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CIA Agent Blasts Rove For Endangering National Security

by Michael in New York on [7/23/2005 02:00:00 PM](#)

Raw Story has the statement of Larry Johnson, a one-time CIA agent who testified before Congress about [the damage Karl Rove did to national security, the fecklessness of Bush and his anger over Republicans](#) making light of these breaches. It's a corker. One small sample:

I would note that not a single member of our training class has come forward to denounce Valerie or question her bona fides. To the contrary, those we have talked to have endorsed what those of us who have left the CIA are doing to defend her reputation and honor.

As noted in the joint letter submitted to Congressional leaders earlier this week, the RNC is repeating the lie that Valerie was nothing more than a glorified desk jockey and could not possibly have any cover worth protecting. To those such as Victoria Toensing, Representative Peter King, P. J. O'Rourke, and Representative Roy Blunt I can only say one thing—you are wrong. I am stunned that some political leaders have such ignorance about a matter so basic to the national security structure of this nation.

The RNC is LYING. Anyone who allows Mehlman on their TV show must grill him repeatedly for lying about an issue as important as national security. He pretends to have the facts about Valerie Plame's cover status? How does he know that? What are his sources? Did he clear revealing her status with the CIA before going on national TV? If not, why not? Thanks to threader Jeff Brock for pointing us to this.

ADD: And here's [crooks and liars w the video of that testimony](#) and the audio of Johnson's radio address for the Dems.



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