

HENRY GETS IMPATIENT

Apparently, I'm not the only one who noticed that, since the time when Henry Waxman first asked Michael Mukasey to hand over the White House-related materials from the CIA Leak Case investigation, he has proven to be mighty responsive to requests from Congress when it involves covering up for the White House.

WHEN ALL EOS ARE PIXIE DUST, IT MEANS DICK CAN DECLASSIFY ANYTHING HE WANTS

The discovery that Bush can turn his own Executive Orders into Pixie Dust provides an explanation for one of the lingering mysteries of the Plame outing: the E0 governing declassification authority doesn't explicitly give the Vice President the authority to declassify information that he has not, himself, classified. But because the President always intended the Vice President to be treated as the President is in that Executive Order, it means Cheney has that authority contrary to the plain text meaning of the E0.

SCOOTER LIBBY, STILL A FELON; THE UNITARY

EXECUTIVE, STILL A DUBIOUS THEORY

I agree that Libby probably dropped his appeal because of cost. But I also think that, having decided they were going to fail on the Appointments Clause appeal, the appeal was no longer worth it.

WAXMAN STILL AFTER FITZ'S FBI FILES

Does it surprise you that the White House is preventing Fitzgerald from turning over the FBI files from White House officials?

WERE THE COVER-UP CONSPIRATORS GOING TO MEET IN ASPEN?

Just an update on the Aspen mystery, no doubt inspired by my three days of driving through recently turned Aspen clusters. Here is the mystery passage:

You went into jail in the summer. It is fall now. You will have stories to cover—Iraqi elections and suicide bombers, biological threats and the Iranian nuclear program.

SEEING THE (ASPEN) TREES THAT MAKE UP THE FOREST

I bypassed to the link to the Judy-Libby lawyer correspondence this early morning, thinking it'd be more boring lawyer letters. Silly me. Nothing has been boring in this Plame Affair. Thanks to pontificator for encouraging me to look further and providing the PDF link to the letters, which has been removed from the front page of the NYT (it's now two layers down attached to this story).

Much has (rightly, IMO) been