

CIA ONCE AGAIN BURIES INFORMATION ON ABU ZUBAYDAH'S TORTURE

The CIA prevented DOJ's OIG from interviewing Abu Zubaydah for their report on detainee interrogation methods. As when they destroyed the tapes of Abu Zubaydah's interrogation, CIA seems to have been intent on preventing any evidence of what they did to Zubaydah from coming out.

YOU CAN'T CLEAN THE STENCH OUT OF THE STRAIGHT TALK FOR LOBBYISTS EXPRESS

McCain seems to think getting rid of active lobbyists from his campaign, one year in, will cleanse the campaign of the stench of impropriety. But how do clean the stench off the policy positions formulated in the last year, when the lobbyists had ready access to McCain on the Straight Talk for Lobbyists Express? McCain's policies will always be the policies of the lobbyists of his campaign, whether or not they've left of "retired" from lobbying.

DUKE CUNNINGHAM BRIBERY RING: TWO

DOWN, TWO TO GO

Tommy K got a pretty tough sentence yesterday for bribing Duke Cunningham. But will we every learn just why he was allowed such a generous plea deal?

IT'S NOT JUST MCCAIN'S ADVISORS WITH FINANCIAL TIES TO EVIL DICTATORS; IT'S HIS WIFE

If Cindy McCain would just release her tax returns, we could all help her and her husband try to meet the standards John McCain claims to support on the campaign trail.

BUSH: THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH THAN THROUGH E-MAIL

Bush looks forward to using email again, once he's in a place they don't delete it in bulk.

BLOCH: MAKING SOME SENSE

After reading the longer document on OSC's investigations, it appears there is SOME logic to Scott Bloch's investigations. But that doesn't mean he's a good manager.

BLOCH: STOP MAKING SENSE

I am still catching up on events of the last week and so I don't have a really good sense of WTF is going on with the FBI raid of Scott Bloch's house and—according to NPR, via Sara-body cavities. But I wanted to point you to this analysis of a document drafted by a bunch of Office of Special Counsel investigators, listing their complaints about Bloch's intervention into their investigations.

FISA: THE COMING BATTLE

As I am minding the store while mom is away tilting kilts, I was party to a group discussion among several notable powers that be in the blogosphere early this afternoon, and the various blogs, all of which you are intimately familiar with, will be rolling out over the next few days somewhat of a battle plan on FISA/immunity.

JELLO JAY AND HOYER SLITHER BACK INTO THE FISA LIMELIGHT

Crikey, this is getting old. You may have seen by now that rumors of a new push on passage of FISA, and, of course, full retroactive immunity, are bubbling to the surface again. The bottom line is we know what the goal of the FISA push is (immunity), we know who wants it and why (the Bush/Cheneys because they have engaged in a mass criminal conspiracy), and we know the path the push will take (GOP assimilation of Blue Dogs). Really, the only part of this puzzle we do not yet know is what the precise nature of “the compromise” that will cravenly be peddled.

ONE DAY, ONE RESIGNATION

Gosh, if we get a resignation a day while I’m gone we might finally improve this damned Bush Administration.