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April 3, 2008 -- Rove in another personal attack on witness to GOP crimes

Bush crime family political consigliere Karl Rove has launched a personal attack on former GOP political operative Dana Jill Simpson who testified before House Judiciary Committee investigators about Rove's involvement in the prosecution of former Alabama Democratic Governor Don Siegelman and appeared on a 60 Minutes segment that investigated the Siegelman case.

In [the interview with GQ magazine](#), Rove calls Simpson "a complete lunatic," a "loon," and cites the right-wing blog "Power Line" as a source for information on Simpson. In the interview, Rove falsely claims that Bush-Cheney Transition headquarters was in Austin, Texas in January 2001 when it was, in fact, in an office in McLean, Virginia that was formerly used by Dick Cheney as a Halliburton office. WMR previously reported that at least one phone call originated from the McLean transition office to the Pamela Martin & Associates escort service. Rove told GQ, ". . . what's Virginia? I don't live in Virginia. And it's 2001. What is in Virginia? It's not the Bush headquarters; that was in Austin, Texas. What is in Virginia?"

WMR has learned that GQ was prompted to ask Rove some extremely personal questions about Simpson but the Q&A never made it into the final published interview. Rove responded to allegations about Simpson not having legal custody of her children, which is a falsehood. The Rove attack on Simpson highlights the nature of the neocon media attack machine. GQ is owned by Advance Publications, which also owns Conde Nast Traveler and Wired.com. Advance also owns Newhouse Newspapers, which owns Alabama's top three newspapers that all were part of the effort to advance the Bush administration's prosecution of Siegelman: the *Birmingham News*, *Huntsville Times*, and *Mobile Press Register*. The *Press Register's* reporter, Eddie Curran, was the reporter who first reported the false allegations about Siegelman and HealthSouth CEO, Richard Scrushy, who remains in prison after Siegelman was ordered freed on bail pending an appeal of his conviction that the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals considers will be overturned or result in a new trial. Curran is on leave from the Press Register while writing a book on the Siegelman case.

Scrushy became a *bete noire* for the neo-confederate dominated Alabama GOP. Scrushy hails from Selma, Alabama, the scene of the infamous violence committed by police against civil rights marchers in 1965. Scrushy is considered a friend of Alabama's African American community and he is close to the former mayor of Birmingham Richard Arrington. The four-term mayor was Birmingham's first African American mayor. Arrington charged that he was singled out, along with other elected African Americans, for federal investigation by the Justice Department of George H. W. Bush.

The GOP in Alabama, using its influence peddlers at the *Press Register*, is reportedly planning to claim that Simpson illegally obtained from the data mining firm Choice Point a credit report on US Judge Mark Fuller, the scandal-tainted judge who presided over the Siegelman case and ordered Siegelman directly to prison following his conviction. ChoicePoint is the firm that was charged with assisting Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris to purge and cage voters lists in the 2000 Florida presidential election that propelled George W. Bush into the White House.

WMR has learned that Fuller is being probed by investigative journalists targeting his financial interests in Alabama toll road projects, contracts that involve ChoicePoint. WMR has also learned that a representative for Fuller contacted ChoicePoint and said their contracts on the toll road projects could be jeopardized if the

firm did not cooperate in the false claim that Simpson "illegally" obtained financial information on Fuller from the firm.

PowerLine is run by three former fellows of the neocon Claremont Institute in California. Its most well-known blogger is Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld attorney Paul Mirengoff. Akin Gump's headquarters are located in Washington's Dupont Circle neighborhood, a popular "entertainment" area that has been frequented on a number of occasions by Rove.

It is noteworthy that an Akin Gump legal secretary was suspended last May after it was discovered that she was an escort for the Pamela Martin escort agency, which counted Louisiana Republican Senator David Vitter, US Agency for International Development director Randy Tobias, and Dick Cheney military strategy adviser Harlan Ullman as clients. WMR also reported that Cheney, himself, was a client of the agency when he served as CEO of Halliburton.

PowerLine was the venue through which Rove and his fellow dirty trickster, Roger Stone, peddled their falsehoods about the *60 Minutes* and Dan Rather investigation about Bush's avoiding service in the Texas Air National Guard being untrue. PowerLine attacked Rather, producer Mary Mapes, and former Texas Air National Guard Lt. Col. Bill Burkett and the story was quickly picked up by PowerLine's fellow right-wing websites, including NewsMax, World Net Daily, Little Green Footballs, and other purveyors of right-wing disinformation.

Rove has apparently decided to enlist the aid of his pals at Newhouse and the right-wing blogosphere because he is, according to WMR's sources in Alabama, "having fits" over the news reports about Simpson, Siegelman, Fuller and the GOP conspiracy to indict, convict, and imprison Siegelman. The involvement of GOP Governor Bob Riley, Fuller, and elements of the Russian-Israeli mob in Alabama toll road projects and Indian casinos should result in a federal probe by the Justice Department. However, that is unlikely under the stewardship of Russian-Israeli mob boss Michael Mukasey. WMR has learned that the mob has covered its bases from the right and left flanks by enlisting the help of some liberal journalists who serve the mob's interests.

This editor has been on the receiving end of criticisms by PowerLine. They become particularly upset when their pal Rove is subjected to any type of scrutiny. This is from the March 31, 2005 edition of PowerLine:

"Reader Mark Coffey pointed out that the *Yemen Observer* has a theory about who is responsible for the assassination of former Lebanon prime minister Rafik Hariri:

'According to high-level Lebanese intelligence sources—Christian and Muslim—former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was reportedly assassinated in a sophisticated explosion-by-wire bombing authorized by the Bush administration and Ariel Sharon's Likud government in Israel.'

This kind of thing is old hat in the Arab press of course, but this time the conspiracy theory delves deeper:

'A number of intelligence sources have reported that assassinations of foreign leaders like Hariri and Hobeika are ultimately authorized by two key White House officials, Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove and Deputy National Security Adviser Elliot Abrams. In addition, Abrams is the key liaison between the White House and Sharon's office for such covert operations, including political assassinations.'

The article is authored by an American named Wayne Madsen, a crackpot Bush administration critic. In a sense, it's kind of funny, as the ultimate 'Karl Rove must have been behind it' absurdity. But, given the many ridiculous claims that have been made about Rove during the past four years, some people, especially in the Middle East, will find the theory plausible. Which is a reminder that the irresponsible claims and charges that are constantly being made by American leftists can damage our interests abroad."

Irresponsible claims and charges? A laughable comment from a bunch of neocons who used bogus intelligence, their own "crackpots" like "Curveball" and John Bolton, and marching orders from Jerusalem and the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation to lie this country into a bloody war in Iraq. As for "our interests," whose interests? Not America's interests. Someone's interests, but not ours.

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