

HELGERSON AND CHENEY

It's going to be a busy day for me, but one thing I'm hoping to do is nick down to Borders (hey, this branch is unionized, and Borders is local to Ann Arbor) to buy Jane Mayer's new book. If for no other reason then to find out more about the meeting between John Helgerson, the CIA Inspector General, and Dick Cheney.

One of the lingering mysteries in Washington has been what

"THE WATERBOARD"

When the CIA OIG refers to water-boarding, they refer to it as "the water board." Makes it sound even more medieval, doesn't it?

THE CIA OIG MADE FIVE CRIMINAL REFERRALS DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF CIA INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Over the course of the 17-month long CIA OIG investigation into interrogation techniques, it made five referrals to DOJ's Criminal Division. That sure suggests that when the CIA destroyed evidence the CIA OIG had reviewed over the course of their investigation, they had reason

to believe that evidence was evidence of a federal crime.

FITZ ON FIRING

Patrick Fitzgerald answers about five questions about being fired as a USA—one of which is somewhat revealing wrt the Libby and Rezko investigations.

KYL AGREES TO IG REFORM-BUT SUSTAINS DOJ LAWYER'S PROTECTION

The Administration—with the help of John Kyl—continues to fight efforts to give DOJ's IG the authority to investigate DOJ's lawyers.

CIA AND BUSHCO HAVE A RATHER LARGE CRIMINAL OBSTRUCTION PROBLEM: THE TORTURE TAPES COME HOME TO

ROOST

By now, the story of the CIA's destruction of the "torture tapes" is well known. However, yesterday, an insufficiently noticed page A-16 story by Dan Eggen in the Washington Post, appears to put the lie to the defenses the Administration has posited to date and raise serious issues in relation to intentional, malicious destruction of evidence and obstruction of justice.

TORTURE TAPE INVESTIGATION IN HPSCI

HPSCI is reportedly making progress on its Torture Tape investigation.

A PEEK INTO THE TORTURE TAPE INVESTIGATION

The CIA's response to a court order in the Hani Abdullah suit seems to suggest that John Durham believes some files pertinent to the torture tapes may have gotten destroyed by CIA's OIG.

REMEMBER THE

TORTURE TAPES?

ABC's story on the detailed briefings the Principals' committee received on the torture of top detainees seems designed to focus the attention of the torture tape inquiry on the top lawyers in the Administration who had a motive to approve the destruction of the torture tapes.

THE POINTY END OF A DULL SPEAR

Not only was Jose Rodriguez responsible for the destruction of the torture tapes, he appears to have been responsible for preventing any real oversight of the bungling kidnapping of Abu Omar.