

Talking Points re Joe Wilson

- It is not clear who authorized Joe Wilson's trip to Niger.
- He did not travel to Niger at the request of the Vice President.
 - The Vice President's office did not request the mission to Niger.
 - The Vice President's office was not informed of Joe Wilson's mission.
 - The Vice President's office did not receive a briefing about Mr. Wilson's mission after he returned.
 - The Vice President's office was not aware of Mr. Wilson's mission until this spring when the press reported it.
- According to Mr. Wilson's own account, he was unpaid for his services.
- Mr. Wilson never saw the documents he was allegedly trying to verify on his trip to Niger.
- Mr. Wilson has said he was convinced that Niger could not have provided uranium to Iraq but, in fact, Niger did provide uranium to Iraq in the 1980's – 200 tons of which are currently under IAEA seal.
- Mr. Wilson provided no written report to the CIA or any other agency of his trip to Niger when he returned.
- The Vice President was unaware of Joe Wilson, his trip or any conclusions he may have reached until this spring when it was reported in press – over a year after Mr. Wilson's trip.
- *Six months after his*
~~As late as last October~~, the considered judgment of the intelligence community was that Saddam Hussein had indeed undertaken a vigorous effort to acquire uranium from Africa according to the National Intelligence Estimate.

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