

CIA INSPECTOR GENERAL REOPENS KHALID EL-MASRI ABDUCTION

The AP reports that, in addition to the grand jury investigation of Manadel al-Janabi's death, the CIA Inspector General has reopened its investigation of Khalid el-Masri's abduction.

Forgive me for my cynicism, but this investigation—and its public announcement—seems like yet another attempt to stave off European pressure on this front. The EU Parliament just called for investigations into the US' violation of human rights under the GWOT.

Calls on the EU and Member States authorities, as well as the US authorities, to ensure that full, fair, effective, independent and impartial inquiries and investigations are carried out into human rights violations and crimes under international, European and national law, and to bring to justice those responsible, including in the framework of the CIA extraordinary renditions and secret prisons programme;

And as we've seen in the past, the US has pretty routinely launched "investigations" so as to give its European allies an excuse not to do an investigation. That's what this feels like.

Again.