

WHAT'S COMING UP

Just some thoughts about what's coming up.

First, we've got the FBI Agent (her name is Bond—could this thing get any more perfect?), who will introduce Libby's FBI and GJ testimony. We'll hear long tapes of Libby's testimony. Fitz will pay particular attention to Libby's efforts to get Scottie to exonerate him in Fall 2003.

Then we've got "the mystery witness." I'll ask around if anyone has a better idea who it'll be. But I suspect it will be one of Edelman, Rove (both are referenced in the indictment, and Rove may be able to place the timing of the Russert conversation), or Matalin (to enter yesterday's "snake" comment) or Cheney.

And then we've got Russert. Why did Fitzgerald leave Russert for last? Does he believe he's going to be that compelling? Or is it just a matter of Russert's timing? In any case, both Prosecution and Defense seem to think that Russert will be very convincing. Is it because he hates Tweety?

The big question, at this point, is what Libby will do for defense. Will he take the stand? Will Cheney take the stand? If Libby doesn't take the stand, this may be over—one way or another—sooner than we thought.