

WAG THE DIRIGIBLE

An open thread to talk the stupidest Chinese spying balloon take.

SPACE COWBOYS

The Billionaire Blastoffs, are they good or bad?

WELCOME TO LISA MONACO'S DOJ, E JEAN CARROLL LAWSUIT EDITION

Lots of observers are asking how Merrick Garland could make such a horrible decision as to sustain DOJ's defense of Trump against the lawsuit brought by E. Jean Carroll. They might be better served by – finally – considering what Lisa Monaco's background suggests she will do at DOJ.

INSURANCE FILE: GLENN GREENWALD'S ANGER IS OF MORE USE TO

VLADIMIR PUTIN THAN EDWARD SNOWDEN'S FREEDOM

As Edward Snowden's utility in inspiring further leaks diminishes, Glenn Greenwald's tirades have become more valuable to Russian than Snowden himself.

DANIEL HALE, CITIZENFIVE

By getting drone whistleblower Daniel Hale to admit he authored a chapter in The Intercept's book based off his leaks, the government made a tie between him and Snowden far more explicit.

THE GOVERNMENT ARGUES THAT EDWARD SNOWDEN IS A RECRUITING TOOL

In the superseding indictment for Julian Assange, the government describes WikiLeaks' efforts to recruit other leakers by pointing to their efforts to rescue Edward Snowden. But that's not the first time the government has discussed Snowden as a recruiting tool.

TWENTY YEARS OF CONTINUITY

For the last twenty years, politicians of both parties have been setting precedents that makes what come next with Iran far, far more dangerous.

ON THE CURIOUS TIMING OF DANIEL EVERETTE HALE'S ARREST

It's not surprising the government indicted Daniel Everette Hale as the Intercept's suspected Drone Wars source. It's surprising they waited five years.

10 YEARS OF EMPTYWHEEL: KEY NON- SURVEILLANCE POSTS 2013-2015

Some key non-surveillance posts from 2013 through 2015.

THE RIGHT TO BEAR DRONES

The government wants a carve out in hacking and surveillance law so it can disable drones over any of a number of facilities and operations.