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009	Email	RE: couple questions - To: Claire Buchan, et al - From: Scott McClellan	1	10/06/2003	P5;
010	Email	RE: seeking comment - To: Claire Buchan - From: Scott McClellan	1	11/14/2003	P5;
011	Handwritten Note	[Handwritten Notes]	3	N.D.	P5;
012	Email	[Email from Claire Buchan] - To: Alberto R. Gonzales, et al - From: Claire Buchan	1	01/03/2004	P5;

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014	Email	[Email from Claire Buchan] - To: Alberto R. Gonzales - From: Claire Buchan	1	01/03/2004	P5;
015	Email	[Email from Claire Buchan] - To: David G. Leitch - From: Claire Buchan	1	01/03/2004	P5;
016	Email	[Email from Alberto R. Gonzales] - To: Claire Buchan, et al - From: Alberto R. Gonzales	1	01/03/2004	P5;
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019	Email	evening news - To: Scott McClellan - From: Claire Buchan	1	01/13/2004	P5;
020	Email	RE: you must watch this - To: Claire Buchan - From: Ari Fleischer	3	01/14/2004	P6/b6;
021	Email	AM press report & sr staff - To: Sean I. McCormack - From: Trent D. Duffy	1	01/22/2004	P5;
022	Email	RE: White House Thwarting Justice Department's CIA Leak Probe - To: Claire Buchan - From: Scott McClellan	3	01/06/2004	P5;
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026	Message	[Phone Messages] - To: Claire Buchan	1	10/2003	P6/b6; b7c; b7e; b7f;
027	Handwritten Note	[Phone Messages]	1	10/07/2003	P6/b6;
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029	Handwritten Note	[Phone Message] - To: Claire Buchan - From: Eric Lichtblau	1	01/23/2014	P6/b6;
030	Handwritten Note	[Phone Message] - To: Claire Buchan - From: Dana Bash	2	10/01/2003	P5;

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Issues From Gaggle:

What records have been retained:

- White House has been directed to preserve and maintain records, and the President has made clear that the White House must fully cooperate. Therefore, if anyone has documents that are covered by the DOJ request, of course we would expect them to preserve and maintain them.

What do you retain already?

- The White House is required by the Presidential Records Act to preserve and maintain a great deal of information already. This request goes above and beyond that.

Polygraph

- Don't speculate on potential investigatory techniques
- President has pledged full cooperation

Will you tell us if anyone is being interviewed?

- Would always try to give you any information you need to do your job consistent with the laws covering the investigation.

What rules?

- You're asking me to speculate. If there is a request to interview people, we would look to see what information we could tell you based on the nature of the investigation.

News Conference

Jobs/Economy

- By all accounts, the economy is picking up steam – but the jobs aren't following. When will job creation pick up? Do you agree with Secretary Snow's prediction that 200,000 jobs will be created each month and that 2 million jobs will have been created by the end of 2004?
- Do you share Secretary Snow's assessment that interest rates will go up and that this is a sign of a healthy recovery?
- Even though the economy is improving and the most recent jobs numbers have edged up, millions of manufacturing jobs have been lost and are not expected to be replaced. What are you going to do to help manufacturers?
- Your trip to Asia did not result in any real movement on Japanese or Chinese currency. Does this disappoint you? What more can you do?

Iraq

- Veracity of intelligence – confidence in intelligence going forward
- Progress in Iraq – new tactics to ensure security?

Leak

9/11 Commission

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Outliers

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Medicare – particularly dual eligibility

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08/21/03 at a public forum in suburban Seattle

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09/30/03 on NBC

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From 10/1/03 WSJ story by Tom Hamburger, Greg Hitt and Gary Fields

But Mr. Wilson's actions lately also have raised questions in the minds of some people about his own judgment. He initially suggested that White House political adviser Karl Rove was responsible for, or at least condoned, the leak and wondered publicly in August about the prospect of Mr. Rove being "frog-marched out of the White House in handcuffs." Now, he acknowledges that he can't link Mr. Rove directly to the initial disclosure.

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He claims Mr. Rove did talk to reporters about his wife's role, but only in what he terms "the second phase," after her name had appeared in print. Since Mr. Rove talked about it then, he suggests Mr. Rove's office would be a good place for investigators to begin their inquiry.

10/05/03 (Meet the Press)

WILSON: Now, I don't know if he leaked it. I don't know if he authorized it. But I have every confidence in the world that he and the communications office of the White House continued to push this story, gave it legs, for a week after, until I appeared on an NBC program and said this might be a violation of federal law.

Litkenhaus, Colleen

To: Buchan, Claire

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Subject: FW: Capital Report - (CNBC) - per our discussion last night

See the attached report from Norah O'Donnell.

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From: Siemers, Hannah
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2003 9:54 AM
To: Lawrimore, Emily A.
Cc: Martin, Catherine J.
Subject: Capital Report - (CNBC)

CAPITAL REPORT (CNBC) (
October 1, 2003

ALAN MURRAY, co-host:

Our top story tonight: the continuing controversy over the outing of a CIA agent. The White House says no one wants to get to the bottom of this more than President Bush. Well, tonight we're going to try to get to the bottom of it, as best we can, by talking to Senator Chuck Hagel, who's been bucking his party's line on Iraq a bit recently; also, by talking to a former director of the CIA.

GLORIA BORGER, co-host:

But, first, let's get the latest from NBC's Norah O'Donnell at the White House.

Norah, it's pretty hot over there these days, isn't it? Do you have any sense that the administration is trying to get to the bottom of this on its own?

NORAH O'DONNELL reporting:

Yeah. Good evening, Gloria. They say it's business as usual here at the White House, but clearly they are tense. The FBI will soon begin questioning many of the White House staffers and people at the CIA about whether they were the person who leaked the information and outed this covert CIA operative. The president has said publicly he wants to get to the bottom of this. They are not doing an internal investigation here. They say they will leave it up to the Justice Department. But the message has clearly gone out from the president on down: If anybody knows anything, they want them to get to the Justice Department right away. But there was a mood change today, definitely.

MURRAY: Norah, a lot of the buzz here in Washington centers on the vice president's office. It's known that the vice president and the CIA had some disagreements over that whole question of whether Iraq was trying to buy uranium yellow cake from Iraq, which was how this all began. What are you hearing there at the White House about any possible role that the vice president's office, his staffers, might have had in this?

O'DONNELL: This morning, in his off-camera briefing with

reporters, White House Press Secretary Scott McLellan was asked, 'Have you spoken with Vice President Cheney's chief of staff, Scooter Libby? Has he told you that he was not the person who leaked this information?' Scott McLellan, the press secretary, declined to answer that question. As you know, when the press secretary has been asked whether Rove leaked the information, he has said that type of a charge is just ridiculous. Apparently he's not spoken with the vice president's chief of staff. So they've not yet publicly spoken about that in terms of a denial.

BORGER: Norah, how is the White House also responding to all of these Democratic charges that a special counsel ought to be appointed, that, in fact, Attorney General John Ashcroft has too much of a conflict of interest here with the administration to have his Justice Department pursue this?

O'DONNELL: I mean, frankly, the White House is trying to stay out of it. And what they're saying is that the Justice Department will do what the Justice Department will do and saying that, of course, the Justice Department has not ruled out a special counsel. What's interesting is one of the shifts in the changes here is the way they're treating the man at the center of this, which is Ambassador Joe Wilson. And today the White House implicitly took him on saying that he's been changing his story back and forth. We know that the Republican Party and the Republican National Committee has been going out hard-hitting Wilson, calling him a partisan Democrat. You started to hear that today from the White House, a little bit of a softer tone, but clearly raising questions about his credibility and his alliances with the Democratic Party.

BORGER: Well, Norah, on our show last night he volunteered to work for John Kerry's campaign. So he hasn't made it any secret of his political alliances. But thanks so much for being with us, Norah O'Donnell.

O'DONNELL: Thank you.

Buchan, Claire

From: Martin, Catherine J.
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From: Lawrimore, Emily A.
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Subject: Buchanan and Press interview with Johnson

The attachment is the entire Buchanan interview with Johnson.

-Paragraphs mentioning Libby

Let me start with you, Richard. You may have heard what our friend Larry Johnson said here. He was with the CIA. He worked with Ambassador Wilson's wife and spent two decades there, was with State Department anti-terrorism, is a Bush supporter in the year 2000. He says there are two or three sources that they know of or that they are pointing to. None of them works in the West Wing of the White House. That all of them are in -- he suggested all of them were in the executive office building. He did not confirm or deny that the name of Scooter Libby, who works over there in the vice president's office. What is your take on what you just heard? And yours after it, John.

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PRESS: Scooter.

BUCHANAN: ... Scooter Libby. Now, is Scooter Libby the name you heard?

JOHNSON: I'm not going to comment on that.

PRESS: Let me ask you this. Today at the White House gaggle they call it, press secretary Scott McClellan was pushed about have -- you know -- have you talked to people, are the White House staff cooperating? And remember the other day he said he talked to Karl Rove, and Karl Rove said I had nothing to do with it. So a reporter said have you talked to Scott -- Scooter Libby the same -- in the same fashion, and are you willing to say right now, ready to say right now that Scooter Libby had nothing to do with this? Scott McClellan closed the briefing, didn't answer the question, and walked away. What does that

tell you?

JOHNSON: That's very telling. I think if I'm the FBI, I start by having a discussion with Mr. Libby.

PRESS: All right Larry Johnson...

(CROSSTALK)

PRESS: ... important stuff. We want to ask you to stay with us.

-Paragraphs mentioning Cheney

PRESS: Senator, before we let you go, just a related question. You know, we saw that Halliburton, which has some connections to Vice President Cheney, got a big chunk of the first money in post-war Iraq. Now we learn from "The Washington Post" there's a new consulting group in town called New Bridge Strategies headed by former FEMA Chair Joe Allbaugh and Ed Rogers, who was in the first Bush White House. Does it -- and they're out there getting contracts for businesses in Iraq to get part of that \$20 billion. Does it concern you that it looks like the president's buddies are profiteering from this war?

BUCHANAN: All right. So it's not Karl Rove. Now, let me follow up and tell you we've been trying to figure out what in heaven's name is the motive of outing as a CIA agent the wife of Ambassador Wilson even if you don't like him. Now, my thesis -- and you tell me where I'm wrong because you know all this. Vice president of the United States has been said he got this guy to go to Niger. And the guy comes back and he reports they don't have the yellowcake, they're not selling it. Then he writes an article that dumps on the president State of the Union and everybody is saying, you know, Cheney's guys were the guys that sent this guy and so somebody from Cheney's office goes out and said we didn't send that guy out there. That was the clowns out at the agency, and the guy that chose him happened to be his wife who works there. Is that a valid theory?

PRESS: Let's move on. Let's move on. Now we've got a guy, Larry Johnson, who is pointing the finger at the executive office building and the vice president's office. Don't you think, given the fact that the yellowcake investigation started with Dick Cheney's office that that sounds like a plausible scenario?

Buchanan and Press
10-01-2003

Larry Johnson Interview

Welcome, Larry.

LARRY JOHNSON, FMR. CIA ANALYST: Good to be with you, Pat.

BUCHANAN: Thanks for joining us. Now, you worked apparently right near this lady, and you said I worked with this woman. She started training with me. She's been undercover for three decades, or thereabouts.

JOHNSON: That means 18 years.

(CROSSTALK)

JOHNSON: The decades of the '80's, the '90's...

BUCHANAN: Oh I see...

JOHNSON: ... and now entering the 2000.

BUCHANAN: OK...

JOHNSON: Some have interpreted that -- there's 30 years...

BUCHANAN: Exactly and I think some people did. Now let me ask you this. Tell us -- I mean, you worked with her. We don't need -- want to know anything. You know we don't want you -- you are not going to divulge any secrets anyhow. Tell us the kind of work, quality of work she did. Did she travel abroad? Did she need this cover? Did she need, you know, some other I.D? Because she did appear in situations where her life might be at risk.

JOHNSON: I met her the day -- we walked into what's called the career trainee program. It's a select program. Not everybody goes into -- that comes into the agency goes into that program. Everyone in that program was undercover because we had folks who were both case officers and analysts. I was an analyst for four years there. Until the day I left, I was undercover. I was -- you know as Bob Novak said just an analyst. I couldn't even tell my parents where I worked. They thought I worked at another government agency.

BUCHANAN: Tell us why would she have to be -- why couldn't she say if she was an analyst working at a desk that she worked for the CIA? Why couldn't she say that? Why did she need the cover?

JOHNSON: You put people under cover for one of two reasons. Either they're going to be involved with clandestine operations, as she was...

BUCHANAN: Clandestine operations...

JOHNSON: Clandestine operations or you've got people who are going to work with others who are under clandestine operations so you can help protect their identity. But the notion that she was just an analyst and sitting there pushing paper is sheer utter nonsense.

PRESS: Larry, aside from those of us who just tingle every time we hear word of a possible another White House scandal...

JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESS: ... right, why should average American Joe lunch bucket out there watching this show or any other show care about this?

JOHNSON: You know, it's OK for Democrats and Republicans to mix it up on politics, but when you allow the intelligence services and the law enforcement services of this country to be drug into the political arena and to be used as a political football, you are putting in place a system that's very dangerous, and this -- because what it does is it -- I've got several other friends who are in a similar position to val. What happens if they make a statement or their spouse makes a statement that an administration -- it doesn't matter whether it's Republican or Democrat doesn't like. Are they also going to be outed?

PRESS: Well, who or what could be compromised by this leak?

JOHNSON: You both compromise the people that they have worked with overseas in terms of in the embassy. You've also compromised the people that they've worked with outside who are foreigners. They could be put at risk.

BUCHANAN: Right. Now, the -- our network, NBC, used -- when the first night Bill and I were doing this -- used the phrase for this lady secret CIA agent. Is that overdrawn?

JOHNSON: Well, it's incorrect. Agents are foreign spies who are

recruited and paid by the United States to tell us secrets about their governments. She's an intelligence officer.

BUCHANAN: All right...

JOHNSON: Now, whether she's an analyst or a case officer...

(CROSSTALK)

BUCHANAN: All right. Now, is she the kind...

JOHNSON: She's covered. She's under...

BUCHANAN: Is she an intelligence -- you say undercover -- is she the kind of intelligence officer who traveling under an assumed identity might go abroad and speak to other folks to get information for the CIA who would need a cover and who would -- they definitely would not want her name known...

JOHNSON: Oh absolutely.

BUCHANAN: ... because she might be in some kind of danger?

JOHNSON: Yes. Absolutely. Without getting into the details of what she's doing...

BUCHANAN: Right.

JOHNSON: ... and without drawing the distinction whether she's under official cover or unofficial cover, the bottom line is she is under cover. She does not reveal where she really works to people unless -- except for her husband.

BUCHANAN: What should happen to the guy that leaked this?

JOHNSON: I think Joe Wilson had it right. Frog-marched out in handcuffs.

PRESS: Let me ask -- do you believe that part of this is what looks to be as a contest or friction between the White House and the CIA?

JOHNSON: There's a little bit of that. You know, CIA became the scapegoat for the whole uranium fiasco and at the end of the day the problem was at the White House, not at the Central Intelligence Agency. My friends still on the inside tell me they've spent years -- you know, the last couple of years trying

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JOHNSON: Not yet, no.

PRESS: Larry, I think you'll be talking to them soon.

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BUCHANAN: ... Scooter Libby. Now, is Scooter Libby the name you heard?

JOHNSON: I'm not going to comment on that.

PRESS: Let me ask you this. Today at the White House gaggle they call it, press secretary Scott McClellan was pushed about have -- you know -- have you talked to people, are the White House staff cooperating? And remember the other day he said he talked to Karl Rove, and Karl Rove said I had nothing to do with it. So a reporter said have you talked to Scott -- Scooter Libby the same -- in the same fashion, and are you willing to say right now, ready to say right now that Scooter Libby had nothing to do with this? Scott McClellan closed the briefing, didn't answer the question, and walked away. What does that tell you?

JOHNSON: That's very telling. I think if I'm the FBI, I start by having a discussion with Mr. Libby.

PRESS: All right Larry Johnson...

(CROSSTALK)

PRESS: ... important stuff. We want to ask you to stay with us.

(CROSSTALK)

PRESS: OK. And we'll be back. Pat and I with Larry Johnson. More questions about who might have leaked the identity of Joe Wilson's wife here on BUCHANAN & PRESS. Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK) (NEWSBREAK)

BUCHANAN: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Christy. Pat Buchanan and Bill Press back here. Our guest, again, is Larry Johnson, formerly with the Central Intelligence Agency who was himself undercover there and worked very closely with Ambassador Wilson's wife, and we were discussing who leaked this when Larry Johnson said they're working right on the executive office building, not the West Wing. Karl Rove's office is in the West Wing, isn't it?

JOHNSON: That's correct.

BUCHANAN: All right. So it's not Karl Rove. Now, let me follow up and tell you we've been trying to figure out what in heaven's name is the motive of outing as a CIA agent the wife of Ambassador Wilson even if you don't like him. Now, my thesis -- and you tell me where I'm wrong because you know all this. Vice president of the United States has been said he got this guy to go to Niger. And the guy comes back and he reports they don't have the yellowcake, they're not selling it. Then he writes an article that dumps on the president State of the Union and everybody is saying, you know, Cheney's guys were the guys that sent this guy and so somebody from Cheney's office goes out and said we didn't send that guy out there. That was the clowns out at the agency, and the guy that chose him happened to be his wife who works there. Is that a valid theory?

JOHNSON: I think you got a winner there, Pat. I think that's exactly what happened. It is the perception that the CIA was disloyal, and this was to fire a shot and send a message, you know, because having heard some of these individuals that I think are going to wind up as targets talk, they believe that the CIA is like an enemy within, that they are not really

supporting the Bush agenda.

PRESS: Well let me follow up on that. If that is a valid theory and this person who works in the executive office building, maybe in the vice president's office, is putting out word that Wilson's wife was an undercover agent, in a sense of basically dirty politics either toward Wilson or toward the CIA, would that person have known that he was not supposed to reveal the identity of Valerie...

JOHNSON: Yes, I...

(CROSSTALK)

JOHNSON: Yes. Well, I don't say her name.

(CROSSTALK)

JOHNSON: I think they -- in their enthusiasm I don't think they realized that they were compromising someone who was undercover. I think...

PRESS: So they could have done it without intentionally...

BUCHANAN: Right.

PRESS: ... trying to identify a CIA agent.

JOHNSON: I think that's ultimately what will save them from jail, that...

(CROSSTALK)

JOHNSON: ... they did not intentionally...

BUCHANAN: Stupid thing going after Wilson and inadvertently let out the name. The individual in the EOB you're talking about is, you believe, Novak's source, the senior administration official?

JOHNSON: There are at least two individuals in EOB.

BUCHANAN: Two in the EOB.

PRESS: Two EOB.

BUCHANAN: Is Novak's senior administration official and the two White House aides who are supposed to have called six

correspondents -- I mean, there's not three, there's only two.

JOHNSON: No. No. I think there may be three. There's at least two.

PRESS: In...

BUCHANAN: At least two and maybe three.

JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESS: In the...

BUCHANAN: Are they...

PRESS: ... executive office building?

BUCHANAN: ... any in the West Wing? Any in the West Wing?

JOHNSON: I have not heard West Wing other...

(CROSSTALK)

JOHNSON: ... than what, you know, Joe Wilson said last night on "Nightline" where he reported that reporters would call him up and said Karl Rove...

BUCHANAN: ... condoned it.

JOHNSON: ... said your wife is fair game.

BUCHANAN: Fair game...

PRESS: Now, Larry, I've got to ask you this because people are going to say that you're just another critic of the war in Iraq...

(CROSSTALK)

PRESS: You're just another Bush critic. You're just another partisan hack.

JOHNSON: Registered Republican, gave several hundred dollars to the George Bush presidential campaign.

BUCHANAN: Do you admire Bush, the president?

JOHNSON: (UNINTELLIGIBLE) started off admiring him. I've...

BUCHANAN: Were you pro-war or anti-war?

JOHNSON: I was -- I felt we should have gotten rid of Hussein, but I think we were getting rid of Hussein under the wrong reasons.

PRESS: Larry Johnson...

BUCHANAN: OK. Thanks very much for coming over.

PRESS: ... thank you for co

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The CIA Agent Flap: FBI Asks for Reporters to Talk Investigators are pressing the Bush Administration officials to let journalists tell whatever they know about the leak of a CIA agent's identity By JOHN F. DICKERSON AND VIVECA NOVAK

Friday, Jan. 02, 2004 FBI investigators looking into the criminal leak of a CIA agent's identity have asked Bush Administration officials including senior political adviser Karl Rove to release reporters from any confidentiality agreements regarding conversations about the agent. If signed, the single-page requests made over the last week would give investigators new ammunition for questioning reporters who have so far, according to those familiar with the case, not disclosed the names of administration officials who divulged that former ambassador Joe Wilson's wife worked for the CIA. While irregular - various officials were told from the start that such a request might be made - the move, as well as the recusal this week of Attorney General John Ashcroft, suggests that investigators are ready to enter the next stage of the probe. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald has been named special prosecutor to oversee the inquiry. The FBI has already extensively re-interviewed some White House officials using emails and phone logs from their search to press for the identity of the leaker. "They are taking this very seriously," says one close to the case. Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press, says asking people who are in the universe of possible suspects to sign such a document is unusual, though not unheard of. "From the prosecutors' point of view, it is likely a precursor to subpoenaing journalists to testify before a grand jury, and then asking a judge to hold them in contempt if they refuse to do so," she noted.

It's plain that White House officials are under some pressure to sign the documents. "They can't refuse," said one individual who's familiar with the case. "The worst thing to be accused of here is not cooperating with the investigation." But reporters are not likely to feel the same pressure. Journalists rarely divulge the identities of confidential sources even when threatened with contempt citations so the releases may make little difference. Still, in a post-9/11 world, a case involving the disclosure of a covert agent's identity could be taken very seriously by a judge, who would have the power to jail a member of the press for refusing to cooperate with a grand jury.

For an administration that at times holds a very dim view of the press, the reputation of the Bush White House and the future of some of its officials may hang on the profession's ethical standards.

Text

In Washington tonight, an unusual new tactic in the investigation into who leaked the name of an undercover C.I.A. Operative to newspaper columnist Robert Novak. NBC News has learned that the F.B.I. is now asking some administration officials to let Novak and other reporters name names. But will reporters do that? Here's NBC's justice correspondent Pete Williams.

With investigators now zeroing in on the White House staff trying to find out who leaked the fact that former ambassador Joe Wilson's wife was an undercover C.I.A. Operative, NBC News has learned that the F.B.I. is now turning up the heat. Investigators are now asking administration officials to sign this form, obtained by NBC News, releasing reporters from any promises of confidentiality they may have made to their sources. Those signing it are asked to request that no member of the media assert any privilege or refuse to answer any questions about the leak investigation. Legal experts say the signed forms would apparently then be used to push reporters, possibly using subpoenas, into disclosing who the leaker was. Law enforcement officials say this tactic has been used in past leak investigations, but they could not cite any examples. And a lawyer who often represents reporters says it's unheard of.

I've never heard of the government ever going to government employees and essentially demanding that they sign away whatever confidential arrangement they might have had with someone in the press.

And, say many experts, it is probably legally groundless because the courts almost always consider the reporter-source privilege to belong to the journalist, not the source. And, says an advocate for reporters, sources must be confident that promises won't be broken.

If a journalist is viewed by the public or their sources as knuckling under to pressure from the government, then they're not going to be viewed as being an independent journalist for very long.

Attorney General Ashcroft this week took himself off the case, and the U.S. Attorney from Chicago was brought in as special counsel. Some legal insiders believe Ashcroft wanted to avoid having to be the one to subpoena reporters. But justice officials say tonight that's not why the attorney general stepped aside. And, they say, the F.B.I. cannot do a thorough job without investigating reporters involved in getting the leak. Pete Williams, NBC News, Washington.

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From: Gonzales, Alberto R.
Sent: Sunday, January 04, 2004 2:53 PM
To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Re:

Thanks Claire, we cannot do anything about it if DOJ is talking about its own investigation.

Buchan, Claire

From: Keniry, Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2004 11:24 AM
To: Buchan, Claire
Cc: Pelletier, Eric C.
Subject: Fw: Resolution of Inquiry

This is what intell voted down this am on a bipartisan vote

-----Original Message-----

From: Atkin, Chelsey <Chelsey_Atkin@who.eop.gov>
To: Keniry, Daniel <Daniel_J._Keniry@who.eop.gov>; Cox, Christopher C. <Christopher_C._Cox@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Wed Jan 28 09:47:20 2004
Subject: Resolution of Inquiry

Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days... (Introduced in House)

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2d Session

H. RES. 499

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 21, 2004

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. REYES, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TURNER of Texas, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Resolved, That--

(1) the President is requested to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than the date that is 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, all documents, including telephone and electronic mail records, logs and calendars, personnel records, and records of internal discussions in the possession of the President relating to the disclosure of the identity of Ms. Valerie Plame as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency during the period beginning on May 6, 2003, and ending on July 31, 2003; and

(2) the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General are each directed to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than such date, all documents, including telephone and electronic mail records, logs and calendars, and records of internal discussions in the possession of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General, respectively, relating to such disclosure during such period.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 11:30 AM
To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Re: you must watch this.

(b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Buchan, Claire <Claire_Buchan@who.eop.gov>
To: Ari Fleischer <AFleischer@fleischercommunications.com>
Sent: Wed Jan 14 11:21:45 2004
Subject: RE: you must watch this.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ari Fleischer [mailto:AFleischer@fleischercommunications.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 11:21 AM
To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Re: you must watch this.

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From: Buchan, Claire <Claire_Buchan@who.eop.gov>
To: Ari Fleischer <AFleischer@fleischercommunications.com>
Sent: Wed Jan 14 11:18:31 2004
Subject: RE: you must watch this.

The most unbelievable thing I think I've seen. Thought it might be useful for your book.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ari Fleischer [mailto:AFleischer@fleischercommunications.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 11:09 AM
To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Re: you must watch this.

Isn't that a tad editorial by bill? How ridiculous.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Buchan, Claire <Claire_Buchan@who.eop.gov>
To: afleischer@fleischercommunications.com
<afleischer@fleischercommunications.com>
Sent: Wed Jan 14 10:59:20 2004
Subject: you must watch this.

-----Original Message-----

From: notification@shadowtv.com [mailto:notification@shadowtv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 10:59 AM

To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Bill Plante- CBS Evening News

ShadowTV (R) Manual Notification

Channel: WCBS
Date: 1/13/2004
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** Notification sent by brian_bravo@who.eop.gov **

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CBS Evening News (News)
"The latest world and national news"

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everybody getting here. I think it will be a lot more fun.

Reporter: and then maybe it'll be a touch easier for him to make his way down the street.
Jim axelrod, cbs news, manchester, new hampshire.

Roberts: more fallout today from sunday's "60 minutes" interview with a former member of the bush cabinet. Faced now with a possible government inquiry, paul o'neill denied revealing classified material in the interview and in a book critical of the bush white house. Bill plante has more fm monterrey, mexico, where the president attended a trade summit today.

Reporter: former treasury secretary paul o'neill criticizes president bush's policies and leadership style on "60 minutes," and one day later, the treasury department says it's looking into o'neill's actions. "60 Minutes" showed this docume marked "secret," which o'neill had supplied. Was this instant payback from the reputed masters of political hardball in the bush administration? O'neill said today that he got the documents from the treasury department's own lawyer.

Under the law, he's not supposed to send me anything that isn't unclassified.

Reporter: treasury sources say department lawyers simply ked for an inquiry, not an investigation, after seeing the document on tv, and only informed the white house after the fact. They say it wasn't payback, and o'neill today agreed.

I don't think so. As i said, if i were secretary of the treasury and these circumstances occurred, i would have asked the inspector general to take a look at this.

Reporter: but it's no surprise that some suspect payback. This white house has a reputation for getting even with those who cross it: former diplomat joseph wilson, whose wife's c.I.A. Cover was blown to a reporter after he questioned the president's state of the union claim that iraq was attempting to buy ium; former budget director larry lindsey, who dared guess in advance that the iraq war would be very costly-- publicly rebuffed and fired. And with o'neill already long gone, policy analyst paul light says this time the white house is sending a message.

This paicular investigation is clearly designed to send a signal to anybody else who talks to the press that they are up for the fight of their lives if they do so.

Reporter: it's always been the policy of this white house to let no slight go unanswered and no criticism go unchallenged. The message: this president demands total loyalty, and when he doesn't g it, there's a price to be paid. Bill plante, cbs news, with the

president in monterrey, mexico.

Roberts: at that trade summit, president bushet with canada's prime minister, and the reconstruction of iraq. announced a shift in policy on Canada had been barred from the project for opposing the war, but the president now says canadian companies will be allowed to bid on rebuilding contracts also today. Five months after a bombing prompted a united nations pullout from baghdad, the u.N. Said a security team will determine if it is now safe to return. Either way, iraq remains dangerous for american troops. As allen pizzey reports, another army helicopter was shot dn today.

Reporter: the attack helicopter landed safely in a field, and both crew members escaped unhurt. A u.S. Military spokesman said the apache was apparently hit by ground fire. It's the third such successful attack by insurgents in the so- called sunni triangle in less than two weeks. In nearby fallujah, hundreds of iraqis shouted, "bush, you coward," to protest the arrest and subsequent release of a 17- year-old woman by american troops hunting for saddam loyalists.. The u.S. Military insists only genuine suspects are detained, but in this violently anti- american area, every such action is an insult. "Is it sensible that a great nation storms houses where there are only wom and children?" One speaker shouted. "This woman represents the honor of theeople of fallujah." Later, u.S. Soldiers on trol shot and killed at least two iraqis after coming under rocket fire. While such actions may indicate residual support for saddam hussein, there is also anger at the legacy of his cult of personality. Being named after the iraqi dictator is no longer the honor it ud to be. "I cannot get any job because my name is saddam," this man says. "I even have trouble in the street." More than two dozen people have come to this office trying to get rid of their connection to the former dictator. "I face a lot of problems," saddam hadi abbas says. "Wherever i go, people say, 'oh, no, not again.'" Saddam wants to change his name to salaam, which means "peace." It seems a nice idea for a name. Unfortunaty, it's not yet reflected in the streets. Allen pizzey, cbs ne, baghdad.

Roberts: federal authorities in cleveland today charged the leader of the city's largest muslim mosque with concealing links to radical islamic groups when he applied for u.S. Citizenship. Imam fawaz mohammed damrah allegedly had links to palestinian islamic jihad, a known terrorist group, and others. Damrah, a citizen since 1994, pled innocent, and was freed on bail. Cong up on the "cbs evening

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Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 12:05 PM
To: Pelletier, Eric C.
Subject: FW: WHITE HOUSE THWARTING JUSTICE DEPT'S CIA LEAK PROBE

Card's office hasn't rec'd this letter. Scott will say something like "obviously he was more interested in putting out a press release than in conveying the info cuz we don't have it..." want to check to make sure you didn't get it.

cb

-----Original Message-----

From: McClellan, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 11:33 AM
To: Gonzales, Alberto R.; Ulyot, Theodore W.; Yanes, Raul; Leitch, David G.; Buchan, Claire
Subject: WHITE HOUSE THWARTING JUSTICE DEPT'S CIA LEAK PROBE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Phil Singer
January 6, 2004

(202) 224-7433

SCHUMER: WHITE HOUSE THWARTING JUSTICE DEPT'S CIA LEAK PROBE

Although White House insists it is fully cooperating with investigation into who leaked CIA agent's identity, it refuses to order employees to comply with FBI request that they sign waivers releasing reporters from confidentiality agreements

When DOJ asked for phone and email records, the White House Counsel set a deadline for employees to comply but White House has yet to set similar requirement for waivers

US Senator Charles Schumer today said the White House is continuing to thwart the Justice Department's investigation into who leaked the identity of a covert CIA agent by not requiring its employees to cooperate with a request made by investigators over the weekend that officials waive the confidentiality of their conversations with journalists regarding the agent's identity.

"When the Justice Department asked for phone and email records, the White House Counsel set a deadline for employees to comply. Now the investigators are asking White House employees to sign waivers releasing reporters from confidentiality agreements but the Counsel's office has been silent," Schumer said. "It took long enough to get the Justice Department to do the right thing with regard to this case, we shouldn't have to keep pestering the White House to cooperate."

Although the White House insists that it is fully cooperating with the investigation, it has not required its employees to sign the waivers. But Schumer wrote in a letter being sent to White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card today that "full cooperation" requires freeing these journalists from their obligations to protect their sources."

In 1998, when Republican Congressional leaders began investigating whether White House officials were leaking information about members of Congress, then-White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles informed news organizations that the White House was waiving all confidentiality rights regarding such leaks.

Schumer said that would be a good step, but urged the White House to go further and request signed waivers from each individual employee since some journalists might consider

the confidentiality agreement to attach to the person and not the White House itself. The professional prosecutors handling the investigation have determined that they would be aided if White House employees waived their agreements with reporters.

"I know you and the President care passionately about the men and women who serve America and protect us from those who would do us harm. In a post-9/11 world, we have no more valuable soldiers in the war on terrorism than our intelligence operatives. The leaking of this woman's name was not only a despicable thing to do to her, it threatens our network of operatives and informants, harms our efforts to recruit new informants, and drastically undermines national security. It simply cannot be tolerated," Schumer wrote in his letter.

Last week, Schumer praised the Attorney General's decision to recuse himself from the investigation into who leaked the name of a CIA agent and the appointment of Patrick Fitzgerald to lead the probe. Schumer was the first to call for a thorough investigation of the leak after it appeared in Robert Novak's column. In October, he urged Ashcroft to appoint a special counsel and to formally recuse himself from the Justice Department's investigation into whether senior White House officials illegally leaked a covert CIA operative's identity to the media.

A copy of the letter is below:

January 6, 2004

Andrew Card
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Card:

Over the weekend, several news outlets reported that the Department of Justice has asked many White House officials to waive the confidentiality of their conversations with journalists regarding the identity of a covert CIA agent whose name was leaked in apparent retaliation for her husband's revelations regarding Iraq's efforts to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

Through spokespeople, the White House has claimed that it is "fully cooperating" with the criminal investigation into this leak. The White House staff has partially cooperated by turning over phone and email records, but the professional prosecutors handling the investigation into this national security breach have determined that they would be aided by these waivers of confidentiality. Full cooperation requires that these staffers comply with this reasonable request from law enforcement.

In 1998, Republican Congressional leaders began investigating whether White House officials were leaking information about members of Congress. Then-White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles informed news organizations that the White House was waiving all confidentiality rights regarding such leaks.

That would be a good step, but because some journalists might consider the confidentiality agreement to attach to the person and not the White House itself, signed waivers from each individual - as prosecutors have requested

-- would be the best step that could be taken. The only way that will happen is if you order it of your employees. I encourage you to do so in the strongest possible way.

I know you and the President care passionately about the men and women who serve America and protect us from those who would do us harm. In a post-9/11 world, we have no more valuable soldiers in the war on terrorism than our intelligence operatives. The leaking of this woman's name was not only a despicable thing to do to her, it threatens our network of operatives and informants, harms our efforts to recruit new informants, and drastically undermines national security. It simply cannot be tolerated.

"Full cooperation" requires freeing these journalists from their obligations to protect their sources. I hope you will do so as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 1, 2003

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, in response to a request by George Tenet, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Justice Department announced on September 29th that it was opening a preliminary criminal investigation to determine whether Administration officials disclosed the identity of a covert CIA officer to the media.

While this announcement is an acknowledgment of the importance of this matter, we continue to be deeply concerned about the failure of the Administration to treat this matter with the seriousness it demands.

Despite the grave security implications of this disclosure, your spokesperson indicated that you had no plans to conduct an internal investigation of this matter. In addition, it was indicated that you oppose the appointment of a special counsel, even though keeping the investigation in the hands of the Justice Department raises conflict of interest issues.

We regret these decisions, and we ask you, through the White House Counsel, to urge the Attorney General to reconsider his refusal to appoint a special counsel. In the meantime, in order to expedite an investigation of this case, we ask that you immediately direct your staff to take the following steps:

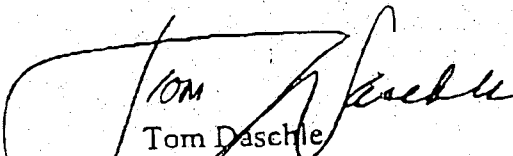
1. Produce a list of all senior White House officials who could have had access to relevant information regarding the identity of CIA operatives;
2. Insist that every senior staff member sign a statement that they are not responsible for disclosing the identity of the CIA employee who was exposed, and affirming that they will immediately produce any information that would help identify the person or persons responsible for the leak;

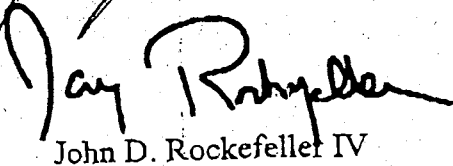
The President
October 1, 2003
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3. Assign a senior attorney within the White House Counsel's Office to organize and compile relevant documents in order to ensure swift compliance with the investigation;
4. Instruct the White House Counsel to determine whether any document, electronic communication, phone log, or any other record related to this matter was destroyed or deleted between the official notification to the White House of the criminal investigation by the Department of Justice on the evening of September 29th, and the issuance approximately 12 hours later of White House Counsel Alberto Gonzalez's memorandum instructing White House staff to preserve all evidence, or at any other time prior to that notification.

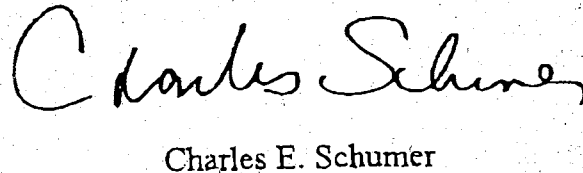
In October of 2001, you stated that "...it is unacceptable behavior to leak classified information when we have troops at risk." We strongly agree. We believe it is imperative that this matter be investigated as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. Any Administration official found to be responsible in this matter should be dismissed immediately and prosecuted for their violation of Federal criminal law.

Sincerely,


Tom Daschle


John D. Rockefeller IV


Carl Levin


Charles E. Schumer

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Date 10/27 3:45

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Chris Tracy

Of _____

Phone () 278-3295

E-Mail

Telephoned	Returned Call	Left Package
Please Call	Was in	Please see me
Will Call Again	Will Return	Important

Message

278-3295

Signed _____

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Date 10/28/03 Hour 12:31

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M _____

Of _____ (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)

Phone () 278-3295

Pager
Fax
Cell

E-Mail

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Message

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Date 10/27/03 Hour 11:31

To Claire

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Message

Signed _____

REORDER NO. 50-226

Date 10/7 Hour 5:11 pm

To Scott

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M _____

Or Bill Douglas (Knight Rider)

Phone () 383-6026 Pager
Fax
Call

E-Mail

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Signed _____

Date 10-7-03 Hour 4:24

To Scott

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Arash

Or _____

Phone () 222-7715 Pager
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E-Mail

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Message

Signed _____

Date 7/22 Time 5:23

To Scott

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

From Bob Kemper

Or Chic Tribune

Phone () 824-8227 Pager
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Message

Barkley + Hedley
Statement

Signed _____

Date 11/13 Hour 2:09

To Clair

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Tom Hamburger

Of 862-9223

Phone ()

Pager Fax Cell

E-Mail

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Will Call Again	Will Return	Important

Message

Stop guessing
need status of
the update of the
lead investigation
in part -
Scott & Karl

Signed Burton

Corporate & Compliance

REORDER NO. 50-226

Date 10/1 Hour 4:52

To Clair

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Ted Elliot

Of

Phone () 6-2318

Pager Fax Cell

E-Mail

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Message

Returning your call

Signed

NO. 50-226

REORDER NO. 50-226

Date 10/1 Hour 5:20

To Clair

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Wayne Washington

or John Globe

Phone () 857-5114

Pager Fax Cell

E-Mail

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Message

If it moves forward?
Any update?

Signed BN

Date 10/1 Hour 5:35

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Michelle Appleby

Or NY Times

Phone () 862-0368 Pager Fax Cell

E-Mail

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Message
Karl Rose - dates of
when he worked for Ashcroft
(she has 94, 88, 84)

Signed DWS

Date 10/1 Hour 3:26

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Ed Chen

Or LA Times

Phone () 861-9253 Pager Fax Cell

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Message
Wants to know if
the letter the DOJ
sent to the White House
will be released

Justice - perogative

Signed DWS

Date 10/1 Hour 7:15

To Claire (!), et al

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Tom Hamburger

Or WSJ

Phone () 862-9223 Pager Fax Cell

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Message
Seeking Karl Rose comment
on Wilson matter. If not,
will use Scott's comments in
Briefing.

Signed DWS

Date 10/1 Hour 4:50

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Ed Chen

Of LA Times

Phone () 861-9253

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Message

Called Again

Justice Magazine

Signed

REORDER NO. 50-226

Date 10/1 Hour 7

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Tammy Haddad

Of MSNBC

Phone () 329-9088

Pager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fax	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell	<input type="checkbox"/>

333-4380

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Message

Wants a reaction from the white house on Today's Buchanan and Press

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

operative in westerns + in Valer name @ CIA

EOB who leaked the story

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Date 10/1 Hour 6:30

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M large washing machine

Of 848892

Phone () 857-5114

Pager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fax	<input type="checkbox"/>
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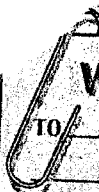
Rove / Ashcroft

(Deadline: 8:00 PM)

Signed Dan

REORDER NO. 50-226

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TO Chane DATE 1-23-11

M DEPT ERIC LICHTBLAU TIME 1:33 AM PM

OF NY TIMES

PHONE (b)(6)

FAX _____ PAGER _____

MOBILE _____ E-MAIL _____

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PLEASE CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MESSAGE _____

OPERATOR _____



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Date 10/6 Hour 3:40pm

To Claire

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Maura Reynolds

Or LA Times

Phone (861) 9228

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Message

re: DOJ investigation - has specific questions

→ # of pgs. update

→ DOJ - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

I intend to see with [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

attorney-client?

→ white noise
phone logs

incoming, outgoing

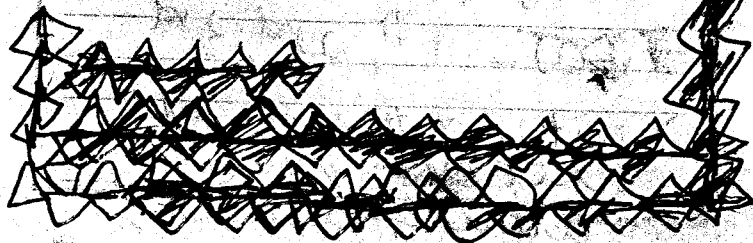
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non-read



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR CLIFF

DATE 7-9 TIME 3 P.M.

M Mike Allen

OF _____

PHONE 334 7215
AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

FAX

MOBILE
AREA CODE NUMBER TIME TO CALL

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
CAME TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUSH	<input type="checkbox"/>
RETURNED YOUR CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL FAX TO YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>

MESSAGE _____

SIGNED

Universal 48005

Buchan, Claire

From: Goergen, Barbara J.
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2003 7:14 AM
To: Buchan, Claire
Subject: Jim Angle

9/30	9:50 a	Jim Angle	FOX News	(b)(6) 202-628-1742 (after 11:00 am)	Cell Office		
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Karl wanted this call sent to the Press Office.