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Treasingate and Jeff Gannon - Redux

In a previous post on [Jeff Gannon/James Guckert](#) and his link to Treasingate, I **commented that** his claim about his **not** having been aware of the now-famous INR memo (with the (S) for secret attribution to the paragraph discussing Valerie Plame) - *prior to it having been mentioned in the Wall Street Journal* - didn't quite pass the smell test. One aspect that I had failed to explore in greater detail at that time was *the date of Jeff Gannon's interview with former Amb. Joseph Wilson* (~~perhaps I should have asked Mr. Wilson about it~~ Mr. Wilson emailed in to say that he unfortunately does not remember the date of the interview). Why is this important? Well, because this is the infamous question that Gannon asked Wilson in that interview:

An internal government memo prepared by U.S. intelligence personnel details a meeting in early 2002 where your wife, a member of the agency for clandestine service working on Iraqi weapons issues, suggested that you could be sent to investigate the reports. Do you dispute that?

Now some additional clarity seems to have emerged about the date.

- **Date Gannon-Wilson interview was published:** [October 28, 2003](#) ("Talon News" article reprinted at Mens News Daily)
- **Date of Wall Street Journal article** (first mainstream media mention of memo): [October 17, 2003](#)
- **Date of Gannon-Wilson interview estimated by Philip Curtis of ePluribus Media:** [Week of October 13, 2003](#)
- **Date of Gannon-Wilson interview stated by Jeff Gannon himself, in his 6/30/05 column:** [September 2003](#) [fished out [by the excellent SusanG of Dailykos](#)]

Considering that Gannon has long had a problem with the truth, as [Curtis has carefully catalogued](#), this requires serious investigation, as the conclusion of SusanG's latest [post](#) notes:

Hmmm ... a September 2003 interview mentioning the INR memo, a month previous to the WSJ publication.

Fitzgerald may believe Guckert/Gannon has some `splaining to do.

After all, here's what Gannon [told Anderson Cooper](#):

COOPER: How did you know about that memo?

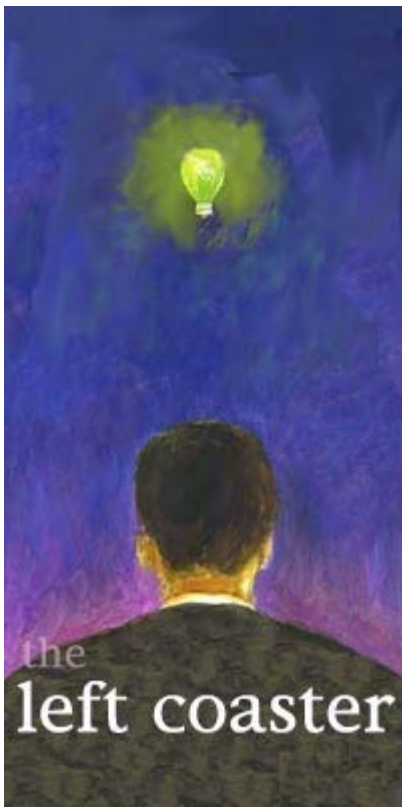
GANNON: Well, this memo was referred to in a Wall Street Journal article a week earlier.

COOPER: So that wasn't based on any information that you had been given by the White House?

GANNON: I was given no special information by the White House or by anybody else, for that matter.

Perhaps Mr. Fitzgerald has already looked into this double-talker, but if not, this may be a good time.

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