THE MAY 10, 2005 OPINIONS WERE RETROSPECTIVE

I asked in my earlier post on the NYT leak of Jim Comey emails what the big rush was in May 2005 that Comey couldn't use a week to fix the "combined techniques" opinion.

The emails themselves explain the rush—and that rush should have been the NYT story. On April 28, 2005, Comey wrote:

[Alberto Gonzales] mentioned at one point that OLC didn't feel like it could accede to my request to make