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Let Them Eat Yellowcake

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Picking through Scott McClellan's entrails on "Meet the Press," former Gingrich spokesman and Washington Times editorial page editor Tony Blankley offered this analysis of one big mistake Scotty made: When asked if Rove et al had leaked Valerie Plame's name, he had told the press corps: No.

According to Tony (and you can't get a better fix on GOP CW than his take on it), the former White House press secretary's problem was that he had personalized his answer. What should he have said? Here's Tony's baloney: **THEY TOLD ME** they didn't leak her name.

No matter that such an answer is an invitation to be tossed into briar patch by the press corps: And do you believe them, Scott?

No matter that subtracting his own credibility and integrity from the equation would have been the equivalent of tattooing "I am a mindless parroter of talking points" on McClellan's forehead.

No, what's most breathtaking about Blankley's advice is that it is exactly what Bush did in his State of the Union when he palmed off the internally-discredited accounts of Iraq seeking yellowcake uranium from Niger by saying it's what British intelligence had told him.

Yup, that sure worked. Can't wait for Tony Snow, or whoever replaces Scotty, to try it.

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