THE UNDIEBOMBER'S 15 MINUTES OF FAME

Here's the entirety of the speech Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab gave after he plead guilty to the Christmas Day bombing.

10:32 a.m.

Abdulmutallab read from a statement saying he was guilty under U.S. law, but not under Islamic law, for the crimes charged. He said he tried to carry out the bombing in retaliation for the murder of innocent civilians in Iraq, Israel, Afghanistan, Somalia and elsewhere by the United States.

10:34 a.m.

He warned the U.S. that, if it continued to murder innocent Muslims, a calamity would befall the U.S.

If you laugh at us now, we will laugh at you later," he said.

10:35 a.m.

He said committing jihad against the United States is one of "the most virtuous acts" a Muslim can perform.

The speech started no earlier than 10:23, it ended no later than 10:38. Quite literally, just 15 minutes or less for him to give the speech that is the primary reason people do not want terrorists tried in civilian courts.

The reason why we can't have nice things like civilian law anymore (aside from all the torture-produced evidence we're trying to hide) is because we might find out:

A Muslim man believes in

Sharia law, not American law

- A Muslim man correctly believes we have killed innocent civilians in Iraq, Israel, Afghanistan, Somalia, and other countries
- Someone thinks the US might one day pay for its attacks on innocent Muslims
- A radicalized Muslim man believes Allah will reward Jihad

That's it. That's what has people like Peter King and Buck McKeon and Lindsey Graham so scared that we have to rewrite our Constitution to give military law precedence over civilian law. They want to trade the legitimacy of today's proceeding for largely secret proceedings where American citizens will be shielded from a failed terrorist's 15 minutes of fame.

While we're talking about how pathetic these fearful men are, I believe it's safe to let you in on a little detail. The entire time Abdulmutallab has been in custody, he has been in a low security prison just 20 miles away from Ann Arbor, not some Gulag far away from our shore. And as it turned out, that, too, turned out to be okay.