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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Scott Pelley Fired by CBS News]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: All right, before we get to the news this morning, we want to share with you some news about ourselves and long-time *60 Minutes* correspondent, Scott Pelley. On Monday, new executive producer Nick Bilton called an all-hands meeting to introduce himself to the staff. That meeting became contentious when Pelley publicly questioned the management decisions regarding the replacement of the former *60 Minutes* executive producer, Tanya Simon, and publicly criticized the decisions of CBS News management on the future direction of *60 Minutes*. According to CBS News management, efforts were made to see if both sides could reach common ground. Pelley met with senior management of CBS News last night, and no agreement could be reached. Pelley was then informed by *60 Minutes* executive producer Nick Bilton that CBS News and *60 Minutes* would have to part ways with Scott. He was terminated for cause. Scott Pelley released a statement which expressed his “gratitude for the men and women of CBS News who encouraged and enriched my work very often at the risk of their own lives.” Pelley went on to say, “I pray for a day when those people and their ideals are honored again, a day when sanity, competence, and courage return.” In a letter to the staff, Bilton stated, “What I will commit to this is this: my unyielding support for each of you and the journalism that you do and what we will do together going forward.”

NATE BURLESON: Yeah, we know his impact on journalism and this network is undeniable.