

THE CHINESE TURNED OUT MY LIGHTS (MAYBE)

Remember that massive blackout in 2003? Well it seems like the Chinese may be responsible.

“THE WATERBOARD”

When the CIA OIG refers to water-boarding, they refer to it as “the water board.” Makes it sound even more medieval, doesn’t it?

HOW IS RICK RENZI LIKE A GITMO DETAINEE?

Have you noticed that our government seems to have lost its respect for attorney-client privilege.

FOGGO’S NEW CHARGES

RJ Hillhouse gives us the real scoop on Dusty Foggo’s additional charges. Her story undercuts the spin coming out of the CIA—that Foggo’s additional indictment proves that the CIA is willing to investigate itself.

FISA UPDATE (AND WHY IS JOHN BOEHNER CRYING AGAIN?)

The week starts off with Main Core, Glen Fine's much anticipated IG Report has been released, today is another state election (Kentucky) in the most hotly, and closely, contested primary that many of us can remember, and, now, the tragic and deflating news that Senator Ted Kennedy has a malignant brain tumor and ... FISA is back! There is important news on the granting of retroactive immunity and it is time to get back to work.

AND SINCE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT CONTRACTING, SECRECY, AND SPYING...

Given today's report from the Cyber-Security Initiative, it sure sounds the Administration has a lot of work to make the Initiative do what it's supposed to do.

PREVIEW: BOOK SALON ON SPIES FOR HIRE

Tim Shorrock's book, *Spies for Hire*, shows how the Bush Administration and Mike McConnell have handed over the keys to our privacy to CEOs interested in fighting "Islamofascists" and

making lots and lots of money.

FISA: THE COMING BATTLE

As I am minding the store while mom is away tilting kilts, I was party to a group discussion among several notable powers that be in the blogosphere early this afternoon, and the various blogs, all of which you are intimately familiar with, will be rolling out over the next few days somewhat of a battle plan on FISA/immunity.

JELLO JAY AND HOYER SLITHER BACK INTO THE FISA LIMELIGHT

Crikey, this is getting old. You may have seen by now that rumors of a new push on passage of FISA, and, of course, full retroactive immunity, are bubbling to the surface again. The bottom line is we know what the goal of the FISA push is (immunity), we know who wants it and why (the Bush/Cheneys because they have engaged in a mass criminal conspiracy), and we know the path the push will take (GOP assimilation of Blue Dogs). Really, the only part of this puzzle we do not yet know is what the precise nature of “the compromise” that will cravenly be peddled.

SYRIANA

If there's one thing I've learned over the course of this Administration, it's that if Dana Perino one day announces that the sky is blue, I will be forced to assume that an alien invasion has commenced with the total ionization of Earth's upper atmosphere. With that in mind, there's an awful lot of cognitive dissonance for me in analyzing the evidence on the purported Syrian nuclear reactor site.