

NO MORE \$\$ TO SHRED OUR CONSTITUTION

Now that I'm in DC, I'm thinking maybe I'll just stay here until the impeachment. Because things are getting fun. As in, no more taxpayer dollars to help Cheney shred our Constitution.

Senate Democrats moved Tuesday to cut off funding for Vice President Dick Cheney's office in a continuing battle over whether he must comply with national security disclosure rules.

A Senate appropriations panel chaired by Sen.

"I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT"

So says Pete Domenici, when asked by Andrea Mitchell whether he would testify before Congress if asked. ThinkProgress points out that a conversation between Rove and Domenici closely preceded David Iglesias' firing. But I'll go further, and raise this report.

In the spring of 2006, Domenici told Gonzales he wanted Iglesias out.

Gonzales refused.

IOB AND GONZALES'S LATEST PERJURY

I've got just a few minutes before I've got to pack up for DC. But I wanted to point out a curious detail about the WaPo's story on NSLs:

the centrality of PFIAB in it. The story, of course, reveals that Gonzales received reports of violations of National Security Letter procedures, and then went into Congress and said there had been no problems with the program.

CONYERS HEARING ON LIBBY COMMUTATION

HJC has announced the list of witnesses for Wednesday's hearing on Libby's get-out-of-jail-free. They are: Joe Wilson: You guys know him, I think. I suspect he'll talk about how Bush and Cheney are involved in this case. Roger Adams, US DOJ Pardon Attorney. He'll end up talking about the normal process for commutation.

NOVAK'S JULY 7 MEETING

Credit where it's due. Tom Maguire hits all the right notes about this Novak book excerpt, save one. He notes that Novak's story has a way of changing with the seasons.

Interesting. This old post has the Novak version before he was willing to name Armitage; here is Novak (post-"Hubris") rebutting Armitage's version.

There are subtle shifts in the story – now we are told that "Hementioned her first name, Valerie",

JUST SCRAPS OF SNARK REMAINING

Fitzgerald's filing in response to Judge Walton's request for clarification on Libby's magical disappearing prison sentence has the feel of bitter duty. Much of it is an attempt to stave off any attempt by Libby's lawyers to disappear even the supervised release.

As discussed more fully below, it is the government's position that the supervised release term remains operative, and that, by effect of the commutation, the supervised release term began on

FRED AND PAUL FORGET THE CONSTITUTION-TIME TO REMIND THEM

I'm supposed to be doing something else entirely. But I'm going to raise a point that I've raised already—because it sure seems like Democrats are sleeping through the Constitution.

Paul Clement, in his explanation of why BushCo could invoke executive privilege in the USA scandal, claimed that the President has “nondelegable Presidential power” “to nominate or to remove U.S.

ISIKOFF'S WORST

Wow. When I railed on Mikey Isikoff's horribly conflicted coverage of the CIA Leak case while on Sam Seder's show today, I had not yet read Mikey's latest blowjob to Karl Rove. But this is truly shameful stuff. First, Mikey provides tons of details that make it clear that the White House has scrupulously tried to pretend no one influenced Bush in untoward manner ...

CHENEY PLAYS DUMB

As a teaser for the post I keep promising, but never delivering (identifying the document from which I think Cheney learned of Plame's identity), I'm going to make a quick point about Cheney's request to the CIA on June 10, 2003 for information on Wilson's trip. This email, written by Robert Grenier's Executive Assistant (but not seen by Grenier, if we can believe his trial testimony), repeats the story that Cheney

YOU WANT A MOTIVE? LIBBY'S SECRET MISSION

Big Media Matt and Brendan Nyhan and Tom Maguire are puzzling over what motive Bush might have for commuting Libby's sentence. Since Maguire was helpful enough to quote from Team USA, I'll offer an explanation offered by Team Libby. (I could point to a number of Fitzgerald quotes about clouds and VicePresidents that Maguire is overlooking, but I find that Jeffress is better at soundbite than Fitzgerald.) In his closing

argument, Bill