

CONYERS TO MUKASEY: SO YOU DID SPIN SHAMELESSLY, DIDN'T YOU?

Conyers wants DOJ to admit that Mukasey was spinning wildly when he claims a revamped FISA could have prevented 9/11. And by demonstration that Mukasey was spinning wildly, he highlights that the Administration—not the House—has been negotiating in bad faith.

MARK SCHAUER CONDEMNS BUSH'S AND WALBERG'S FEAR- MONGERING

Mark Schauer gets it right on FISA: our Constitution and our privacy are worth fighting for.

WARRANTLESS WIRETAP MEMOS TIMELINE

This timeline includes the documents noted in Steven Bradbury's declaration of all documents pertaining to the illegal wiretap program.

WAS THE OCTOBER 23, 2001 OLC OPINION THE BASIS FOR THE ILLEGAL WIRETAP PROGRAM?

This post considers whether the October 23, 2001 OLC opinion abolishing the 4th amendment was part of the Administration's justification for the illegal wiretap program.

THE JOINT INQUIRY AND MUKASEY'S CALL

In a Muksey/McConnell letter to Harry Reid, they refer to something that MIGHT be the phone call that Mukasey mentioned in his weepy speech of a week ago. If it is, then it appears that the facts surrounding the call don't support the argument Mukasey is making about that call.

JANE HARMAN V. JELLO JAY: COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Jane Harman explained her response to the warrantless wiretap program over at TPMCafe. I'm interested in it not so much to determine whether Eric Lichthblau or she is right about whether she "switched her view" on the program (I think Harman is actually too sensitive to the charge; as she tells it, she did drastically change her view, but not because of the

publicity of Lichtblau's reporting, but because of the

IT TURNS OUT THERE WAS NO WOLF

Siobhan Gorman reports that the White House now admits that its fear-mongering no longer works.

THE DNI IS WELL- MEANING. REALLY. EXCEPT WITH THOSE HE CLAIMS WANT NO IC.

The DNI wants to make nice with Democrats. But that doesn't stop him from making baseless accusations against them.

NOT EVEN JOHN YOO APPROVED OF THE ILLEGAL WIRETAP PROGRAM

I do hope that Eric Lichtblau's book gets enough coverage this week to further stall Jello Jay's attempts to ram through telecom immunity. The excerpt in the NYT today reveals that when the illegal wiretap program started in 2001, it had

no specific legal authorization—not even from the compliant John Yoo!

Robert S.

LISTENING TO YOU - MUKASEY PLAYS THE EMOTION CARD

The Bush Administration and their never say die FISA/Immunity push are like cockroaches. You can't kill em, and they never go away. Well, they're back again. Attorney General Michael Mukasey has graduated from DC water carrier to full fledged traveling snake oil salesman for the Cheney/Bush Administration and their sordid attempts to cover their own criminal wrongdoing via retroactive immunity for telcos. We need to saddle up and get ready as well; because next week is time to get back to work on slaying the twin headed FISA/Immunity beast.