

OBAMA DRAFTS ORDER TO CLOSE GITMO; SUSPENDS HABEAS CASES IN DC CIRCUIT

President Obama has drafted an order to close Gitmo and has moved to suspend tribunal proceedings at Gitmo, and the military panels have started entering the orders. As further evidence of the determination to immediately address, and bring a new sense of enlightened justice to, the detainees in Guantanamo, the Administration has imposed analogous continuance motions in pending Habeas cases in United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

PRESIDENT OBAMA OFFICIALLY HALTS GITMO SHOW TRIALS

Hours after taking office on Tuesday, U.S. President Barack Obama ordered military prosecutors in the Guantanamo war crimes tribunals to ask for a 120-day halt in all pending cases....The request would halt proceedings in 21 pending cases, including the death penalty case against five Guantanamo prisoners accused of plotting the September 11 hijacked plane attacks in 2001.

COLIN POWELL TEES OFF A PARTING SHOT AT BUSH & CHENEY

Inauguration Day was not kind to the Bush/Cheney cabal (nor should it have been for that matter). In many ways and forms, the outgoing cabal literally got pounded, but few cuts were as unkind as those delivered by Colin Powell.

MARTY LEDERMAN TAKES OVER JOHN YOO'S FORMER POSITION

Marty Lederman will take over the position that John Yoo used to have. And things have changed.

"A MUCH BETTER PARTY THAN A REPUBLICAN PARTY"

Things are going so well in Washington DC that even the Republicans are admitting we're better than they are.

THE BAD SIDE OF THE CROWDS

Lots of people out there—and it's not pretty.

TODAY IS THE DAY!

Today is the day. Now is the time. Change is in the air. Marcy is on the ground, we will update as she checks in. Consider this an open thread for anything you have to say. Spill your thoughts, emotions and hopes. Post any breaking news you see that I, and all of of us, might need to know. Change is here!

COACH BUSH IS 3-23 IN REAL COURTS ON GITMO SHOW TRIALS; KATYAL, THE HERO OF HAMDAN, TO JOIN OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

There is an interesting article published in today's New York Times, and the upshot is that 3 wins and 23 losses is exactly what the Bush/Cheney regime's record is when their Guantanamo Detainee cases see the light of a court in habeas cases. And in most excellent news, Neal Katyal will be Obama's Deputy Solicitor General.

OBAMA, THE CRAWFORD TORTURE ADMISSION & THE ARMY FIELD MANUAL LIE

In an earlier post I discussed the startling direct admission that the United States tortures terror detainees made public in yesterday's blockbuster Bob Woodward piece in the Washington Post. As the Bush Administration's hand picked convening authority for the military tribunals otherwise known as the "Gitmo Show Trials", Susan Crawford's admission carries the binding mark of credibility. It also puts the lie to the notion adopted by Obama and many others that reliance on the Army Field Manual is a panacea for reforming the torture regime the United States has enshrined.

COMING SOON: THE O'BAMA HERITAGE CENTER

The Irish, never missing an opportunity to capitalize on American tourist nostalgia, are turning the homesite of Obama's Irish ancestors into a tourist site.