

FISA UPDATE

Via Laura Rozen—there are several interesting things in this article. First, Bush has given over the family jewels—the legal opinions justifying their illegal domestic wiretapping program. He has given them to SJC, but not to HJC.

Across the Capitol, Senate Intelligence Chairman John D. Rockefeller IV, D W.Va., said his staff Tuesday reviewed legal opinions and other documents the panel had sought related to the NSA program. He said his staff was allowed to take notes, but he hadn't been briefed on their contents yet and intended to view them for himself.

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House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers, Jr., D-Mich., in a letter to White House counsel Fred Fielding, complained that the documents were being provided to Senate Intelligence, but not to his panel or the House Intelligence Committee.

I'm betting that in approximately 4 days, the Republicans will accuse Democrats of leaking materials that were actually leaked by Richard Shelby.

Second, it appears that Republican posturing about a bill is now considered news.