

# ONE-BY-TWO-BY-TIMING

I mentioned the other day the story Armitage's colleagues told Corn and Isikoff raises interesting questions for the 1X2X6 story; I'd like to explain why. First, let's review the timing:

**September 26:** DOJ launches an investigation into the Plame leak

**September 28:** Priest and Allen publish the 1X2X6 article

**September 29:** Novak and Rove speak about the leak—Novak assures Rove he will protect him

**September 29 (evening):** DOJ officially notifies the White House of the investigation

**September (unknown date):** Colin Powell, in a meeting in the Situation Room, declares that "everyone knows it" with regards to the Plame affair—it is disputed whether he referred to Wilson's identity, or Plame's

**October 1:** In response to the 1X2X6 article, Novak publishes his "partisan gunslinger" column

**October 1:** According to Isikoff and Corn, in response to Novak's column, Armitage first tells Powell of his conversation with Novak—Powell informs Abu Gonzales, but doesn't provide details

**October 12:** 1X2X6 source reiterates claims

Now, we can't be sure, because there are a few claims that are suspect in this timeframe (the meaning of Powell's comment, the timing of Armitage's "realization" that he was Novak's source, and the veracity of a claim Jeffress

later made about Libby's knowledge of Novak's source), but this raises several interesting questions.