

MORE TORTURERS COMING BACK TO CIA AS CONTRACTORS

Adam Goldman has another in his series of articles fleshing out the details of the torture that John Durham is investigating. Today's story describes the former FBI-turned CIA guy, "Albert" threatened Rahim al-Nashiri with a drill—with the approval of Albert's boss, "Mike." (Though the AP story says this threat would be less than a felony assault, recall that John Yoo specifically forbade CIA to use death threats, so while it might not be assault it would—according even to John Yoo—constitute torture.)

I assume you'll go read that in its entirety.

While you're there, note this emerging pattern in Goldman's reporting on torture: the return of torturers as CIA contractors. He reports that "Albert" left the CIA then returned to train CIA officers as a contractor.

After leaving the CIA, Albert returned at some point as a contractor, training CIA officers at a facility in northern Virginia to handle different scenarios they might face in the field, according to former officials. Albert hasn't been involved in training CIA employees for at least two years, but a current U.S. official says he continues to work as an intelligence contractor.

A message left with Albert was not returned. It's not clear when he left the agency and became an intelligence contractor.

Recall that, in a story from a few weeks ago, Goldman reported that Jose Rodriguez (who gave the order to destroy the torture tapes, among other things) regularly lurks around CIA and

ODNI as the head of Edge Consulting.

Rodriguez, now an executive with contractor Edge Consulting, a job that regularly gives him access to the national intelligence director's office and CIA headquarters, still hasn't received an official retirement party.