

# WHAT INDICTMENTS DID SCHLOZMAN SPEAK TO ELSTON ABOUT?

Brad Schlozman remains unresponsive on a few of the questions he (finally) returned to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Take this question that asks for very specific details about any conversations he had with Mike Elston about indictments in WD MO:

Did you speak with Michael Elston regarding any other indictments filed while you were U.S.

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# GET YOUR SATELLITE OUT OF MY BACKYARD

This will be interesting. The Dems are trying to prevent Chertoff from implementing his big brother satellite domestic spying program on October 1.

We are so concerned that, as the Department's authorizing Committee, we are calling for a moratorium on the program until the many Constitutional, legal and organizational questions it raises are answered.

Today's testimony made clear that there is effectively no legal framework governing the domestic use of satellite imagery for the various purposes envisioned by

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# WERE THEY BYPASSING GONZALES, TOO?

Marty Lederman points to this excerpt from Jack Goldsmith's book at Slate. Goldsmith explains he only saw Alberto Gonzales disagree with David Addington once—and that Bush ended up siding with Addington.

Addington's hard-line nonaccommodation stance always prevailed when the lawyers met to discuss legal policy issues in Alberto Gonzales' office. During these meetings, Gonzales himself would sit quietly in his wing chair, occasionally asking questions but mostly listening as the querulous Addington did battle with whomever

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# YET ANOTHER WHINE ABOUT A REPORT CARD

No, seriously. The GAO's report on DHS is really important evidence that Bush has done very little to make this country more safe. But I'm most struck by the fact that the DHS people quoted are making exactly the same complaint the military did last week, when GAO reported that Iraq has met few of its benchmarks (for the record, DHS seems to be doing somewhat better than Iraq, making at

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# SOMEBODY TO FIRE!!!!

I'm thrilled with the news that George Bush just gave Barry Jackson a promotion.

Yesterday, President Bush named Barry Jackson to be Peter Wehnher's replacement to run the

White House Office of Strategic Initiatives. Jackson was the major White House strategist behind Bush's failed Social Security privatization ploy, and was one of the White House employees discovered to be using RNC email accounts to e-mail an associate of disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

That's because just

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## SCOTTISH HAGGIS AND WIDE STANCE

Josh and his reader ask WTF is up with Arlen's support for Larry Craig.

TPM Reader BR wonders about Arlen: "What the hell is Specter thinking? Is he trying to destroy the Republican party? Nothing could be worse for them then drawing this out or attracting any further attention to the situation. Or did Specter offer friendly encouragement not thinking Craig would take him seriously?"

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## TOMMY K'S GREEK VACATION

As I suspected, Judge Burns was none too impressed that Tommy K's daughter bought Phillip Halpern's long-lost uncle's house with the ensuing benefit to Halpern of precisely nada.

Halpern, who had last seen his uncle in 1999, said in court papers he had no knowledge of the deal and did not benefit in any way from it, and removing him or the office was not warranted.

On that matter, Burns agreed.

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## **“ONE BOMB AWAY”**

Glenn highlighted a part of the Jeffrey Rosen on Jack Goldsmith article that I wanted to return to:

[Goldsmith] shared the White House’s concern that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act might prevent wiretaps on international calls involving terrorists. But Goldsmith deplored the way the White House tried to fix the problem, which was highly contemptuous of Congress and the courts.

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## **HOW LONG HAS GILLESPIE BEEN ACTING AS WHITE HOUSE COUNSELOR?**

First, a correction. I suggested the other day that Dick was one of the three people who voted not to keep Rummy when Bush took a show of hands on Rummy’s fate. But Cheney may not have been among those polled. The WaPo has a review of the book and the incident today, and Cheney is not among those named (though Abramowitz does not identify all of the votes).

For Canning Rummy  
Josh

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# CONDI, AIPAC, AND THE A1 CUT-OUT

You'll recall that the AIPAC defendants called Condi and Stephen Hadley to testify about how they routinely leak classified information. Well, the government claims that these two, at least, don't have to testify.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other senior intelligence officials should not be forced to testify about whether they discussed classified information with pro-Israel lobbyists, federal prosecutors argued in a closed-door court hearing Friday.

Two former American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobbyists facing espionage