

# **DID CHENEY ORDER UP ABU ZUBAYDAH'S 83RD WATERBOARDING?**

When the CIA ordered up an extra session of waterboarding for Abu Zubaydah, did it do so on Cheney's orders?

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## **THE SASC SMOKING GUN ON WATERBOARDING**

The SASC Report on Torture strongly suggests that CIA was following one set of guidelines, but had gotten approval from DOJ for another set of guidelines.

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## **SASC TORTURE REPORT, WORKING THREAD**

The Senate Armed Services Committee just released its report on torture.

Spencer has a post on it [here](#).

Remember, as you're reading it, that not only did they repurpose SERE. But we know they went far beyond SERE in its application.

I'll be reading it as I fall asleep and should have more detailed comments tomorrow morning.

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# **CHENEY PLANS TO CONTINUE TO MANUFACTURE INTELLIGENCE**

It sounds like Cheney's only asking for CIA to disclose information on what torture produced so he can use it for his memoirs.

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## **OLC + CIA = CYA**

Spencer's story on a previously unknown 2007 OLC memo suggests the CIA continued to distrust Bush's willingness to give them policy cover for torture.

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## **THOSE CIA EMPLOYEES DON'T LOOK PISSED THAT OBAMA RELEASED THE TORTURE MEMOS**

The Village has been out in force declaring that Obama's decision to release the torture memos will hurt the morale of CIA's employees. But there are those in the CIA who it will reassure.

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# **MCCAIN ON THE TORTURE MEMOS**

John McCain thinks waterboarding KSM 183 times in a month is a bad idea (to his credit he says any use of waterboarding is a bad idea). Even still, he thinks releasing the torture memos was wrong. I wonder if that's because the memos reveal the disdain with which the Bush Administration treated Congressional efforts to end the torture program?

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## **IS THERE A 2003 WATERBOARDING MEMO WE'RE MISSING?**

We know the August 1, 2002 memo directly pertained to Abu Zubaydah. We know the 2005 memos were, in part, addressed to Hassan Ghul. Is there a 2003 memo addressing whether KSM could be waterboarded?

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## **THE CIA IG REPORT: IS WATERBOARDING KSM 183 TIMES REALLY EFFECTIVE?**

Not only did the CIA IG Report reveal that KSM had been waterboarded 183 times. But it did so as part of a larger discussion challenging the efficacy of such methods.

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# **DEBUNKING THE TORTURE APOLOGISTS' “HALF THE INTELLIGENCE” CLAIM**

The torture apologists are out there claiming that we got “half” of what we “know” on al Qaeda from torture. But as the May 30, 2005 Bradbury memo makes clear, they’re talking about sheer number of reports, not quality of information.