

SCOTTIE DOESN'T DENY BUSH AUTHORIZED THE PLAME LEAK

Okay, I went out and bought the damn book (sadly, I even have an extra one coming from Amazon). And I take something I said yesterday back. I said, speaking of my title that "Bush authorized the leak of Valerie Wilson's identity," that "Scottie McC doesn't know it yet."

I was wrong. While Scottie doesn't confirm that he knows that Bush authorized the leak of Valerie's identity, he sure as hell doesn't deny it either. Here's how he addresses claims that Bush also authorized the leak of Valerie's identity.

Questions were also raised about whether the president's action had set in motion the unauthorized disclosure of Valerie Plame's identity. Although we could not comment publicly, we did our best to distance him from this suggestion by pointing to the comments of Libby's lawyer that Bush had only authorized Cheney to "get the information out." He hadn't told him how to do it or what kinds of tactics to use. In other words, Bush hadn't explicitly talked about leaking. It was a narrow and ultimately tenuous thread.

Do you see where Scottie McC says anything about what content Bush authorized Scooter and Shooter to leak? Me neither.

Scottie McC's denial—which is not one, not by a long shot—only addresses the method of the leak, the fact that Scooter and Shooter leaked via the old A1 cut-out using Judy Judy Judy. After raising the question of whether or not Bush had authorized the content that Valerie was covert ... Scottie McC said nothing.