

FINALLY: WAR CRIMINAL DEAD AT 100

This is an open thread. Leave your comments about Henry Kissinger and war crimes here rather than pollute other threads.

MERRICK GARLAND PREACHES TO AN OVERSEAS AUDIENCE

Legal folks, politicians, media people, and ordinary Americans are watching the DOJ's handling of the theft of documents from the White House. But around the world, a whole lot of others are watching as well, and how DOJ moves this case forward is critical to the future of US foreign policy.

A MOST ORDINARY PASSING OF A MOST EXTRAORDINARY WRITER

Everyone has a list of writers who have shaped their lives. John Le Carré sits on mine, and this extraordinary writer died yesterday.

WHO WILL BE FORCED TO WALK THE PLANK ON NOVEMBER 4TH?

You know that once the voting is over, Trump will be looking for vengeance against those he perceives as having wronged him or failed him.

THREE THINGS: BOUNTIES, BOUNTIES, BOUNCE [UPDATE-1]

There's an action item at the end of this post. It'll be more effort than Trump put into protecting our troops in Afghanistan from Taliban boosted by Russian secret bounties.

MEANWHILE, OVER AT FOGGY BOTTOM

It's rough being a career member of the US State Department workforce in the Donald Trump era. These days, there's a new rule: don't do anything to make the guy in the room with no corners look bad. This is becoming increasingly hard for anyone to follow.

HITTING THE FAN: VOLKER'S TEXT MESSAGES RELEASED

House Democrats released partial transcripts of text messages between former U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker and other officials. It looks like spoor met a rapidly rotating oscillator.

SOMETHING SMELLS — AND IT'S NOT BURNING OIL

Things don't add up when looking at images of the aftermath from this weekend's attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil processing facility.

THE ASSANGE INDICTMENT AND THE RULE OF SPECIALTY

Assange has been indicted. But for only one computer crime. What is the DOJ ups the ante with additional charges? Know the Rule of Specialty.

MEANWHILE, OVER IN TURKEY . . .

Well isn't this interesting? From Diplopundit last Friday comes a post with this title: Tillerson Meets Erdoğan in Ankara With Turkish Foreign Minister as Interpreter. Notice anyone missing?