

THE US GOVERNMENT OWNS ABU-ZUBAIDA'S THOUGHTS

I just found an interesting article by Walter Pincus tucked away in the lower half of the website. It contains no new or breaking news, but is an interesting description of just how far the government has run amok in their over-classification and demand to control information flow to the American people and the world.

ON THE EVE OF SOTOMAYOR: RICCI IS IRRELEVANT

Tomorrow, Monday morning July 13, 2009, Judge Sonia Sotomayor begins the hearing portion of her confirmation process. So far, there has been the expected (sadly) partisan yammering on her nomination. Then, on Friday, there suddenly emerged something that might seem to take hold as the focus of the obligatory partisan sniping.

STUNNING AL- HARAMAIN FILING SHAMES OBAMA; SHOWS DUPLICITY OF

OFFICIALS

In early June, a critical hearing was held in front of Vaughn Walker in the al-Haramain case warrantless wiretapping case. Judge Walker entered an order commanding the attorney for plaintiffs al-Haramain et. al to file a motion for summary judgement. The motion has now been filed and it is literally damning to President Obama and his Administration.

ERIC HOLDER DEMAGOGUES HATE CRIMES

Eric Holder can't seem to do squat for transparency, privacy, accountability or a plethora of other ills carried over from the Bush/Cheney Administration, but he is concerned that we need more hate crimes laws. This is wrong and he should be paying attention to more important goals.

COURT ALLOWS PADILLA SUIT AGAINST YOO TO PROCEED

There was a significant new opinion released in the NDCA late Friday (h/t Lindy and Fatster) in the case of Jose Padilla v. John Yoo. The decision is simply devastating.

OBAMA'S CAIRO SPEECH

For all the blistering that I, and many others here, give to Obama for his continuation of the Bush/Cheney duplicity on wiretapping, privacy, torture and Executive primacy issues, there are similarly a great many areas in which he is so many light years ahead of where we have been moribund for the last eight years that it is hard to remember we are still in the same galaxy. The Cairo speech was a remarkable reminder of the value of Obama.

GEITHNER NY FED & CONGRESS KNEW ABOUT AIG BONUSES ALL ALONG

It's not just torture hearings on the training table this morning, there is a plateful of AIG/Bankster/Bailout fun on tap too. At 10:00 am EST, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing on "AIG: Where is the Taxpayer Money Going?". In advance of the big hearing, the Washington Post has a significant article out detailing how complicit the NY Fed, Congress and, likely, Tim Geithner are in the bonus scandal.

STRESSING TEH KITTY

The bank stress test results are in! Wonderful news, the economy is totally groovy man! Well, except not. For what are being hailed as great results, there are some disturbing numbers. Said stress tests of the 19 largest U.S. banks show they will need a total of \$74.6 billion to withstand a deeper recession.

9TH CIRCUIT REJECTS OBAMA/BUSH STATE SECRETS ARGUMENT IN MOHAMMED

A three judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, William Canby and Michael Hawkins, has firmly rejected the vile cover up attempted against several detainees/former detainees led by Binyam Mohamed. Very good news.

THE OLC MEMOS, “ERRONEOUS AND INFLAMMATORY ASSUMPTIONS,” AND JOHN RIZZO’S LIES

Obama says the OLC memos will correct our “erroneous and inflammatory assumptions” about detainee treatment. On the contrary, the memos make it clear the degree to which John Rizzo was

lying to OLC lawyers about detainee treatment.