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# New Information on Plame Leak Creates a Flood of Unanswered Questions, Drains the Administration's Credibility



### Why did Karl Rove and Scooter Libby give testimony that differs from that of two journalists?

- **ROVE'S TESTIMONY DIFFERS FROM NOVAK'S.** "White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove told [Special Investigator] Fitzgerald that he first learned the identity of the CIA agent from Sun-Times syndicated columnist Robert Novak, according to a person familiar with the matter. Novak...has given a somewhat different version to the special prosecutor, the person said." [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), 7/24/05]
- **LIBBY'S TESTIMONY DIFFERS FROM RUSSERT'S.** "Lewis 'Scooter' Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, told special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald that he first learned from NBC News reporter Tim Russert of the identity of Central Intelligence Agency operative Valerie Plame...Russert has testified before Fitzgerald that he didn't tell Libby of Plame's identity, the person said." [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), 7/24/05]



### Why did Alberto Gonzales give Andy Card a "heads-up" about the leak investigation?

- **GONZALES TOLD CARD ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION 12 HOURS BEFORE ANYONE ELSE.** "Attorney General Alberto Gonzales [who was then-White House Counsel] said Sunday that he notified White House chief of staff Andy Card after the Justice Department opened an investigation into who revealed a covert CIA officer's identity, but waited 12 hours to tell anyone else in the executive mansion." [[AP](#), 7/24/05]
- **GONZALES'S ADMISSION LEADS TO NEW QUESTIONS:** Journalist Bob Schieffer noted that Gonzales' decision to give Card 12 hours of advance notice "would give people time to shred documents and do any number of things." [CBS, "Face the Nation," 7/24/05]



### Who saw the classified State Department Memo that identified Valerie Plame's status?

- **A CLASSIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT CIRCULATED ON AIR FORCE ONE.** "Fitzgerald has shown particular interest, legal sources told TIME, in a classified State Department memo that was forwarded to the White House the day after Wilson's article appeared... The prosecutor believes that the memo circulated among officials aboard Air Force One, according to sources familiar with Fitzgerald's line of questioning. Some traveling reporters to Africa were told on background that Wilson was sent to Niger by a low-level staff member at the CIA. At one point, White House officials on the trip were saying, 'Look who sent him,' as if to spur reporters to dig deeper...Fitzgerald seemed most interested in whether officials who stayed at the White House while the President was in Africa also had the memo that week, when the first known calls to reporters took place. Details of the memo, if not the memo itself, may have been shared with one or more White House official well before Wilson's article appeared" [CNN, 7/25/05]
- **THE MEMO NOTED THAT PLAME'S STATUS WAS CLASSIFIED.** The memo "included Plame's name in a paragraph marked '(S)' for 'Secret,' a designation that indicated to anyone who read it that the information was classified, the Washington Post reported yesterday." [Bloomberg, 7/22/05]