

## Woodward - Armitage Interview – June 13, 2003

1:14 WOODWARD: ...What's Scowcroft up to?  
1:15 ARMITAGE: [ ] Scowcroft is looking into  
1:16 the yellowcake thing.  
1:17 WOODWARD: Oh yeah?  
1:18 ARMITAGE: As the PFIAB  
1:19 WOODWARD: Yeah. What happened there?  
1:20 ARMITAGE: They're back together. [coughs] They  
1:21 knew with yellowcake, the CIA is not going to be hurt by this  
1:22 one---  
1:23 WOODWARD: I know, that's---  
1:24 ARMITAGE: -- Hadley and Bob Joseph know. It's  
1:25 documented. We've got our documents on it. We're clean as a  
  
2:1 [ ] whistle. And George personally got it out of the  
2:2 Cincinnati speech of the president.  
2:3 WOODWARD: Oh he did?  
2:4 ARMITAGE: Oh yeah.  
2:5 WOODWARD: Oh really?  
2:6 ARMITAGE: Yeah.  
2:7 WOODWARD: It was taken out?  
2:8 ARMITAGE: Taken out. George said you can't  
2:9 do this.  
2:10 WOODWARD: How come it wasn't taken out of the State  
2:11 of the Union then?  
2:12 ARMITAGE: Because I think it was overruled by  
2:13 the types down at the White House. Condi doesn't like being  
2:14 in the hot spot. But she ---  
2:15 WOODWARD: But it was Joe Wilson who was sent by  
2:16 the agency. I mean that's just ---  
2:17 ARMITAGE: His wife works in the agency.  
2:18 WOODWARD: --- Why doesn't that come out? Why does ---  
2:19 ARMITAGE: Everyone knows it.  
2:20 WOODWARD: ---that have to be a big secret?  
2:21 Everyone knows.  
2:22 ARMITAGE: Yeah. And I know [ ] Joe Wilson's  
2:23 been calling everybody. He's pissed off because he was  
2:24 designated as a low-level guy, went out to look at it. So,  
2:25 he's all pissed off.  
3:1 WOODWARD: But why would they send him?  
3:2 ARMITAGE: Because his wife's a [ ] analyst at

3:3 the agency.  
3:4 WOODWARD: It's still weird.  
3:5 ARMITAGE: It-- It's perfect. This is what she  
3:6 does she is a WMD analyst out there.  
3:7 WOODWARD: Oh she is.  
3:8 ARMITAGE: Yeah.  
3:9 WOODWARD: Oh, I see.  
3:10 ARMITAGE: [ ] look at it.  
3:11 WOODWARD: Oh I see. I didn't [ ].  
3:12 ARMITAGE: Yeah. See?  
3:13 WOODWARD: Oh, she's the chief WMD?  
3:14 ARMITAGE: No she isn't the chief, no.  
3:15 WOODWARD: But high enough up that she can say, "Oh  
3:16 yeah, hubby will go."  
3:17 ARMITAGE: Yeah, he knows Africa.  
3:18 WOODWARD: Was she out there with him?  
3:19 ARMITAGE: No.  
3:20 WOODWARD: When he was ambassador?  
3:21 ARMITAGE: Not to my knowledge. I don't know.  
3:22 I don't know if she was out there or not. But his wife is in  
3:23 the agency and is a WMD analyst. How about that [ ]?