

WHO WATCHED THE TORTURE TAPES?

As a number of you have pointed out, DOJ just informed the ACLU and Judge Alvin Hellerstein that CIA destroyed 92 tapes showing torture.

In the meantime, the CIA can now identify the number of videotapes that were destroyed, which is information implicated by [Hellerstein's order that ACLU gets information responsive to its FOIA request]. Ninety-two videotapes were destroyed.

Once McCaffrey the MilleniaLab and I go for a walk, I'm going to follow-up to see whether those 92 tapes all came from Abu Zubaydah and al-Nashiri's torture (remember—original reports said there had been thousands of hours of videotape) or whether the torture tapes of different detainees were included.

Just as interesting (particularly in light of the goings on in the al-Haramain case), is the list of information that the ACLU will shortly be getting (the CIA wants this week to put together a schedule for turning over the information). That includes:

- A copy of the CIA Office of Inspector General's Special Review Report—a redacted copy of which had previously been supplied to the ACLU—with the details regarding the torture tapes un-redacted.
- A list identifying and describing each of the destroyed records.
- A list of any summaries or

transcripts describing the destroyed records' content.

- Identification of any witnesses who may have viewed the videotapes or retained custody before their destruction.

Note, they are warning that they will protect CIA identities wrt that last bullet. But we may get the names of other people (I'm curious whether Cheney, David Addington, or John Yoo might be among them) who had viewed the torture tapes.

And this is perhaps the most interesting bit:

The CIA intends to produce all of the information requested to the Court and to produce as much information as possible on the public record to the plaintiffs.

Watch out below, because I think this dam may well break.