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John Rizzo, the CIA's former Acting Counsel General, is feeling the heat for his role in blessing what President Barack Obama has now admitted was "torture" during the Bush/Cheney administration. Rizzo went on [friendly Fox News](#) to charge that the (still withheld) Senate Intelligence Committee investigation report on torture reflects a "Star Chamber proceeding" and accused some lawmakers of "craven backtracking," claiming that they had been briefed on the interrogation program years ago.

Rizzo also revealed that he and other former CIA officials implicated in the torture scandal have found an ally of sorts in current CIA Director John Brennan, who was a senior aide to CIA Director George Tenet when the torture practices were implemented and who is now leading the rear-guard defense against the Senate report.

