

## THE LOGIC OF YOO

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When he didn't eat, he smoked British cigarettes

*in the same motion as the grasp,  
the individual is drawn toward the interrogator.*

He doled them out like rewards, one per completed page  
*not lasting more than 20 minutes in any one application*

flicking butts off the porch when it was wet or into *a small  
watering can with a spout*, not wanting to set the woods on fire

*i.e., the perception of drowning.*

He cited every source immediately, waiting was such  
a student's sloppy error.

He drew the client forward into an oily desire,  
the country of his defection into a shining release.

*With the exception of the insect*<sup>8</sup>  
there was little he hadn't tried, or begged, or wanted.

He read Yoo aloud as if sharing a letter found after years  
hidden in his desk, whistling a slow, faint

halting song no one else would hear.

<sup>8</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel, memorandum for John Rizzo, Central Intelligence Agency, "Interrogation of al Qaeda Operative," 1 August 2002, and "Application of 18 U.S.C. . . .," 10 May 2005; available from <<http://documents.nytimes.com/justice-department-memos-on-interrogation-techniques>>.