

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION DID NOT GIVE LEGALLY- REQUIRED PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS

If the torture program began—as Michael Hayden has said—as a covert op, then it would require Bush to have notified Congress of the plan to torture before it happened. That did not happen. In fact, even according to reports from the CIA, it appears the CIA did not have its presidential finding until a year after the torture started.

PORTER GOSS ESCALATES ATTACKS ON PELOSI AND HARMAN-BUT ADMITS CIA BROKE THE LAW

Porter Goss apparently believes that by attacking Nancy Pelosi publicly, he can get her to back off her support for a torture investigation. But even in his attack, he makes clear that CIA broke the law.

ZELIKOW, THE 9/11 COMMISSION, AND EFFECTIVENESS

I've been scouring the 9/11 Report to see whether interrogation reports derived from waterboarding provided useful intelligence. It looks like Zelikow will be addressing that issue himself, shortly.

YET ANOTHER WARNING AGAINST TORTURE IGNORED

The torture architects received a document that warned that torture—yes, it used that term—was likely to elicit false confessions.

JUDGE HELLERSTEIN SPANKS (FIGURATIVELY) THE CIA

Michael Hayden and the rest of the torture apologists have been wandering around all week claiming that the Administration could have won its FOIA case against ACLU and withheld the torture memos.

If this ruling from Judge Hellerstein is any indication, they couldn't be more wrong. It did five things: Demanded a full "Vaughn" index for the FOIAed materials, describing the people involved and the dates. Refused the government's

attempt to limit production of

WHY DON'T THEY CLAIM AL-NASHIRI'S WATERBOARDING WORKED?

As I noted last night, MiniCheney very pointedly avoided claiming that al-Nashiri provided important intelligence as a result of being waterboarded. In a non-sequitur response to Norah O'Donnell's assertion that waterboarding is torture, MiniCheney offered this as rebuttal to O'Donnell's point (at 2:15).

There were three people who were waterboarded, and two of those people are people who gave us incredibly important and useful information, information that saved American lives after

CHENEY CHERRY PICKS INTELLIGENCE AGAIN

Greg Sargent got a hold of Cheney's FOIA request for the documents that will prove—he claims—that torture was effective. He's asking for two documents, both of which were stored in his "detainees" file in his files. They are: CIA Report, dated July 13, 2004 CIA Report, dated June 1, 2005

(I'm a little confused about what the two different forms refer to, as they seem to refer to the same documents, though of

IS THE HARMAN STORY AN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE HER ABOUT TORTURE?

It appears more and more likely that the Harman story broke when it did in an attempt to keep her quiet about torture.

CRAZY PETE HOEKSTRA WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR TORTURE

Crazy Pete Hoekstra wants to be governor. So he's going to spin in the WSJ to try to clear his complicity in torture.

DETAINEE ABUSE PICTURES TO BE RELEASED MAY 28

DOD is going to release a whole slew of detainee abuse pictures next month.