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## **Bush, Rove in hot water?**

By Joe Baker, Senior Editor

President George W. Bush and his adviser, Karl Rove, are walking on very thin ice politically, according to [www.AlMartinRaw.com](http://www.AlMartinRaw.com).

The story, which has been kept under wraps until now, involves U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson. The administration has been harassing Wilson because of some comments he made about Bush policies.

On Aug. 29, at a Washington symposium, he revealed the identity of the administration member who told *The Washington Post* that Wilson's wife has been a CIA agent for 26 years. Because of that leak, about 70 overseas agents met their deaths.

The leaker was none other than Karl Rove. Ambassador Wilson identified him as Karl Roverer.

Martin said his sources informed him that Rove is the grandson of Karl Heinz Roverer, the gauleiter of Mecklenburg and a partner and senior engineer in the company that built Birchenau, a Nazi concentration camp.

Wilson said he knows Rove was responsible for the leak because he has documents that identify Rove as the leaker. The documents appeared in a secret investigation of the State Department's Internal Security Unit.

Martin said a small group of four former President Bill Clinton holdovers, sympathetic to Wilson, furnished the information. The investigations, according to Martin, could not have happened without at least the tacit approval of Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Wilson said he intends to have his own attorneys petition the Justice Department to prosecute Rove under the 1982 Intelligence Identity Protection Act.

That law is supposed to prevent what has happened in the ambassador's case—the administration retaliating against a senior official who tells the truth about it by revealing identities of intelligence operatives in the official's family.

Conviction under the IIPA carries a penalty of a mandatory 10 years to life imprisonment. What would Rove do? Al Martin notes Rove holds both American and German citizenship and therefore has special diplomatic status. He said if it becomes necessary, Rove could flee to Switzerland and avoid extradition.

Should Colin Powell sign a formal complaint from the State Department against Rove, Attorney General John Ashcroft would have no choice but to prosecute. He would be required to do so, whether he wants to or not.

And here, Martin says, is what makes this situation a political H-bomb: if Rove is successfully prosecuted and if he discloses that the president told him to leak the information, then President Bush would no longer have an automatic shield of immunity.

Should that shield be removed, the president himself can be prosecuted for murder if any agents' deaths resulted from the leak. Martin said this is the only statute that carries that provision.

Martin said Powell is getting intense pressure from the Bush White House clique. They are trying mightily to get him to forego signing a complaint against Rove with the Justice Department.

Privately, the Justice Department has been in almost constant contact with Wilson's attorneys. They claim Wilson has no more standing than any ordinary citizen. Wilson, however, says that when Rove leaked the name of his wife, he was still employed by the State Department.

Wilson was an ambassador in the Clinton administration. He was rehired by the current administration and had three more weeks left on his contract with the State Department when the leak took place. Technically, he was still a U.S. ambassador.

If the U.S. Court of Appeals agrees, Martin says, then Powell cannot refuse to petition the Justice Department for prosecution of Rove and an investigation of the roles Bush and Cheney played in the whole business.

Martin claims the Bush administration is trying to quash the story by bringing pressure on the pro-Bush media. Not a word of this story has been aired by CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, ABC, CBS or NBC.

Martin said some congressmen are trying to get Democrat Howard Dean to talk about it publicly. Dean is said to be reluctant to do so. In addition, Martin said the administration has let it be known that any Democrat who tries to make capital off the story will find it very hard to get press coverage.

Martin said the story deserves wide coverage in light of the treatment of Ambassador Wilson and the liquidation of more than 70 CIA agents abroad.

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