

# CHENEY'S FBI REPORT

Murray's got an important Christmas Eve scoop, reporting key details from Cheney's FBI interview. I'll return to the main point of it later, but IMO the really interesting detail is this one:

Both Cheney and Libby have acknowledged that Cheney directed him to meet with Miller, but claimed that the purpose of that meeting was to leak other sensitive intelligence to discredit allegations made by Plame's husband, former ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV, that the Bush administration misrepresented intelligence information to go to war with Iraq, rather than to leak Plame's identity.

This answers the really substantive question I had about Cheney's FBI interview: whether he attempted to leave open the possibility that he had ordered Libby to leak Plame's identity—and that, because either Cheney or Bush instadeclassified Plame's identity, the leak was legal.

Apparently, Cheney did not.

I'm off for dinner with mr. ew, so I'll have to return to the implications of this fact and others later. But in the meantime, go read Murray's scoop.