

# **CIA AND BUSHCO HAVE A RATHER LARGE CRIMINAL OBSTRUCTION PROBLEM: THE TORTURE TAPES COME HOME TO ROOST**

By now, the story of the CIA's destruction of the "torture tapes" is well known. However, yesterday, an insufficiently noticed page A-16 story by Dan Eggen in the Washington Post, appears to put the lie to the defenses the Administration has posited to date and raise serious issues in relation to intentional, malicious destruction of evidence and obstruction of justice.

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## **A PEEK INTO THE TORTURE TAPE INVESTIGATION**

The CIA's response to a court order in the Hani Abdullah suit seems to suggest that John Durham believes some files pertinent to the torture tapes may have gotten destroyed by CIA's OIG.

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## **DOJ: GIVE US MORE POWERS BECAUSE WE**

## **F\*\*\* UP SO OFTEN**

EFF catches Robert Mueller playing fast and loose with the facts on a National Security Letter.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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# **PENTAGON “CLOSING” CIFA**

The Pentagon is “closing” (which probably means “burying under a different name”) CIFA, it’s contractor-friendly domestic spying program. In a remarkable coincidence, it just had to turn over to ACLU a bunch of documents showing that CIFA had abused the National Security Letters program. What a remarkable coincidence.

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# **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 Lichtblau 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

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# **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.

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## **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.

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## **CONSEQUENCES**

What if the 9/11 Commission had described just how responsible Condi was for 9/11? What if it had more aggressively tried to fix the problems with the FBI?