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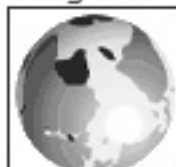
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The remarks were made on a Washington, DC radio programme Tuesday by Charles D. "Cully" Stimson, a deputy assistant secretary of defence and a former Navy defence lawyer. They drew an avalanche of anger from lawyers, legal ethics specialists and bar association officials, who said they found his comments repellent and displaying an ignorance of the duties of lawyers to represent people in legal trouble.

Lawyers for many of the detainees noted they are not being paid and that Stimson had tried to suggest they were by innuendo. Of the approximately 500 lawyers coordinated by...Full Story

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