

## Selected U.S. Special Prosecutor and Independent Counsel Investigations

Should a special prosecutor be appointed to investigate possible high-level complicity in the use of torture and other coercive interrogation by U.S. forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantánamo, and other places of detention? As the chart below shows, far less serious criminal allegations have given rise to the appointment of a special prosecutor (or, while the relevant statute was in force, an independent counsel). Given the central role in formulating U.S. interrogation policy played by Alberto Gonzales, the nominee for attorney general, the need for a prosecutor to examine U.S. interrogation practices independent of Justice Department influence is acute.

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
Carter	Drug use
Reagan	Superfund
Reagan	Lobbying ethics violation
Bush	Passport file search
Clinton	“Travelgate”
Clinton	Casino application
Clinton	Illegal acceptance of gifts
Clinton	Lying about payments to alleged former mistress
Bush	Identity leak of CIA operative