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An intrusion into the CNN.com website has altered the transcript of the Saturday Morning News with a correspondent speculating that the reason Governor George W. Bush picking former Congressman and Former Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney as his Vice Presidential running mate was to reveal "the truth" about UFOs.

The UFO portion of the transcript, completely out of context, has a statement inserted into correspondent Jonathan Karl commentary with an interruption, by an unidentified citizen and finally statement by Governor Bush that Chaney "knows."

Offices of CNN.com in both New York and Atlanta have been informed of this alteration as has the Media Center at the Republican National Convention.

From the hoaxer(s) point of view this was an excellent time to initiate this scam. The news organization moved large portions of their operations to the convention city, and regular offices are left with reduced staff. Likewise most of the candidates personnel have also moved to the convention. So the chances for detection of such a hoax are lessen. Denials from the candidates offices are harder to get with all the confusion of the surrounding the operations of the convention.

The other problem for the hoaxer is that he has to get the altered transcript before the public. To accomplish this he has to use catspaws who are credulous and will not, for a moment, stop to examine the material or confirm its authenticity.

This should sound familiar, it has been done before.

I've talked to local newsmen about this transcript. If there was any chance that the statement were true, it would be on the wire services already, not placed there by someone who happened to stumble across this transcript, but as an exclusive CNN story with a CNN byline.

Jan Aldrich

Source: CNN.com Transcripts

<http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0007/29/smn.01.html>

Saturday Morning News

Bush-Cheney Take Campaign on the Road; Gore Takes a Vacation

Aired July 29, 2000 - 8:00 a.m. ET

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MILES O'BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: We begin this morning, where else? Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. It's the site of a convention. You've heard about it a little bit, the Republican National Convention, which is being carefully orchestrated to send George W. Bush and Dick Cheney to the White House.

KYRA PHILLIPS, CNN ANCHOR: Speaking of brotherly love, Leon Harris joins us from Philadelphia with the latest on that big event, which begins on Monday. Hey, there, Leon.

LEON HARRIS, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Good morning.

Actually, this is now the city of Republican love. How's that for you, huh? Well, good morning folks, as we are high above the floor of the Comcast First Union Center on the city's South Side. Now this center is being transformed. It's almost there. Red, white and blue bunting is going to greet the arriving Republican faithful and all the media covering this gathering.

Now, the candidates, Bush and Cheney, are taking their campaign through Kentucky today with stops in Owensboro, Louisville and Covington.

And CNN's Jonathan Karl tells us this morning how Cheney is reacting to his return to the campaign trail after a long absence.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

DICK CHENEY (R), VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Mercy.

JONATHAN KARL, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Call him the reluctant candidate. Dick Cheney used his kickoff speech to remind people George W. Bush had to talk him into taking the job.

CHENEY: I'm proof positive, the mere fact that I'm on the ticket, that he's a smooth talker.

KARL: Republicans call him safe, solid, dependable and short-winded. His speech in Springdale, Arkansas lasted barely three minutes.

CHENEY: And it is going to be a tough campaign, make no mistake about it. We're going to have to fight every single day in every single state for every single vote.

KARL: After this, Cheney's first appearance outside his home state, Bush joked to his aides, "He's the perfect running mate for me because I talk a lot and he doesn't."

If it looks like he hasn't campaigned in more than a decade, maybe it's because he hasn't. But with some people, his very lack of polish is an asset.

UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Integrity and character is back. God bless you.

KARL: Cheney played low key loyalist. Along the way, someone thought Cheney's impressive resume would help Bush tell the truth about UFOs.

UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Half the public believes that they are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell is going on?

GOV. GEORGE W. BUSH (R-TX), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Sure, I will. This man knows. He was Secretary of Defense and was a great one.

KARL: And low key or not, Cheney drew an enthusiastic response from the Republican faithful.

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