

JOSE RODRIGUEZ BRIEFED PELOSI AND GOSS IN DECEPTIVE ABU ZUBAYDAH BRIEFING

As MadDog noted, Judicial Watch just got some new documents detailing briefings Congress received. Or rather, they got new documents providing further proof that CIA has no fucking clue what it said to Congress during some key briefings (this batch shows, for example, that the fall 2003 briefings were never finalized into a Memo for the Record, just as earlier ones weren't, and PDF 48 shows that many key briefings weren't recorded).

But in what I've reviewed so far, the new documents reveal one important new detail. Page 44 of this PDF provides a mostly redacted record of the briefing CIA gave Porter Goss and Nancy Pelosi on Abu Zubaydah's torture on September 4, 2002. We know—because both Goss and Pelosi have described this detail the same way—that CIA did not tell the House Intelligence leadership that it had already tortured Abu Zubaydah. CIA told Goss and Pelosi about waterboarding, but spoke of it as a technique that might hypothetically be used in the future, not something that had been used 83 times on one detainee the prior month.

But we haven't known **who** gave that badly deceptive briefing. Mind you, I had my suspicions. I thought it likely that Jose Rodriguez, then head of Counterterrorism Center, and the guy who ordered the torture tapes destroyed three years later, was a likely candidate to have done that briefing. But there was no proof.

Until today.

Assuming CIA's own documentation is accurate (always a big assumption, given the CIA), then Jose Rodriguez—listed as D/CTC—is the one who

gave Goss and Pelosi that deceptive briefing.

Jose Rodriguez went on to participate in destroying evidence of torture that should have been briefed to Congress. And these documents prove (again, presuming CIA's documents are accurate) that Jose Rodriguez was deceiving Congress about torture right from the start.