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**CIA Nominee Nails Bush (unintentionally)**

by Michael in New York on 9/13/2004 02:03:00 PM

A pretty good NYT piece on **Porter Goss**, the nominee for head of CIA. It does a pretty good job of explaining why someone who was fundamentally involved in the intelligence failure and has a consistent record of avoiding criticism of the CIA isn't the right man for the job.

In this era of massive intelligence failures, Goss has headed the House Intelligence Committee and failed to conduct one investigation into why these failures happened -- his last report was in 1998 and about Iranian shipments to Bosnia. The article fails to detail why the appointment of a political operative like Goss endangers national security -- Kerry would certainly have to dump him (Goss has used his post to attack Kerry, turning the important issue of national intelligence into partisan politics) and that would mean if Kerry wins the CIA would be without a head for a good year or so right in the middle of our war on terror.

But here's the money quote. Goss was talking about weak intelligence from the CIA et al, but don't you love this?

"I think the president has done very well with insufficient intelligence," Mr. Goss said late last year in an interview.

I couldn't agree more.



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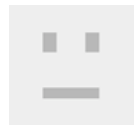


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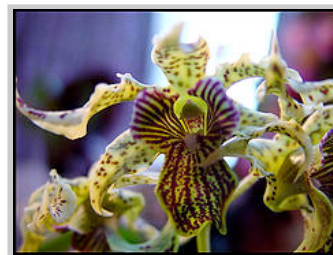
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