

STATEMENT BY COUNSEL FOR I. LEWIS LIBBY

Mr. Libby and I are very dismayed that the Special Prosecutor has decided to pursue charges against Mr. Libby. This case began because of concerns that someone had intentionally and knowingly disclosed the identity of a covert agent. The Special Counsel has concluded that Mr. Libby did not violate this law.

Instead the Special Counsel has now chosen to bring charges against Mr. Libby for making purported false statements to the grand jury. Those same statements, he contends, make out a charge of impeding the administration of the grand jury investigation. To say we are disappointed is an understatement. Mr. Libby testified to the best of his honest recollection on all occasions. Mr. Libby cooperated fully with this investigation. Mr. Libby agreed to two extensive interviews with the FBI and to appear before the grand jury on two occasions. In addition, he produced voluminous documents to the Special Counsel. Not only did he waive his Fifth Amendment privilege but also executed the waiver to permit reporters to testify as to their conversations with him. For that reason, we were surprised at this turn of events.

We are quite distressed the Special Counsel has now sought to pursue alleged inconsistencies in Mr. Libby's recollection and those of others' and to charge such inconsistencies as false statements. As lawyers, we recognize that a person's recollection and memory of events will not always match those of other people, particularly when they are asked to testify months after the events occurred. This is especially true in the hectic rush of issues and events at a busy time for our government. Accordingly, we will defend vigorously against these charges.

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For five years, through difficult times, Mr. Libby has done his best to serve our country. To his regret, he can no longer do this under the current circumstances. He is enormously grateful to the President and Vice President for the opportunity he had to serve, and to his colleagues for the opportunity to serve along side them. Mr. Libby will resign his position as Chief of Staff and National Security Advisor to the Vice President and as an Assistant to the President.

To be clear, Mr. Libby is innocent of these charges. We ask that you not judge this case until the verdict is in. Thank you.

Joseph A. Tate
October 28, 2005

STATEMENT BY I. LEWIS LIBBY

Earlier today I submitted my resignation to the President. Obviously, today is a sad day for me and my family.

It has been my great privilege and honor to have the blessing of serving our country in public service in the State Department, the Defense Department, and most recently the Office of the Vice President.

I've spent much of my career working on behalf of the American people and for the safety of our citizens. I have conducted my responsibilities honorably and truthfully, including with respect to this investigation.

It is with regret that I step aside from that service today. I am confident that at the end of this process I will be completely and totally exonerated.

I. Lewis Libby
October 28, 2005