

Wednesday update: If there are any questions about the information that Jim Angle reported today, please let me know. For the record, when Clarke gave the background briefing on government security two years ago, his remarks were on background, meaning his name could not be used. Jim ANgle got a copy of the audio. Today, the White House lifted the restriction, thus taking the two year old briefing off background. Neither Jim nor Fox did anything wrong, except accomplish some good reporting.

For everyone's information, the hotel where our Baghdad bureau is housed was hit by some kind of explosive device overnight. ALL FOX PERSONNEL ARE OK. The incident is a reminder of the danger our colleagues in Baghdad face, day in and day out. Please offer a prayer of thanks for their safety to whatever God you revere (and let the ACLU stick it where the sun don't shine).

As the witness list indicates, today is likely to be the apex of the so-called 9/11 commission hearings. Tenet, Clarke, and Clinton NSC advisor Berger all testify. We will carry their statements, along with the Q&A, live. Remember that while there are obvious political implications for Bush, the commission is looking at eight years of the Clinton Administration versus eight months (the time prior to 9/11 that Bush was in office) for the incumbent.

We also have an interview with chief of staff Andrew Card from Fox and Friends, where he makes the administration's case on the hearings and other things.

The Kobe Bryant case is also hotting up. The NBA star's accuser is expected to testify today, where her past may be discussed. The accuser, whose name we are not using, may pass before TV cameras on her way to the courtroom. While it's OK to show her as she enters the courthouse, let's make every effort not to show her face. Denis King is in contact with the control room and will warn us off any shots that portray the accuser's face.

SCOTUS considers if students can be required to say the pledge of allegiance, including the words "under God." The case is one of the more significant ones the court will have before it this session.

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