

“ASPIRATIONAL TERRORISM” WON’T SEND YOU TO JAIL, BUT IT’LL LEAD THE NEWS

Perhaps it’s time the government tried to pursue real terrorists rather than create them among pathetic

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

Where have we seen this before: a Bush Administration gives vague guidance to our favored military dictator in a turbulent neighborhood, and the dictator takes a step that might destabilize the whole region.

The Bush Administration knew that Pakistani strongman Pervez Musharraf planned to institute emergency rule but did not act or speak out about the plan, according to officials with knowledge of the discussion who spoke anonymously in Friday’s Wall Street Journal.

“In the days

WILL LUIS POSADA FACE JUSTICE?

Back in May, a judge dismissed immigration charges against Cuban terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, arguing he had been tricked in the interview that led to his indictment. At the

time, it looked like BushCo threw the case, not wanting to convict one of their favored terrorists.

But now, two of his associates have pled guilty to charges of obstruction of justice in connection with his case.

Two associates of Cuban exile Luis

NO, PAKISTAN WAS THE LAST BIG TEST. AND WE FAILED IT.

“Serious Person” Michael O’Hanlon and escalation surge architect Fred Kagan end their op-ed with the following words.

There was a time when volatility in places like Pakistan was mostly a humanitarian worry; today it is as much a threat to our basic security as Soviet tanks once were. We must be militarily and diplomatically prepared to keep ourselves safe in such a world.

MORE ON THE FBI’S OWN FALAFEL

There’s a bit of a squabble over how important Nada Nadim Prouty, the FBI/CIA agent who got unauthorized access to Hezbollah information at the CIA, was to the agency. Via Laura, NBC reports that she was very important.

Current and former intelligence officials tell NBC News that Nada Nadim Prouty had a much bigger role than officials at the FBI and CIA

first acknowledged.

THE LATEST TERRORISM LEAK

In his post on the latest Bush exposure of counter-terrorism resources, Noah Schachtman links to this long profile on the woman and firm exposed by BushCo. Two things stick out from the article:

Taking two staff members from the Investigative Project, Katz set up her own office. She got by on small government contracts.

BANANA CREAM PIE

Remember that banana scandal, where a high-powered Republican lawyer advised Chiquita to go on paying right wing terrorists even though it was a felony? Where said high-powered Republican lawyer alleged that Michael Chertoff—the guy now in charge of protecting our country—told him that he could go on funding terrorists so long as he also cooperated with Administration investigations of the terrorists?

MORE INAUSPICIOUSNESS:

YOUR RENT-A-SHEIKH GETS KILLED

As many of you have pointed out, the guy I called Bush's Rent-a-Thuggish-Sheikh last week died in a bomb blast today.

The leader of local Sunni tribes in Iraq who have joined American and Iraqi forces in fighting extremist Sunnimilitants was killed by a bomb today, Iraqi police officials said, potentially undermining what has become a new thrust of United Statespolicy in the country.

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It could be a significant setback for American efforts to work

IF THE UC REGENTS ARE SO SUSCEPTIBLE TO POLITICAL PRESSURE...

Then perhaps they could be persuaded to fire unitary laughingstock John Yoo?

Normally, I find it inappropriate to engage the David Horowitzes of the world on their McCarthyist ground. But if the UC system is comfortable rescinding an offer they've made to Edwin Chemerinsky, then it seems fair to ask them to fire the lawyer who has elicited—by far—the most controversy in recent years (and that's coming from someone who lives in

BANANA REPUBLIC

The Sentencing Memorandum the government filed in the Chiquita case reveals something rather interesting. Chiquita was an equal opportunity terrorist supporter. You see, from 1989 to 1997, Chiquita paid protection money to FARC and ELN, left wing terrorist groups. Then, after FARC and FLN were declared terrorist groups in 1997, Chiquita switched sides, paying protection money to right wing terrorist group AUC instead.