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CIA Employee # 9  
01/09/2004 11:48 AM

To: Craig R. Schmall/STF/AGENCY@DI  
cc: CIA Employee # 10 [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FBI session on leak probe [REDACTED]

I concur with [REDACTED] advice on this. Better to share even marginally relevant info that may or may not be helpful in these types of investigations. I leave it to you whether you want to contact FBI with the additional info directly (so long as the information is unclassified), or I can pass it along when FBI comes back to HQ on Monday and see if they want to follow up with you.

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To: Craig R. Schmall/STF/AGENCY@DI  
cc: CIA Employee # 9 [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FBI session on leak probe [REDACTED]

Craig:

[REDACTED] Sounds like you were helpful (I can't remember what I was doing last week, much less months ago...). On your question about the additional thoughts you had after the interview—just check with CIA Employee # 9 and see if she thinks it's relevant enough to pass on to the FBI. My usual advice is to pass everything, in general, because it's hard sometimes to know what their theories of the investigation are. Better to tell them anything that might be of use, and let them decide if they want to pursue it. Many thanks for helping out.

Original Text of Craig R. Schmall

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Sent by: Craig R. Schmall

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To: CIA Employee # 10, CIA Employee # 11, CIA Employee # 12, CIA Employee # 13, CIA Employee # 14, CIA Employee # 15 [REDACTED]  
cc: Matthew T. Berrett/STF/AGENCY@DI [REDACTED]  
CIA Employee # 8, CIA Employee # 5, CIA Employee # 9 [REDACTED]  
Subject: FBI session on leak probe [REDACTED]

Yesterday I spent about an hour with two FBI agents in the OGC spaces discussing what I might know about the leak of Valerie Plame's name and cover status. An OGC lawyer, CIA [REDACTED] met with me

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prior to and during the meeting.

The agents began the session by asking for a synopsis of what briefers do; the role we play in the process and the typical interactions we have with our principals. They asked who my predecessors were as far as Vice Presidential briefers and I gave them Matt Berrett's and [CIA Employee # 8] names. However, their questions mainly focused on establishing dates when Cheney and Libby (and Edelman) asked questions or commented on the Wilson trip, the newspaper articles on the trip or his wife, and analysis or tasking we might have done in response.

Frankly, my memory of the events and timing was quite poor, which probably extended the session. I did remember Cheney and Libby asking if this trip did occur when they read about it in the 6 May Kristoff and 12 June Pinkus articles. Cheney had read the 12 June Pinkus article, which claimed the ambassador's trip was done at the request of the Vice President. Cheney did not recall this at all. He also couldn't recall if he had requested a memo on this issue. Research revealed that Cheney did ask and receive a memo in early 2002. The agents had copies of some faxes I had sent (in June) to Scooter Libby's then-chief of staff, Eric Edelman, containing an early 2002 and an early 2003 memo on the Iraq/Niger/Uranium issue done for Cheney and Rumsfeld, respectively. I was asked several times by Cheney and Libby during this time frame if I knew anything about such a trip. I had not been informed of the trip, nor had any notes or memos done by the DI mentioning the trip -- so I pleaded ignorance to the principals. I told the FBI that I first heard about trip was around the time the Novak article was published from [CIA Employee # 12] who relayed what she had heard from the DDCI.

I mentioned also to the agents that Libby was in charge within the administration (or at least the White House side) for producing papers arguing the case for Iraqi WMD and ties between Iraq and al-Qa'ida, which explains Libby's and the Vice President's interest in the Iraq/Niger/Uranium case.

The agents asked if I had heard anything regarding from where the information on Valerie Plame might have originated. I said -- rather emphasized -- that I had only heard unsubstantiated rumor in the briever hallway (could not remember the specific speaker) that one of our named folks detailed to the NSC might have told another NSC staffer about Valerie; however, I don't recall if anyone knew for certain that issues about her cover were discussed. I repeated the unsubstantiated nature of this information.

The agents asked if I could review any calendar items, notes, or official databases I may have for additional information applicable to the case. I was also asked if I would agree to submit to a polygraph if asked (yes).

Last night, after the meeting, I did recall that the Vice President was exasperated over the news coverage of the Iraq/Niger/Uranium issue. I also remember Libby -- before the Novak article -- expressed irritation about a conversation he had with a reporter who said he (the reporter) had a "direct source" who gave him information about Cheney's visits to HQ to discuss Iraq and terrorism issues that were described in the press as attempts to bully the agency. While not directly related to the Iraq/Niger/Uranium issue, I suppose one could see a possible motive here. I'd like to get some advice about passing this additional information onto the FBI.

Let me know if anyone has comments or questions.

Thanks, Craig

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