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**More Haystacks!**

By [Spencer Ackerman](#) Wednesday May 19, 2010 3:27 pm



I guess I backed off [the point from December about the constant demands to fix intelligence failures with more oversight](#). But [Julian Sanchez](#) makes a valid reference to the Senate's [Mulliken/Robt report](#). Julian's right on the merits, but in fairness to the Senate report, it really only looks at NSA for missing collection opportunities and to the rest of the community for not adequately synthesizing. I recognize that when talking about overcollection it doesn't do to say "ONLY the NSA" but just consider this a minor caveat.

Most importantly, Julian's right, and intelligence has some kind of point/aim in which the picture emerges once you add more dots. Though I'm sure Kinison Capps can tell me that's not even how point/aim works.

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Frank 23 May 19th, 2010 at 3:42 pm

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As Jeff Stein notes over at the Washington Post, the declassified summary of the Senate Intelligence Committee's report on the Christmas underpants bomber ought to sound awfully familiar to anyone who finished through the 9/11 Commission's massive analysis of intelligence failures.

Yes, it is awfully familiar. It is a total cover-up.

You cite the neo-cons of The CAT Institute. They are all liars there. Of course they join with the Doc Coo propagandists to continue the Underwear Saga.

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Spencer Ackerman May 19th, 2010 at 3:49 pm

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In response to [Frank 23 @ 1](#)

OK, enough. Just stop commenting on this blog until you learn what you're talking about. Both neocons and Cato folks are laughing at you right now, because two things you clearly do not know anything about are neocons and the CAT Institute. If you did, you'd understand that Cato and the neocons do not like each other. And the idea of Julian as a neocon is just hysterical.

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Frank 23 May 19th, 2010 at 6:41 pm

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