

# **THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TORTURING ABU ZUBAYDAH AND AL- NASHIRI AND JUST AL- NASHIRI**

The difference between whether Gina Haspel oversaw the torture of both Abu Zubaydah and Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri or just the latter is critical to claims that she only did things authorized by the OLC memo.

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# **SOME COVER-UPS ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHER COVER-UPS**

The same people outraged over HPSCI's laughable cover-up of Trump's dalliance with Russia have themselves been participants in the cover-up of torture.

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# **WELCOME TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR. POMPEO — THE LATEST COMMITTEE TO**

# HAVE REASON TO INVESTIGATE RUSSIA!

House Intelligence Republicans yesterday made asses of themselves in an attempt to get Russian investigations off the front page. But by nominating Pompeo to be Secretary of State, Trump just gave an entirely different committee, one far more hawkish on Russia issues, reason to start a new investigation into Trump – and Pompeo’s – Russia dalliances.

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## **“NOTWITHSTANDING”: HOW CONGRESS ENABLED CHUCK HAGEL AND ASH CARTER TO KEEP CHILD RAPE AND TORTURE FROM DISRUPTING FOREVER WAR**

After a victim of child rape by Afghan forces killed three Marines in Afghanistan in 2015, Congress asked SIGAR to investigate how Afghan units continue to receive funding in light of known human rights abuses. Congress has enabled violation of the Leahy laws that prevent such funding by stating that funds to Afghan forces can be provided “notwithstanding any other provision of law”.

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# **10 YEARS OF EMPTYWHEEL: KEY NON- SURVEILLANCE POSTS 2013-2015**

Some key non-surveillance posts from 2013 through 2015.

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# **10 YEARS OF EMPTYWHEEL: KEY NON- SURVEILLANCE POSTS 2011-2012**

Some key non-surveillance posts from 2011 and 2012.

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# **10 YEARS OF EMPTYWHEEL: KEY NON- SURVEILLANCE POSTS 2008-2010**

Some key posts from the first three years of emptywheel.

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# **FIFTEEN YEARS FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR WOULD HAVE INURED MIKE FLYNN TO KIDNAPPING**

I find Mike Flynn's willingness to engage in kidnapping horrible. But I'm surprised that some others – who didn't used to have a problem with extraordinary rendition – do.

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# **MIKE MORELL RESIGNS OUT OF CONSCIENCE BECAUSE OF [LEAKS ABOUT] TORTURE**

Mike Morell has discovered a conscience he apparently didn't have when his CIA was torturing people.

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# **THE ARPAIO PARDON — DON'T OBSESS ABOUT THE RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION**

The Arpaio pardon would be better used as a teaching opportunity then cause for panic about the Russia investigation.