

# DICK CHENEY OUT ON A LIMB FOURTH BRANCH

To get his propaganda documents, Dick Cheney may have to ask the Center for Constitutional Rights nicely.

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## SSCI TORTURE NARRATIVE

The SSCI just released a narrative—originally requested by Jello Jay—of the general history of torture under the Bush Administration, including, purportedly, all the OLC memos that support torture (though it doesn't include the 2003 one Michael Hayden referenced the other day).

I'll have a few more details in a bit.

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## DEAR W,

I'm still angry that you did not pardon Scooter. And I consider it fair game for my memoir. Love,  
Dick

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## NOW CAN WE DISMISS THE NOTION THAT

# **TOENSING IS INDEPENDENT?**

Remember how Victoria Toensing always got to pretend she had no association with Scooter Libby's defense team? Well, now she's fund-raising to support Libby's PR flack's run for political office.

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# **THE ONLY PICTURE ON DICK'S WALL**

Say, is that picture on Dick's wall a tribute to the night when he told Andrea Mitchell that she should start covering Valerie Plame's role as a CIA spy?

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# **TAKING OUT IRAQ'S FUTURE LEADERS**

There's a detail in the WaPo story on Charles Duelfer's new book that suggests, at a time when DOD was pushing Ahmed Chalabi to run Iraq, they were targeting Iraqi leaders for harrassment and arrest.

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# **MIKEY ISIKOFF'S OLD**

# LOVERS CITE NEW PRIVILEGES

Mikey Isikoff (surprise!!!) has the exclusive (!!!) read of what Fred Fielding is now trying to assert for Rove: Executive privilege. For the first time. With no specific review of whether or not Rove's actions—particularly as they relate to pursuing a witch hunt against Governor Siegelman and attempting to get Patrick Fitzgerald fired while investigating Bush's orders to go after Joe Wilson—merit “executive privilege,” Fielding is now asserting executive privilege. And Isikoff is such a crack journalist, he doesn't notice the change in stance!!!

Welcome to old ways in Washington DC!

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# MATT COOPER PREDICTS BAD THINGS FOR HIS BUDDY KARL ROVE

It was bound to happen. Matt Cooper, to whom Karl Rove leaked Valerie Wilson's identity, is now reporting on Karl Rove again (at his new digs over at TPM). Better yet, Matt suggests Turdblossom may have miscalculated in his efforts to avoid testifying before the House Judiciary Committee.

I spoke with a Washington lawyer who has dealt with many presidential privilege issues and he (or is it she?) raised some interesting questions

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# **CRAPPY RECORD- KEEPING: A FEATURE, NOT A BUG**

Add Gitmo files to the long list of scandals that the Bush Administration kept no meaningful records of.

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## **OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE ORDER AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LAWSUIT**

Obama's EO may give us access to evidence Bush has been withholding. But it won't give us everything we need to ensure proper oversight of any and all presidential administrations.