



CIA's Ostrichman Backs Down

CIA Director Porter ("Ostrichman") Goss has decided against punishing agency employees singled out by the CIA inspector general for mistakes that contributed to the failure of U.S. intelligence to stop the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. "I will not convene an accountability board to judge the performances of any individual CIA officers," Goss said in a statement released to reporters. The "Ostrichman", who can see no evil in the CIA, this betrayed the American people who appointed him to clean up the CIA. Goss also suggested he would oppose making public the report by CIA Inspector General John L. Helgerson, contending it would reveal too much about the "sources and methods" of the agency. Goss covered himself with crap when he claimed that the individuals blamed in the inspector general's report are "amongst the finest we have."

"These officers were 'stars' who had excelled in their areas, so the CIA leadership singled them out to take on some tough assignments," Goss said. I guess that is why the CIA's 10,000 intelligence operatives haven't got anything right in the past forty years?

The "Ostrichman" went on: "Unfortunately, time and resources were not on their side, despite their best efforts to meet unprecedented challenges." Goss added "risk is a critical part of the intelligence business." (Duh? It is a factor in a real intelligence agency. The CIA does not collect intelligence though!)

The "Ostrichman" went to great lengths to protect the quasi-treasonous CIA leftists, the CIA leftist traitors, the CIA anti-Semites, the CIA incompetent slobs and other such groups within the agency. His reasoning was, as usual, specious: "Singling out these individuals (who royally screwed

up) would send the wrong message to our junior officers about taking risks -- whether it be an operation in the field or being assigned to a hot topic at headquarters," he said.

Goss' boss, equally negligent and ambiguously incompetent, John Negroponte, director of national intelligence (he is edjunciated too, he has a big ole bachlers degree), said in a written statement that he fully supports the CIA director's decision.

CIA insiders say the long-awaited decision is a great relief to intelligence professionals -- both serving and retired. But it is likely to be criticized by families of 9/11 victims, who had pressed for government officials to be held accountable.

Suddenly, a voice of reason spoke in a sea of flabby betrayal. Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas, a Republican, said in a written statement he is concerned about the decision not to convene the accountability board.

He has invited both Goss and Negroponte to appear before the committee to discuss the basis for the decision.

Even the committee's ranking Democrat neo-Marxist, West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, urged Goss to release as much of the agency's report as possible. In a written statement, he said U.S. intelligence officials "possessed information that if properly handled could have disrupted the terrorist attacks." "Director Goss's announcement leaves me with one troubling question: What failures in performance, if not these, warrant the convening of an accountability board at the CIA?" Rockefeller asked.

Bought off or just plain stupid Representative Pete Hoekstra, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, supported Goss' decision. "With regards to 9/11, the time has come to look forward, not backwards punitively," the Michigan Republican said in a statement.(Yeah, maybe he could help bury the 3,000 victims of 9/11? Too?) "Our goal now should be the successful implementation of the intelligence community reforms that grew out of 9/11 and addressing any identified shortcomings," Hoekstra bullshitted with drooling candor. "This committee will continue to pursue these solutions as well as those proposed by the CIA and other community agencies."

Goss made a phony pitch that the inspector general's report, which followed a two-year review, "unveiled no mysteries." He said the "20 systemic problems" identified by the report were already "being addressed through a series of reforms." Yes addressed, like sending them a letter ...but nothing will be done!

Even a conservative CIA apologist has admitted that the CIA is screwed up: In the past, the Agency has had a reputation of attracting and retaining some very "different" people. I have worked with a few of them, they have run the gamut from individuals who are astonishingly creative and a joy

to be around, to those of whom one wonders how they made it to adulthood. In the agency, this second group is known as “toxic people.” The Agency has a history of tolerating “toxic people” in positions of authority. The theory expounded at the Agency has always been that despite the damage they do to those around them, these “toxic” individuals are brilliant and the results they produce justify their retention and promotion.

In the past, the Agency may have been strong enough to tolerate “toxic” people and the damage they caused to careers and morale, but I do not believe that this is any longer the case. The current DO workforce will no longer suffer in silence at what they perceive as arbitrary and abusive treatment by senior officers. With Congress looking over the DCIA’s shoulder more than ever before, the DCIA and the DDO must demonstrate “due diligence” in their selections of individuals to fill senior positions. The days of senior DO officers with poor people skills and contempt for subordinates are over. If the DCIA does not take note of this change, it will come back to haunt him.”

“Ostrichman” should be fired and the CIA disbanded!

Rod “Breaker” McCoy