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Bush Official In Scandal? Promote Him!

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Yep, yet **another Bush appointee fails in his job and is rewarded with a promotion**. The latest is Pentagon official Michael Wynne, who was involved in a scandal that has put two people behind bars. (Wynne himself lied to the White House budget office.) Bush wants Wynne to head the Air Force, which needs a new head because the LAST nominee had his own string of scandals and couldn't get confirmed. My favorite detail about the scandal, which involved leasing jets from Boeing for refueling:

The former Air Force official, Darleen Druyun, is serving a nine-month term at a federal prison in Florida. **She admitted inflating the lease price as a "parting gift" to Boeing** before leaving the Pentagon for a job at the aircraft giant in 2002.

A "parting gift?" What is this, "The Price Is Right?" How about creating a new reality show where someone tries to get fired by Bush? It could run for years, obviously, since even harming national security and outing a covert agent during war is fine by Bush.



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