

CLIFF MAY: N_O READING, 'RITING, OR 'RITHMETIC

Some lessons on the 3 Rs for the Cliff May and the other folks at N_O, who apparently don't know this stuff.

Reading

First, read before you write. Because when you write, Under a strict set of rules, every pour of water had to be counted – and the number of pours was limited.

LIZ CHENEY: I'M PROUD MY DADDY IS THE PRIME MOVER OF TORTURE

The biggest piece of news from this exchange? Liz Cheney's assertion that (only) two of the three detainees who were waterboarded (speaking of Abu Zubaydah and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed) provided valuable intelligence. Or, to put it another way, Rahin al-Nashiri did not provide valuable intelligence.

JERROLD NADLER: WE MUST INVESTIGATE TORTURE ... AND FIX

STATE SECRETS

Jane and I had a chat yesterday with Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), the Chair of the House Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to talk about his call for a special prosecutor to investigate the torture program. Chairman Nadler was clear: “You don’t have much choice under the law—you have to investigate.” The law requires, he explained, that such allegations be investigated.

AND DID JAMES MITCHELL ALSO WRITE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF ABU ZUBAYDAH BYBEE USED?

Is James Mitchell the “psychologist/interrogator” who performed a psychological profile of Abu Zubaydah declaring him fit to be tortured?

ABU ZUBAYDAH’S FBI INTERROGATOR REMOVES THE LEGAL CORNERSTONE OF THE

TORTURE REGIME

Abu Zubdaydah's FBI interrogator, Ali Soufan, removes the legal cornerstone of the entire torture regime in an op-ed in the NYT.

SPOTTED: ASPEN TREES, TURNING ON ROOTS

Judy Miller looks like she'll be turning on her roots in the near future.

LAMBERT DOGS THE PRESS

I beat the NYT to actual close reading over the weekend and it made a stink.

But Lambert documents his superior canine instincts from five years ago.

Je repete. 2004-05-09, Corrente:

Maybe there is a smoking gun. ... Somebody's got to authorize the dogs, the kennels, the handlers, and the purpose.

ZELIKOW'S DESTROYED MEMOS

Last night, as I was beginning my catalog of the interrogation reports used in the 9/11 Report,

the former Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission was on Rachel Maddow, elaborating on his Foreign Policy article where he revealed how the Bush Administration destroyed his objections to the May 2005 Bradbury Memos.

Anonymous Liberal had a very good take on Zelikow's story (which basically matches what bmaz said to me via email).

ABU ZUBAYDAH: WATERBOARDED 83 TIMES FOR 10 PIECES OF INTELLIGENCE

The torture apologists are out in force, insisting that torture produces useful information. Cheney's even promising to release information from CIA cataloging all the useful information that came from torture. But we don't have to wait for Cheney. We already have a way to assess how much intelligence we got directly from torturing Abu Zubaydah: the 9/11 Report. And the 9/11 Report tells us AZ only provided 10 useful piece of intelligence during his interrogations.

BREAKING: TORTURE ARCHITECT JOHN RIZZO STILL WORKING AT CIA

The ACLU is reporting something that I've suspected.

According to the CIA public affairs office,

Rizzo is still Acting General Counsel.

John Rizzo, the man who worked with both Jay Bybee and Steven Bradbury to pre-authorize torture, is still being paid by you and me to make sure that the CIA follows the law.