

SURPRISE SURPRISE: “LAPTOP OF DEATH” A POSSIBLE FORGERY

Not only was the Bush case for war against Iraq based on forgeries, but so was their case for war against Iran.

CIA & FOGGO: IT'S HARD ON SPY PIMPS OUT THERE

It's getting hard out there on the pimps and cons in the CIA, first Director Goss goes down the tubes, and now his right hand man Foggo has copped a sweet plea. Just how did Foggo get such an unheard of sweetheart deal from the Bush Justice Department? They wanted to clean up evidence of their corruption, dishonesty and perfidy and have once again used the false cover of national security to cover their rears.

WE HAVE MET THE WMD TERRORISTS, AND THEY ARE US

The Bush Administration leaned on the Swiss government to destroy crucial evidence in a broad investigation into the nuclear proliferation network of AQ Khan because the information would implicate the CIA and US Government in a web of entangled activities. As

a result, innumerable criminal investigations have been compromised, if not destroyed altogether. And Khan and the others walk free.

THE STRANGE CASE OF HIWA ABDUL RAHMAN RASHUL (PART 2)

In part 1, I laid out the facts surrounding the detention and illegal transfer of Hiwa Abdul Rahman Rashul. In this post, I want to demonstrate why this case matters. There is a pattern to the Bush/Cheney Administration's illegal usurpation of executive power. Because the pattern broke down in this case, the strategy behind that power grab is laid bare. The struggle within the administration over the disposition of Rashul and the way it was resolved helps to illuminate the true nature of the current regime. Perhaps it leaves an opening to unravel the authoritarian infrastructure that has been built within our country in the last eight years.

FISA REDUX AGAIN: THE SLIPPERY SLOPE LEADS DOWN A RABBIT HOLE

Five days ago, in the post we discussed the new set of domestic spying protocols that the Bush Administration is determined to entrench into law and practice before leaving office, and learned that Attorney General Mukasey would release new guidelines within weeks to streamline and unify FBI investigations of

criminal law enforcement matters and national security threats. Well, that didn't take long; they're here, and it is a chilling grab by the Bush Administration of unheard of domestic police state powers, emasculating the Constitution in the process.

THE STRANGE CASE OF HIWA ABDUL RAHMAN RASHUL (PART 1)

In June 2004, Hiwa Abdul Rahman Rashul had his 15 minutes of fame when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld answered questions at a press conference about the detainee known to American soldiers only as Triple X, the first ghost detainee transferred from CIA custody to the U.S. military. Rashul was suspected of being a member of Ansar al-Islam, a violent Kurdish Sunni Islamist movement opposed to the dominant Kurdish groups of northeastern Iraq. The real story of Hiwa Abdul Rahman Rashul wasn't his terrorist past or his time as a ghost detainee of the DOD, but his treatment by the CIA in between.

FISA REDUX: THE SLIPPERY SLOPE BECOMES A MINE SHAFT

The FISA pigeons have come home to foul the roost. The passage of the FISA Amendments Act was a designed gutting of the 4th Amendment, and now what was left of the body of American's right to individual privacy is bleeding out. The

Bush/Cheney Justice Department has proposed new domestic spying measures that build upon the already enacted broad surveillance powers to form essentially a complete police state.

HABBUSH'S FREEDOM FRIES FORGERIES

Ron Suskind writes about a letter created with the help of Tahir Jalil Habbush Al-Tikriti in *The Way of the World*. He doesn't mention, though, that the US seems to have planted two more letters from him.

NOT A QUESTION OF IF, BUT WHO, FORGED THE LETTER

While there appears to be little doubt that the December 2003 Habbash letter was a forgery, what remains unclear is precisely what confluence of bureaucratic in-fighting created the letter.

THE ANTHRAX PROSECUTOR: THE DAUGHTER OF THE

DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR BUSHCO'S "GERM BOY"

The most credible reason people have suggested for Ivins' murders of five people was that he wanted the country to be more proactive about anthrax vaccines. But there's someone else who was pushing that issue much harder than Ivins. And, astoundingly, the daughter of that person's defense attorney is one of the prosecutors working this case. That person? Scooter Libby.