

GEORGE BUSH OBSTRUCTS JUSTICE

Well, George did it. Made sure that Scooter wouldn't flip rather than do jail time. He commuted Libby's sentence, guaranteeing not only that Libby wouldn't talk, but retaining Libby's right to invoke the Fifth.

This amounts to nothing less than obstruction of justice.

Here's Bush's statement, in which a guy who is pushing to restore minimum sentencing laws says that Libby's sentencing—which was the minimum according to the guidelines, was too tough:

Mr. Libby was sentenced to thirty months of prison, two years of probation, and a \$250,000 fine. In making the sentencing decision, the district court rejected the advice of the probation office, which recommended a lesser sentence and the consideration of factors that could have led to a sentence of home confinement or probation.

I respect the jury's verdict. But I have concluded that the prison sentence given to Mr. Libby is excessive. Therefore, I am commuting the portion of Mr. Libby's sentence that required him to spend thirty months in prison.

Update: Here's an article about how the Bush Administration is pushing to restore minimum sentencing guidelines. And don't forget that in AL, a judge has just upped the sentence against Don Siegelman.

Update: Here's a link to the post showing that the research into the Wilsons went into overdrive as soon as Bush expressed a concern about the Niger allegations.