

TORTURE TELLTALE TIMING

Kudos to McClatchy to choose this week to interview Glenn Fine—and to induce him to get unusually chatty. Marisa Taylor reports that DOD is stalling the release of a DOJ IG report on the FBI's role in torture.

The release of a report on the FBI's role in the interrogations of prisoners in Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay and Iraq has been delayed for months because the Pentagon is reviewing how much of it should remain classified, according to the Justice Department's watchdog.

Glenn Fine, the Justice Department's inspector general, told McClatchy that his office has pressed the Defense Department to finish its review, but officials there haven't completed the process "in a timely fashion."

"Why that happened, I don't know," Fine said in an interview this week.

Tell me, Marisa Taylor, did Fine have a smirk on his face when he said that? I couldn't imagine why DOD would be stalling the release of this report!

Though Fine suggests there has been some recent movement in the classification review process.

Fine said the Pentagon now appears to be moving on his request.

"My sense is they are working hard on it now, and I believe we're going to reach a resolution one way or another in the not-too-distant future," he said. [my emphasis]

Tell me, Glenn Fine, did this sudden responsiveness on the part of the DOD start in

the last three weeks or so. You know, since the time when William Haynes left DOD in an awfully big hurry? I couldn't help but notice that Daniel Dell'Orto got around to declassifying the Torture Memo just weeks (if not days) after Haynes left DOD. I wonder if he has been equally busy clearing Fine's report for publication.