

# WHAT DON'T REPUBLICANS WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT BOLTON?

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## BOLTON MISHANDLED INFORMATION

**Bolton Used His Position To Get Access To Information Not Included In Classified Reports.** The identities of American officials whose communications are intercepted are usually closely protected by law, and not included even in classified intelligence reports. Access to the names may be authorized by the NSA only in response to special requests, and these are not common, particularly from policy makers. Bolton made 10 such requests since 2001 in his position as a senior State Department official. [NYT, 4/14/05; Newsweek, 5/2/05; NYT, 5/25/05]

**Bolton Shared Requested Information, Against Directions Of NSA.** Sen. Rockefeller on the Senate Intelligence Committee said that Bolton might have mishandled classified information by sharing with another State Department official details about a communication intercepted by the National Security Agency. "On at least one occasion," Mr. Rockefeller said in a letter to the leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Bolton appeared to have shared with another State Department official information that he had received upon request from the NSA even though the security agency had directed that "no further action be taken on this information without prior approval of the N.S.A." [NYT, 4/14/05; Newsweek, 5/2/05; NYT, 5/25/05]

## BOLTON MANIPULATED INTELLIGENCE TO HIS LIKING

**In Unusual Incident, Bolton Clashed With Intel Officials Over Syrian Intelligence.** "John R. Bolton clashed repeatedly with American intelligence officials in 2002 and 2003 as he sought to deliver warnings about Syrian efforts to acquire unconventional weapons that the Central Intelligence Agency and other experts rejected as exaggerated, according to former intelligence officials... [The officials said] that the prolonged and heated disputes over Mr. Bolton's proposed remarks were unusual within government, and that they reflected what one former senior official called a pattern in which Mr. Bolton sought to push his public assertions beyond the views endorsed by intelligence agencies." [NYT, 4/26/05]

## REPUBLICANS REFUSE TO HAND OVER REQUESTED INFORMATION

**Administration Has Refused To Supply Requested Information For Weeks.** Democrats said they hoped the Senate's vote to delay confirmation of John R. Bolton as U.N. ambassador would force the White House to release long-sought classified information about the embattled nominee, or perhaps to pick someone else for the job. The material Democrats have sought for weeks involves Bolton's use of government intelligence on Syria, and instances in which he asked for names of fellow U.S. officials whose communications were secretly picked up by a U.S. spy agency. [AP, 5/27/05]

## **Democratic Leaders Hopeful That Bush Will Reconsider Stonewall.**

- "I think the Senate, by voting this way, has increased the likelihood that we might get access to this information," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who also made a personal pitch to Bush in an unrelated White House meeting Thursday to make the data available. [AP, 5/27/05]
- Biden said "We are willing to vote 10 minutes after we get back in session if in fact they provide the information -- information that Mr. Bolton's staff had access to that they will not give to the majority leader of the United States Senate." Biden said yesterday's vote was meant "to tell the administration that they cannot dictate to the United States Senate." [Washington Post, 5/27/05; cnn.com, 5/27/05]
- "We are not here to filibuster Bolton -- we are here to get information," Minority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) said. [Washington Post, 5/27/05]