

LEON PANETTA TORTURE REVIEW AGREES WITH SENATE TORTURE REPORT

I'm watching the confirmation hearing for Caroline Krass to be General Counsel of the CIA.

When his turn, Mark Udall just started by saying that after the review process between CIA and Senate Intelligence Committee, "I'm more confident than ever of the factual accuracy of the Committee's 6300 page study." He then repeated it again.

He went on to reveal that CIA is still withholding certain cables the Committee needs to finish the report.

Finally, he revealed that Leon Panetta did a review of the torture program. And that review came to the same conclusion as the Senate Intelligence Report.

Which raised two questions, for Udall. First, given that Panetta, as CIA Director, came to largely similar results as the Senate did, why has the CIA spent a year fighting the release of the Torture Report?

More importantly, why has – as Udall revealed – refused to turn over the Panetta review to the Committee?

Very good questions.