BUSH'S DIRECT AND CONSTANT KNOWLEDGE OF THE NIE INTELLIGENCE

The WaPo provides answers most of our questions on the genesis of the NIE. It shows that Bush has known a lot more about the genesis of the NIE than he has let on. Too bad this article appears on a Saturday and under the cloud of the torture tapes news.

WAS RAMZI BIN AL-SHIBH THE SECOND AL QAEDA DETAINEE?

Have you noticed that no one is telling us who the second Al Qaeda detainee is—the one whose torture tape was destroyed along with that of Abu Zubaydah? What if it was Ramzi Bin al-Shibh?

GENERAL HAYDEN GETS MAIL

Conyers and friends write to Hayden for better answers than he gave to the CIA yesterday.

HAYDEN'S LETTER

A reading of Michael Hayden's letter to the CIA about destroying torture tapes.

TORTURE AND TAPING TIMELINE

Timeline collecting the torture memos, known changes in image guidelines, and key comings and goings in the torture saga.

ABSENCE OF TORTURE TAPE LIBRARIAN A FEATURE, NOT A BUG

I joked a few weeks ago that the CIA needed a dedicated torture tape librarian, because they keep losing such tapes. Today's NYT story suggests such losses are, at least in two cases, deliberate.