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For years, the United States Central Intelligence Agency has claimed that its brutal interrogations of suspected terrorists saved thousands of American lives, thwarted attacks around the world, and led to the killing of Osama Bin Laden.

But California Senator Dianne Feinstein and other Democrats are now telling a different story about what they call the CIA's "torture" program.

After combing through six million pages of the Agency's most guarded secrets at an undisclosed CIA facility, Feinstein and her Senate colleagues produced a 6,700 page classified report with more than 38,000 footnotes, telling the story of 119 men who disappeared into CIA black sites. A 500 page unclassified summary detailed the report's stark findings: the CIA program was: "ineffective", "brutal", and "mismanaged".

Though Senate Democrats believed their report would become the definitive history of the CIA's so-called enhanced interrogation program, it has instead sparked a bitter political fight over one of the CIA's darkest chapters.

"This thing was put together, reached conclusions, made accusations without any of its drafters having the courtesy to talk to any of us, to give us our chance. It's a hit job on most of us," top CIA lawyer John Rizzo, tells FRONTLINE during an extensive interview.

Now FRONTLINE investigates what really happened, who was responsible, and whether the CIA's brutal interrogations were necessary.

"*Secrets, Politics and Torture* places Rizzo's version of events squarely against the allegations in the Senate Report," says FRONTLINE Producer and Director Michael Kirk. "What results is a dramatic new understanding of what the CIA did in those years after September 11, 2001 that will help shape how Americans will remember that tumultuous period of history."

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