, in order to use them as props in Bush's January 2002 State of the Union speech.

CIA & FOGGO: IT'S HARD ON SPY PIMPS OUT THERE

It's getting hard out there on the pimps and cons in the CIA, first Director Goss goes down the tubes, and now his right hand man Foggo has copped a sweet plea. Just how did Foggo get such an unheard of sweetheart deal from the Bush Justice Department? They wanted to clean up evidence of their corruption, dishonesty and perfidy and have once again used the false cover of national security to cover their rears.

GONZO SINGS! JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT AT LAST?

Murray Waas is just out with a major article in The Atlantic describing how Alberto Gonzales is cooperating with authorities in an effort to minimize and/or escape criminal prosecution and punishment for his acts during service to the Bush Administration. What began as investigations narrowly focused on Gonzales's conduct could easily morph into broader investigations leading into the White House, and possibly leading to the appointment of a special prosecutor.

CONYERS CRANKY OVER OIL FRAUD; DRILLS DOJ WITH LETTER

You knew this was coming, and since I simply can't stomach any more Lurch Paulson discussion today, I bring it to you. Remember Marcy's Drill, Baby, Drill post on sex, lies and oil at the Minerals Management Agency? Clearly, John Conyers found it as titillating as we did. He wants to hear more.

THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA

Well, okay, it was Dick Cheney. Close enough. Cheney, was in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi,

yesterday to underline America's "deep and abiding interests" in the Caucasus, and announce a billion dollars of aid, in the face of Russian warnings that any western moves to rearm the country, or bring it into NATO, could bring further instability in the region between Moscow and Washington. Vladimir Putin thinks the US ginned up the recent war in Georgia in an effort to aid a certain candidate in the coming US election. I wonder who that could be?

BUSH RE-UPS WAR, OBSTRUCTS ACCOUNTABILITY AS NATION TWITTERS OVER PALIN

The country and the progressive blogosphere have long been suckers for Cheney/Rovian shiny object distractions. I am afraid that is happening as we speak. First off (and i will come back to this later in a separate post) all of the heat, passion an unity that was generated and consolidated by Los Dos Clintonos, Al Gore and then, mightily and masterfully, Barack Obama, is being dissipated by the wind

WHEN THE LEVEE BREAKS

In the face of what ought to be the most serious and profound Presidential election in the last 75 years, and with the opening of the Democratic Convention on the brink, it seemed appropriate

to recalibrate for a moment. Hurricane Katrina formed over the Bahamas on August 23, 2005. Three years ago to this very day. And it is being forgotten in the inane headlong rush to argue over tangential trivia.

THE STRANGE CASE OF HIWA ABDUL RAHMAN RASHUL (PART 2)

In part 1, I laid out the facts surrounding the detention and illegal transfer of Hiwa Abdul Rahman Rashul. In this post, I want to demonstrate why this case matters. There is a pattern to the Bush/Cheney Administration's illegal usurpation of executive power. Because the pattern broke down in this case, the strategy behind that power grab is laid bare. The struggle within the administration over the disposition of Rashul and the way it was resolved helps to illuminate the true nature of the current regime. Perhaps it leaves an opening to unravel the authoritarian infrastructure that has been built within our country in the last eight years.

FISA REDUX AGAIN: THE SLIPPERY SLOPE LEADS DOWN A RABBIT HOLE

Five days ago, in the post we discussed the new set of domestic spying protocols that the Bush Administration is determined to entrench into law and practice before leaving office, and learned that Attorney General Mukasey would

release new guidelines within weeks to streamline and unify FBI investigations of criminal law enforcement matters and national security threats. Well, that didn't take long; they're here, and it is a chilling grab by the Bush Administration of unheard of domestic police state powers, emasculating the Constitution in the process.

SPRINTING TO THE FINISH: MISSING EMAIL EDITION

The White House is missing as many as 225 days of e-mail dating back to 2003 and there is little if any likelihood a recovery effort will be completed by the time the Bush administration leaves office. And the nation yawns. Who could have predicted such mendacious obstructionistic bunk from the Bush/Cheney Administration? If the DC District Court can hold Toni Locy in contempt, I wonder if perhaps they can find some maximum hurt contempt provisions for a few of the White House Mafiosi too?