

# BEAT ALL THE PRESS

The press saw the same thing we saw yesterday, that Cathie Martin revealed the dark underbelly of WH press strategy.

Memo to Tim Russert: Dick Cheney thinks he controls you.

But it was more than her testimony that revealed the underbelly. First, here's how I described her testimony of the notes she took from which the Russert news came.

[Martin describing the note] At top of backside her notes. Black is what the press strategy options were. Describing it:

- *MTP (putting VP on MTP), plus a pro and con of putting VP on MTP*  
*Pros: best format, we control the message, Cons: too weedy [Hey Jane!! I'm not the only one!] Too defensive, Raises the bar, meant I thought it raises the bar on the story.*
- *Leak to Sanger/Pincus/NewsMag: Sanger was working on what he thought was a definitive piece, we could go to Sanger and tell him our version of this. Reporter with NYT. Pincus, WaPo, must have been writing story about his*

*particular story.  
Newsmags, bc it wasthe  
end of the week, Time,  
Newsweek, deadlines are  
on Saturday.*

- *Press conference with  
Condi or Rummy.*
- *Op-ed. In my  
vernacular, it also can  
mean having a third  
party write one [you  
want to name those  
third parties, Cathie?]*

M[artin] I [believe] Jennie Mayfield  
asked for a copy, and I made a copy. I'm  
pretty sure I gave her the original.

The piece of testimony refers to the second page of this document. The first page is the OVP draft of Tenet's statement, which I hope to get to today or tomorrow. The second page shows the notes Martin wrote when—after Libby asked her to leave his office so he could take a call from Hadley and pretend he hadn't asked Martin for advice—she jotted down as possible responses to Joe Wilson.

The document reads: