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Can You Say Irony? Lobbyists Indicted For Leaking Info To Media And Foreign Powers

by Michael in New York on 8/06/2005 12:56:00 PM

Ok, the irony here is almost too thick to enjoy. The Bush Administration has filed charges against two Israeli lobbyists for leaking classified info to the media. Uh, did ANYONE consider how this would look with Bush currently coddling Karl Rove after he and at least two or three top administration officials did the very same thing? Did anyone grill Scotty on this or did I miss it?

To further the irony, many believe Bush is twisting the intent of the law to prosecute people here for behavior that is both common and not a threat. Unlike Rove, who leaked info that endangered lives and ruined a spy network developed over 20 years, these lobbyists were just giving a heads-up to people about a report they thought was interesting. No, lobbyists don't get to decide what is classified info and what isn't, but in an administration that classifies virtually everything it can, there's a difference between the usual back and forth between the gov't and lobbyists and media and the unconscionable act of outing a covert CIA agent for the first time in history just to give some payback to a critic for telling the truth.



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Harry Shearer: Why The Birthers? - Okay, I admit it, it may be my fault, I've watched Chris Matthews for three straight nights, and each evening he's sent the same question...

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Late Late Night FDL: Holiday Road - Lindsay Buckingham - Holiday Road. I'm not headed to Wallyworld but I am on the road tonight, headed down to the San Francisco Bay Area for the meetup this...

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Open Thread and Diary Rescue - *Tonight's Rescue Rangers are noddem, Elise, jlms qkw, taylormattd, Shayera, and joyful with vcmvo2 editing.* The diaries up for rescue are: - *Vikin...

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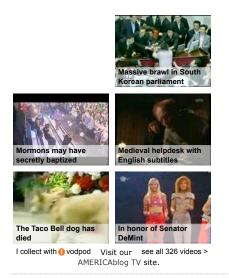


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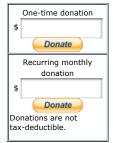
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