

THE QUANTICO CIRCUIT

A whistleblower has come forward detailing how Verizon has provided the government a back door to all its wireless communications. Which is just one more reason why we shouldn't pass retroactive immunity.

MY VERSION OF PELOSI'S STATEMENT ON EXCLUSIVITY

My understanding of how Speaker Pelosi answered my question on email providers and FISA immunity differs from that of Paul Kiel. I don't think Pelosi was making a comment about FISA strategy. Rather I took it as a comment about separation of powers.

THE GOVERNMENT'S UNCLEAR DEMANDS FOR EMAILS

Now that Ken Wainstein has confirmed the FISA changes are required by email, we ought to take a second look at the reasons why the email companies oppose immunity. The email companies oppose immunity because it will allow the government to give less than clear guidelines to email providers.

SHORTER GOOGLE:

Shorter Google: "Don't eliminate the competitive advantage I gained by trying to protect Americans' privacy."

MIXED TELECOM SIGNALS

The Democrats definitely seem to be sending mixed signals on FISA reform.

IT'S ALL ABOUT \$\$\$

The poor Republicans don't understand why the telecoms aren't paying them more to gut the Constitution.

REPUBLICAN NO SHOWS ON FISA NEGOTIATION

The Republicans purportedly negotiating FISA with Conyers, Reyes, Leahy, and Jello Jay told their staffers to skip the meeting.

SCOTUS SAYS “NO THANKS” TO ACLU SUIT-WILL IT CHANGE THE FISA DEBATE?

Will SCOTUS’ decision not to review the 6th Circuit Court’s dismissal of the ACLU’s lawsuit against the government affect the FISA debate?

SHORTER WSJ: GEORGE BUSH IS IRRELEVANT AND SO IS MCCAIN

In an attack on Democrats for having the spine to stand up to Bush’s lies on FISA, the WSJ reveals their real worry: Bush and McCain are irrelevant.

DON’T CRY FOR THE TELCOS - BUSH & CHENEY ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE DYING FOR IMMUNITY

Since the ugly head of the issue of telco immunity was first raised last summer, I have been arguing vehemently that the telcos are not in any grave danger financially from the litigation currently pending if their conduct is as has been described to date, that they are

already protected from liability as to the actions that have been described to us and Congress, and that the full court press for immunity by the Administration is entirely about cover for the lawless and unconstitutional acts of the Bush Administration and not about the telcos. Here is why.