

were exacerbated by another decision made within the Counterterrorist Center at Langley.

The CIA program's original scope was to hide and interrogate the two dozen or so al Qaeda leaders believed to be directly responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks, or who posed an imminent threat, or had knowledge of the larger al Qaeda network. But as the volume of leads pouring into the CTC from abroad increased, and the capacity of its paramilitary group to seize suspects grew, the CIA began apprehending more people whose intelligence value and links to terrorism were less certain, according to four current and former officials.

The original standard for consigning suspects to the invisible universe was lowered or ignored, they said. "They've got many, many more who don't reach any threshold," one intelligence official said.

Several former and current intelligence officials, as well as several other U.S. government officials with knowledge of the program, express frustration that the White House and the leaders of the intelligence community have not made it a priority to decide whether the secret internment program should continue in its current form, or be replaced by some other approach.

Meanwhile, the debate over the wisdom of the program continues among CIA officers, some of whom also argue that the secrecy surrounding the program is not sustainable.

"It's just a horrible burden," said the intelligence official.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IN HONOR OF JOHN T. GARRISON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about a lifelong dedicated public servant and friend who has recently passed away. I am referring to John T. Garrison, Sr. To his family and friends he was simply known as Tom.

Tom was the only mayor that the town of Badin, North Carolina, has known since its incorporation in 1990. Tom was extremely active in day-to-day operations of the town and with little or no dissent could be described as the number one advocate for this small Stanly County community.

In addition to guiding the town of Badin, Tom was also active on numerous boards and commissions throughout the region. Tom served in leadership roles with the Stanly County Visitor and Tourism Bureau, the Rural Planning Organization for Stanly, Anson and parts of Union counties, the

Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project, the Badin Museum and the Better Badin Committee, and the League of Municipalities.

Prior to entering elected public service, Tom served his community in several other ways. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and past chapter president of his local Rotary Club in Albemarle, North Carolina. Tom was also an active member of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce, Stanly County 2000 Committee, and maybe most importantly, Tom was an active member of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 82.

Mr. Speaker, this great American answered the call to public service at an early age. As a young man, he entered military service and distinguished himself among his peers by earning a battlefield commission, the Silver Star, and numerous other awards and honors as he served his nearly 2 years in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. Upon returning home, Tom served for 20 additional years in the North Carolina National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, most of us would consider that life to be full and complete, but not for Tom. Tom was married to his wife, Anne, until her passing, and brought up three children, Ellen, John, Jr., and Lenora, who combined have five children of their own. Tom also earned a college degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a successful professional in the real estate and insurance industries as well.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Tom was extremely dedicated to his family, his community, and our Nation. Mr. Speaker, Tom Garrison embodied the great American pride and spirit that we all desire. He worked tirelessly along with his twin brother, Jim, who was very active in State and local politics, in an effort to create hope, opportunity, and prosperity for the people in his community, region, and State.

Mayor Tom Garrison will be remembered by all for his constant championing on behalf of his constituents and his willingness to dedicate his life to public service. I am proud to call Tom a friend and a neighbor, and I deeply regret his passing.

Tom, like many other champions around the Nation, did not seek public recognition for his efforts. He simply wanted to make the lives of the people in his community the best they could be.

LIBBY REPLACEMENT MORE OF THE SAME OLD THING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The resignation of Scooter Libby as the Vice President's chief of staff after receiving a five-count indictment was appropriate and welcome. But Mr. Libby's replacement,

David Addington, is another long-time Cheney confidante who is part of the same secretive cabal of neoconservative ideologues, those who have deceived, fabricated, and added innuendo to march this country off to a bloody, destructive, and disastrous war.

Mr. Addington is mentioned in the Libby indictment, and there is convincing evidence that he was part of the campaign to discredit and damage anyone, including Ambassador Joe Wilson and Valerie Plame Wilson, who questioned the administration's misuse of intelligence to justify the Iraq invasion. So this is not exactly an administration house-cleaning. Instead of a badly needed culture change at the White House, what we are getting is business as usual.

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One Washington lawyer who knows Mr. Addington well described him this way in the New York Times: He said, "There are some people in the government who are diplomats and others in government who are warriors, and Addington certainly falls on the warrior side of that line." Great. Just what we need right now. Another arrogant, sharp-elbowed political dark artist.

Perhaps most disturbing of all, David Addington is pro-torture. David Addington is pro-torture. He makes the rest of the Bush administration look like an Amnesty International inspection team. More than a year ago, the Washington Post described Addington as "a principal author of the White House memo justifying torture of terrorism suspects" and "a prime advocate of arguments supporting the holding of terrorism suspects without access to courts." What a breath of fresh air, especially on the same day that we learned, courtesy of the Washington Post, that the CIA has been running a secret network of prison camps home to some of the most depraved interrogation techniques, often on detainees who do not have any useful intelligence to offer us. It is no wonder the Vice President's office has been trying to water down an anti-torture amendment, which passed the Senate 90 to 9, to allow an exemption for the CIA to continue cruel and degrading treatment of prisoners.

David Addington, a man privileged to occupy a position of authority in our government, has used his post to advocate ferociously for a war in which he is asked to sacrifice nothing.

Compare him to a modest and ordinary citizen laid to rest earlier today, Rosa Parks, who took personal risks to correct an injustice and ensure that America lived up to her ideals.

And compare Mr. Addington's cynicism to the fresh idealism I saw firsthand when I visited our soldiers in Iraq a month ago. These young Americans are selfless and heroic beyond belief. Some of them do have personal misgivings about our Iraq policy, but they know it is not their job to question the

mission, just to execute it. And this they do, knowing they could lose life or limb. Men and women who wear the uniform are the very best America has to offer. It pains me to think that their fates actually rest in the hands of the likes of David Addington.

Our troops deserve better. They deserve civilian leaders as principled and patriotic as they are. What they deserve most of all is a change in policy, one that ends this war and returns them home to their families as soon as possible.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOUSTANY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

H.R. 3478: AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO PERMIT MILITARY DEATH GRATUITY TO BE CONTRIBUTED TO CERTAIN TAX-FAVORED ACCOUNTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, our men and women in uniform serve this Nation with great honor and distinction. Many give their lives for this country. It is for this reason I have introduced H.R. 3478, a bill to permit military families who receive the death gratuity to invest the full amount into certain tax-favored accounts.

Mr. Speaker, as the Members may know, a death gratuity is a \$100,000 payment paid to survivors of servicemembers whose death resulted from combat-related circumstances. Current tax law limits the amount that recipients of the death gratuity can place in tax-preferred accounts such as Roth, IRA, Health Savings Accounts, Archer Medical Savings or Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. This legislation would change that to allow recipients to contribute up to the full amount of the gratuity payment to any one of those accounts.

Mr. Speaker, as the families of our fallen heroes try to put their lives back together, they need all the help they can get. They should not have to worry about saving the death gratuity to pay for health care, college, or other expenses and then have the government come in and tax the interest on that

savings. This bill would help to ensure that that does not happen.

The need for this legislation, Mr. Speaker, was brought to my attention by Captain Michael Ceres, a constituent stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River. Captain Ceres, who just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, contacted my office and suggested that Congress institute this change to ease the burden on grieving military families.

Mr. Speaker, I am able to report that the Joint Committee on Taxation has scored this legislation at no cost, meaning that the actual cost of this proposal is less than \$500,000 over 9 years.

We owe it to our fallen military heroes to expand the options of families who receive the death gratuity, families who have paid the ultimate cost with the loss of their loved one.

H.R. 3478 has also received the endorsement of The Military Coalition, a consortium of prominent national military and veterans organizations that represent more than 5.5 million members plus their families.

Mr. Speaker, 36 organizations support H.R. 3478. Let me just name a few: the Air Force Association, AMVETS, Association of the United States Army, Marine Corps Reserve Association, National Guard Association of the United States, Naval Reserve Association, United Armed Forces Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and many others.

And, Mr. Speaker, let me also say that we have bipartisan support for this legislation already, and I will insert into the RECORD those groups that do support this legislation.

THE MILITARY COALITION,
Alexandria, VA, October 26, 2005.

HON. WALTER JONES, JR.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE JONES: The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of nationally prominent military and veterans organizations, representing more than 5.5 million members plus their families and survivors, is writing to express our strongest support for H.R. 3478. This bill would allow military survivors additional savings options for the increased death gratuity amounts first authorized in the FY2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and expected to be permanently authorized in the FY2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

The new \$100,000 death gratuity provides greatly improved compensation for the military survivors and their families. H.R. 3478's provision to allow survivors to invest death gratuity lump sums in Roth IRAs and certain other savings accounts is a logical extension of efforts to increase protections and benefits for military widows and their families.

The Military Coalition thanks you for introducing this legislation and for your leadership on issues affecting all servicemembers and their families. We pledge our strong support in seeking enactment of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition:
Air Force Association.
Air Force Sergeants Association.
Air Force Women Officers Associated.

American Logistics Association.

AMVETS.

Army Aviation Association of America.

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Association of the United States Army.

Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association of the United States Coast Guard.

Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

Fleet Reserve Association.

Gold Star Wives of America.

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Marine Corps League.

Marine Corps Reserve Association.

Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America.

Military Officers Association of America.

Military Order of the Purple Heart.

National Association for Uniformed Services.

National Guard Association of the United States.

National Military Family Association.

National Order of Battlefield Commissions.

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association.

Naval Reserve Association.

Navy League of the United States.

Non Commissioned Officers Association.

Reserve Enlisted Association.

Reserve Officers Association.

The Retired Enlisted Association.

Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces.

United Armed Forces Association.

United States Army Warrant Officers Association.

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association.

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans' Widows International Network.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in this letter from the Coalition, they wrote: "The new \$100,000 death gratuity provides greatly improved compensation for the military survivors and their families. H.R. 3478's provision to allow survivors to invest death gratuity lump sums in Roth IRAs and certain other savings accounts is a logical extension of efforts to increase protection and benefits for military widows and their families.

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Mr. Speaker, today, I call upon my colleagues to support H.R. 3478 to expand the options of our military families whose loved ones have given their lives in the name of freedom and in the defense of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I close by asking God to please bless our men and women in uniform, I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform who have lost ones, and I ask God to please bless America.

TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans have attempted to remake themselves as fiscal conservatives despite the fact that, with George Bush