

COLOMBIA REFUSES TO “LOOK FORWARD”

In Colombia, apparently, you get arrested when you oversee illegal domestic wiretapping.

Colombia's Prosecutor General ordered the arrest of Jorge Noguera, a former director of Colombia's state intelligence agency DAS, for his alleged involvement in the illegal spying on government opponents.

Noguera, who was director of the DAS between 2002 and 2006, is suspected of having set up the illegal activities of the DAS that included wiretapping supreme court magistrates, journalists, human rights organizations and opposition politicians.

Imagine if Michael Hayden (who oversaw the NSA when Cheney set up his illegal wiretap program) or John Brennan (who was in charge of the departments that chose whom to target with the system) got arrested for their role in the program?

Hell, imagine if Cheney himself were arrested (President Alvaro Uribe's Chief of Staff is reportedly one target of this investigation)?

Pretty crazy, isn't it, imagining what it would be like to live in a country with a functioning rule of law ... like Colombia?