

BRETT KAVANAUGH WAS IN THE LOOP ON (BROADER) PRECURSOR TO JOHN YOO'S STELLAR WIND MEMOS

Patrick Leahy just suggested he has proof that Brett Kavanaugh was involved in a September 17, 2001 memo that authorized surveillance broader than Stellar Wind.

I CON THE RECORD TRANSPARENCY BINGO PART ONE: CONSIDER THE FULL SURVEILLANCE PLAYING HAND

To understand what the I Con the Record Transparency numbers mean, you first have to understand that these numbers measure just one part of all national security collection.

DID TRUMP MODIFY PPD-28 LAST YEAR BEFORE RETAINING IT?

Gina Haspel's answers about PPD-28 are consistent with a possibility that the Trump Administration made minor changes last year

without publicly noting them.

GRAHAM AND GRASSLEY ARE SEEING CHRISTOPHER STEELE'S GHOST WHERE MIKE FLYNN LURKS

Chuck Grassley and Lindsey Graham have gotten so paranoid about Christopher Steele they're seeing him where Mike Flynn probably really lurks.

CHRISTOPHER WRAY DEPARTS FROM JIM COMEY'S "BALANCE" ON ENCRYPTION

Remember how Comey used to talk about the balance between security and privacy when discussing encryption? Christopher Wray dismissed that approach in his testimony to HJC last week.

A DRAGNET OF

EMPTYWHEEL'S MOST IMPORTANT POSTS ON SURVEILLANCE, 2007 TO 2017

A dragnet of emptywheel's most important posts on surveillance.

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

Some key non-surveillance posts from 2013 through 2015.

TODAY IN THE BEN WITTES (AND FRIENDS) UTTER LACK OF SELF-AWARENESS FILE: FAMILY AND FRIENDS EDITION

A bunch of surveillance boosters are upset that a surveillance champion got connection chained through his 22 year old son.

THE REASON TREASURY HAS NEVER COMPLIED WITH REAGAN'S EO: RAMPANT PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

For years I've been pointing out that Treasury doesn't comply with EO 12333. BuzzFeed reveals that it has been engaged in rampant privacy violations.

FISA AND THE SPACE- TIME CONTINUUM

In addition to the well-known limits tied to geography under FISA, there are also non-public rules that are supposed to prevent the government from accessing data from times they're not supposed to access. But there are ways to game those rules.