

IS THE OBAMA WHITE HOUSE CAVING (AGAIN) ON PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGES?

I had this post mostly written as a screed against Greg Craig, who appeared to be caving again on Obama's stated principles on presidential privileges. But after checking with three data points, I'm not so sure.

ROVE'S RATHER UNCOOPERATIVE COOPERATION

Remember how Bob Luskin claimed to Murray that Rove had gotten all cooperative? Well, that was apparently a lie.

DOMENICI GETS A SUBPOENA

Nora Dannehy's grand jury just subpoenaed Pete Domenici.

THEY'RE CLOSE TO DOMENICI ... ARE THEY CLOSE TO BUSH?

Murray reports that the grand jury investigation investigating David Iglesias' firing is getting closer to Domenici. Will Domenici take the fall and protect Bush?

MARGARET CHIARA'S FALSELY-ACCUSED "LOVER" RE-HIRED

DOJ has re-hired one of the lawyers fired in the Gonzales-era witch hunts. But all is not yet well for Leslie Hagen.

GRAND JURY GETTING CLOSER TO ROVE

Luskin says Rove will cooperate with Nora Dannehy's investigation, if asked.

Subpoenas are a remarkable thing, huh?

ROVE DEADLINE

DELAYED

We don't get Rove's testimony until February 23, at the earliest. But at least by then, Obama will legitimately be running DOJ, which gives him several additional ways to respond to this.

MIKEY ISIKOFF'S OLD LOVERS CITE NEW PRIVILEGES

Mikey Isikoff (surprise!!!) has the exclusive (!!!) read of what Fred Fielding is now trying to assert for Rove: Executive privilege. For the first time. With no specific review of whether or not Rove's actions—particularly as they relate to pursuing a witch hunt against Governor Siegelman and attempting to get Patrick Fitzgerald fired while investigating Bush's orders to go after Joe Wilson—merit “executive privilege,” Fielding is now asserting executive privilege. And Isikoff is such a crack journalist, he doesn't notice the change in stance!!!

Welcome to old ways in Washington DC!

MATT COOPER PREDICTS BAD THINGS FOR HIS BUDDY KARL ROVE

It was bound to happen. Matt Cooper, to whom Karl Rove leaked Valerie Wilson's identity, is now reporting on Karl Rove again (at his new

digs over at TPM). Better yet, Matt suggests Turdblossom may have miscalculated in his efforts to avoid testifying before the House Judiciary Committee.

I spoke with a Washington lawyer who has dealt with many presidential privilege issues and he (or is it she?) raised some interesting questions

ROVE: IT'S STILL THE ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY ISSUE

Sorry I've been a bit distracted (yes yes, I know I promised a post on those missing OLC opinions!!) But until I get undistracted, check out this video from Turdblossom.

Note how he describes the issue:

I've been directed again ... not to respond to a subpoena, exerting privilege on behalf of a former President.