

# **BREAKING NEWS!! CIA MANIPULATING BRIEFING PROCESS!!**

No. Not really breaking. We knew that CIA was playing around with its obligation to inform the intelligence committees before it starts any big new projects—like opening torture factories around the world.

But that's the real story of this briefing list—aside from what a bunch right wingers are claiming it says, the actual details of the briefing list notwithstanding.

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## **IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD FOR THE GOSS, IT'S WORTH A SECOND GANDER**

Something stinks about Porter Goss' claim to have stood against torture in December 2005: Robert Grenier, head of Counterterrorism, was fired a month later for being insufficiently pro-torture.

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## **RICE AND GOSS TURN ON CHENEY**

People close to Condi Rice and Porter Goss appear to be significant sources for a NYT article adding new data points to the torture narrative. They're self-serving. But if Condi

and Goss want to turn on Cheney, I'll take it.

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## **JUDGE HELLERSTEIN SPANKS (FIGURATIVELY) THE CIA**

Michael Hayden and the rest of the torture apologists have been wandering around all week claiming that the Administration could have won its FOIA case against ACLU and withheld the torture memos.

If this ruling from Judge Hellerstein is any indication, they couldn't be more wrong. It did five things: Demanded a full "Vaughn" index for the FOIAed materials, describing the people involved and the dates. Refused the government's attempt to limit production of

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## **KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED WAS WATERBOARDED 183 TIMES IN ONE MONTH**

According to one of the OLC memos, KSM was waterboarded 183 times in one month.

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# **THE CIA DIRECTORS PROTECTING THEMSELVES**

The AP reports that George Tenet and Porter Goss have criticized Obama's release of the torture memos.

Of course they would. Those memos, after all, implicate both of them legally.

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# **THE BYBEE MEMO CAN'T BE USED FOR GOOD FAITH DEFENSE ON WATER-BOARDING**

The May 10, 2005 "Techniques" memo makes it clear that the torturers who claim the Bybee memo legalized their water-boarding of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Abu Zubaydah are wrong.

That's because the torturers didn't do what the memo authorized.

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# **CHENEY LIES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE & TORTURE TAPE DESTRUCTION**

Marcy noted earlier the article in today's Washington Post by Peter Finn and Joby Warrick

detailing the story surrounding abu-Zubaydah's capture and torture. I want to pick up where Marcy left off; i.e. the evidence that nothing was obtained from abu-Zubaydah's torture is the reason the torture tapes destroyed.

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## **THEY SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO NOOR AL-DEEN**

The same night they captured Abu Zubaydah, the US got a young associate of his, Noor al-Deen, who warned them Abu Zubaydah was not who they thought he was. But the US ignored that information and tortured Abu Zubaydah anyway.

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## **THE TORTURE TAPE LIBRARY, EPISODE 51**

Judge Hellerstein, after reviewing some contents from the CIA's torture tape library, has taken the next step in forcing CIA to turn over some of that information to the ACLU.