

THE ROVE INTERVIEW MATERIALS, WORKING THREAD

The House Judiciary Committee has just released all its materials from the Rove and Miers interviews. They are linked below.

I'm going to take a quick glance before I hop in the car to drive to Pittsburgh. But I'll take a closer look tonight.

- Rove Interview
- Miers Interview
- White House Documents
- RNC Documents

BTW, here's what HJC sent out in the press release.

Key new facts revealed in the materials released today include:[

- **2005 White House "Decision" to fire David Iglesias** – It has previously been known that New Mexico Republicans pressed for Iglesias to be removed because they did not like his decisions on vote fraud cases. New White House documents show that Rove and his office were involved in this effort no later than May 2005 (months earlier than previously known) – for example, in May and June 2005, Rove aide Scott Jennings sent emails to Tim Griffin (also in Rove's office) asking *"what else I can do to move this process forward"* and stressing that *"I would really like to move forward with getting rid of NM US ATTY."* In June 2005, Harriet Miers emailed that a *"decision"* had been made to replace Iglesias. At this time, DOJ gave Iglesias top rankings, so this decision was clearly not just the result of the White House following the

Department's lead as Rove and Miers have maintained.¹

- **Iglesias criticized by Rove aide for not "doing his job on" Democratic Congressional Candidate Patricia Madrid**

– An October 2006 email chain begun by Representative Heather Wilson criticized David Iglesias for not bringing politically useful public corruption prosecutions in the run up to the 2006 elections. Scott Jennings forwarded Wilson's email to Karl Rove and complained that Iglesias had been "*shy about doing his job on Madrid*," Wilson's opponent in the 2006 Congressional race. Just weeks after this email, Iglesias' name was placed on the final firing list.²

- **An "agitated" Rove pressed Harriet Miers to do something about Iglesias just weeks before Iglesias was placed on the removal list** – Karl Rove phoned Harriet Miers during a visit to New Mexico in September 2006 – according to Miers' testimony, Rove was "*agitated*" and told her that Iglesias was "*a serious problem and he wanted something done about it.*"³

- **Senator Domenici personally asked Bush's Chief of Staff Josh Bolten to have Iglesias replaced** –In October 2006, Senator Domenici stepped up his campaign to have Iglesias replaced. According to White House phone logs and emails, as well as Rove's own testimony, *Domenici spoke with President Bush's Chief of Staff Josh Bolten about Iglesias on October 5, 2006*, and during October 2006, Domenici or his staff spoke with Karl Rove at least 4 times.⁴

- **Todd Graves removed in Rove-approved deal with Republican Senator** – Kansas City US Attorney Todd Graves was

removed as part of a White House-brokered deal with US Senator Kit Bond. In exchange for the Administration firing Graves, Senator Bond agreed to lift his hold on an Arkansas judge nominated to the Eighth Circuit federal appeals court. A White House email stated that "*Karl is fine*" with the proposal.⁵

- **Miers obtained favorable statement on Rick Renzi in violation of DOJ policy**

- When rumors of the FBI investigation of Rep. Rick Renzi surfaced in October, 2006, one of Rove's subordinates contacted Harriet Miers, who called Deputy Attorney General McNulty seeking a possible statement that would have "vindicated" Renzi. Even though this was contrary to standard DOJ policy, such a statement was issued several days later.⁶

"I have provided a copy of the materials released today to special U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy to assist in her effort to determine whether federal criminal charges are appropriate and to pursue any such charges," said Conyers.