

FRAN FRAGOS TOWNSEND ADMITS WE RENDER TO TORTURE IN EGYPT

Well, perhaps not quite. When Mona Eltahawy explicitly described what many of us learned from Jane Mayer—Hosni Mubarak’s appointed Vice President, Omar Suleiman, has a long history of cooperating with us in accepting and torturing people rendered to Egypt—and when Wolf asks whether this went on in the Bush Administration (it dates back to the Clinton Administration), Townsend explains the best known example is that of Maher Arar. Wolf corrects her that that involved Syria.

Perhaps Townsend was thinking of that **other** best known rendition, when we sent Ibn Sheikh al-Libi to Egypt to be tortured so he would tell his torturers—presumably people working for Suleiman—what they wanted to hear: that there were ties between al Qaeda and Iraq.

You gotta wonder whether the US would take some comfort in having the guy we outsourced torture to running Egypt.