Tracking the ‘Get LaRouche’ and ‘Get Clinton’ apparatus

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The discovery, early this year, that a “Get Clinton” salon has been holding weekly strategy sessions at the Great Falls, Virginia home of Theodore and Barbara Olson, two intimates of Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, set off alarm bells at EIR.

An identical joint media-prosecution effort had been waged, beginning in 1983, against Lyndon LaRouche and his political association. The 1980s “Get LaRouche” effort had been framed under Executive Order 12333, a 1981 national security directive signed by President Ronald Reagan, under which corrupt private sector agencies and individuals, in some cases linked to foreign intelligence services, were given license to operate under the cover of U.S. national security.

The revelations about the Olson salon provoked the question: Was President Bill Clinton the target of an illegal EO 12333 operation? Not only was the form of the “Get Clinton” assault identical in most respects to the earlier “Get LaRouche” campaign. But, many institutions and individuals deeply involved in the “Get LaRouche” drive had also shown up as active players in the “Get Clinton” insurgency. The prospect of such a 12333-triggered campaign being waged against the President of the United States—in the midst of the greatest world financial and monetary crisis in modern history—smacked of outright treason.

Already, during the 1992 Presidential campaign, incumbent George Bush had been caught running a dirty trick against his Democratic challenger, Bill Clinton, with the active collusion of British Prime Minister John Major and MI5, the British equivalent of the FBI.

In both the LaRouche and Clinton cases, the line separating internal political opposition and prosecutorial abuse, from hostile foreign intelligence action, had been blurred to the point of being erased altogether. For example, the London-headquartered Hollinger Corp. media cartel—which has Henry Kissinger on its international policy advisory board—is at the heart of the media assault on the Clinton Presidency. Elements of the neo-conservative wing of American Zionism, tied to the current Likud government in Israel, were major instigators of the “Get Clinton” frenzy. The Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith, critical in the “Get LaRouche” rail-

road, has been among Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s staunchest allies in the effort to sabotage President Clinton’s Middle East peace initiative. When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu came to Washington in January 1998, he solidified an anti-Clinton alliance with Christian Evangelical “Elmer Gantys” Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. Thus, the “strange bedfellow” coalition of Robertson-Falwell and the ADL, which was a factor in the anti-LaRouche escapades of the 1980s, has resurfaced in the anti-Clinton coalition of the 1990s.

British assassins of American patriots

The ongoing attempt by British and other foreign oligarchical forces and their U.S.-based “cousins” to politically assassinate President William Jefferson Clinton, like the 1980s effort to eliminate Lyndon LaRouche, calls forth the image of the earlier assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley.

Surratt I: The Lincoln murder

John H. Surratt and his mother, Mary Surratt, were two of the organizers of the Lincoln assassination. The British government and the Catholic Church’s feudal-nobility faction combined to sponsor them for Lincoln’s murder.

In the U.S. military commission trial convened on May 9, 1865, Mary E. Surratt and seven others were charged with “conspiring together with one John H. Surratt, John Wilkes Booth, Jefferson Davis, George N. Sanders, [Nathaniel] Beverly Tucker, . . . and others . . . to . . . murder . . . Abraham Lincoln. . . .” Mrs. Surratt and six others were convicted; she and three others were hanged.

Mary Surratt owned a Washington boarding house in which she sheltered the anti-Lincoln conspirators, as they prepared the attack.

Booth, who had shot Lincoln on April 14, 1865, died on the escape route. Booth’s main partner, John Surratt, was an international courier for the Confederate secret service. Surratt fled to Canada, at that time a British colony.
Code-Name Surratt III

In the wake of the Olson salon revelations, EIR Contributing Editor Lyndon LaRouche commissioned a reinvigorated probe of the Get LaRouche-Get Clinton nexus, designated “Code-Name: Surratt III.” The data that have been assembled, so far, by EIR investigators, and are published, in chart and indexed form starting on p. 41, have been organized as follows: First, a comprehensive list of all of the institutions and individuals prominent in the “Get LaRouche” campaign was assembled. A similar list of all of the “Get Clinton” institutions and individuals was assembled. Each of the lists was cross-gridded by forms of activity: civil legal actions, criminal legal actions, IRS legal actions, activities of the salons, media slanders, legislative actions, and covert actions. In many instances, specific individuals or institutions have engaged in more than one form of activity. In a number of cases, individuals and institutions involved in the Get LaRouche action also showed up as prominent in the Get Clinton activity (people and institutions involved in both the Get LaRouche and the Get Clinton efforts are denoted in the charts with an asterisk like Lincoln, and like President James Garfield (assassinated in 1881), McKinley was the leading public opponent of what he called “British political economy.” McKinley said that England was behind the free-trade doctrine, and that “a great party in this country voices her interest,” against McKinley’s faction of protectionists and industrial developers.

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Czolgosz’s trial in New York State was short and smooth. Court-appointed counsel Robert C. Titus presented virtually no defense, and his client went silently to his execution. Titus served on the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Freemasons; he was for many years a director of the relations of U.S. freemasons with the British mother organization.

After his arrest, Czolgosz told the police that he was a follower of Emma Goldman, the London-based international anarchist leader. Goldman was arrested as a co-conspirator in the McKinley case, but was released for lack of concrete evidence.

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When in London, Goldman lived in the home of her sponsor, arch-feudalist William Michael Rossetti, a British government employee. With his brother, poet-painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti, William ran the “Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.” This was a society of degenerate pro-aristocracy oligarchs, determined to restore the irrational tyranny of the Dark Ages, and to overcome what the British saw as the terrible engine of modern times, the American republic.—Anton Chaitkin

He had been in Montreal at the joint Confederate-British secret service rendezvous station, St. Lawrence Hall Hotel, only a week before the Lincoln murder. Booth had been there the previous October, working with George Sanders on the plans for the attack on Lincoln, and getting money for weapons and for Surratt to hire extra men. The Kentucky-born Sanders, a career British Empire paid agent, was chief American spokesman for the London-based revolutionary Giuseppe Mazzini.

In September 1865, Confederate-British coordinator Nathaniel Beverly Tucker arranged passage from Canada to England for John Surratt under an assumed name. From England, Surratt went to the Vatican and was sheltered for two years as a member of the Papal Zouaves. He was discovered by a pro-U.S. papal officer, was arrested by the Vatican, then “escaped,” perhaps by arrangement with the Vatican. Pope Pius IX was favorable to the Confederacy; his successor, Leo XIII, moved the Church away from this feudalist outlook.

Arrested again in Egypt, Surratt was tried in Washington in mid-1867, when the trail of evidence was cold. The jury was divided, and charges were dismissed. Surratt publicly disclosed his part in what he called the “kidnapping” conspiracy, in a speech in 1870.

Surratt II: The McKinley killing

The case of what we may designate as “Surratt II,” was the 1901 assassination of President McKinley. A nationalist like Lincoln, and like President James Garfield (assassinated in 1881), McKinley was the leading public opponent of what he called “British political economy.” McKinley said that England was behind the free-trade doctrine, and that “a great party in this country voices her interest,” against McKinley’s faction of protectionists and industrial developers.

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asterisk). In some cases the same individuals played active, albeit different, roles in the two actions.

Following the four charts, which represent overlays of data organized by forms of action, we have included an annotated index of names, to help the reader through the maze of detail.

The analysis

It must be emphasized that the data presented in this special report are by no means complete. However, the data provide a road-map of the apparatus under investigation, and will, hopefully, provoke further inquiry into two aspects, in particular, of the ongoing investigation:

First, the institutions and individuals who have been identified in both the Get LaRouche and Get Clinton operations warrant special investigative followup.

Second, the institutions and individuals that are prominent in the Get LaRouche operation but are not clearly identified as elements of the Get Clinton campaign, should not be written out of the probe. In some instances, leading elements of the Get LaRouche drive, including the ADL and several prominent current and former Democratic National Committee officials, are considered by some, to be part of the pro-Clinton machinery. Given that virtually every enemy of LaRouche is also an enemy of Clinton, a more thorough review of some of these cases may help to identify “fifth column” problems inside the Clinton camp.

Profile

Richard Mellon Scaife:
an Anglophile Goebbels

by Scott Thompson and Jeffrey Steinberg

Ever since First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her attack against the “right-wing conspiracy” to bring down the Clinton Presidency, at the beginning of the year, the name Richard Mellon Scaife has become well known. Mellon Scaife, as the chief executor of the multibillion-dollar Mellon family “philanthropic” empire, has poured millions of dollars per year into the “Get Clinton” apparatus since 1992. Hardly a newspaper slander or a legal action has been launched against the President that did not enjoy the generous financial backing of Mellon Scaife, through his various tax-exempt foundations—e.g., the Allegheny Foundation, the Carthage Foundation, the Sarah Scaife Mellon Foundation—and his highly secretive Grandchildren’s Trust, which does not have to report its contributions.

What is somewhat less widely known, is the role that Richard Mellon Scaife played in the 1980s “Get LaRouche” operation, the combined legal and media assault against the noted American System political economist, and intellectual author of President Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative. Mellon Scaife directly bankrolled the media salon that churned out a constant stream of Goebbels-like anti-LaRouche hate propaganda, through such media outlets as NBC-TV, Readers Digest, the Washington Post, Business Week, the New Republic, and the Wall Street Journal. The Get LaRouche salon was an integral part of the “Public Diplomacy” unit, run out of the White House, by George Bush and his gopher Oliver North, which was later exposed as part of the “secret parallel government” behind the Iran-Contra fiasco. Both the Iran-Contra guns-for-drugs criminal enterprise and the “Get LaRouche” operation were run under the aegis of Executive Order 12333.

That Mellon Scaife should emerge today as the “Daddy Warbucks” of the propaganda machinery attempting to destroy the institution of the U.S. Presidency, is absolutely lawful. Mellon Scaife cut his teeth, beginning in the early 1970s, as the financier of a combined British-American black propaganda front, which was such a notorious repository of disinformation, that it was banned by law from operating inside the United States.

Like his father before him, Richard Mellon Scaife was, and remains, an appendage of the British intelligence apparatus assigned to penetrate and manipulate the United States on behalf of the British monarchy and the City of London.

Forum World Features

In 1973, Mellon Scaife took control over a string of Mellon and Scaife family tax-exempt charitable trusts. Almost immediately, those trusts became money conduits for a series of Anglo-American joint intelligence operations. This was by no means the origin of Mellon family involvement with joint British-American covert intelligence activities, however. Richard Mellon Scaife’s father, Alan Scaife, and several members of the Mellon family, served in the World War II Office of Strategic Services, functioning as a key component of the Anglophile faction of OSS, which worked at cross-purposes with OSS chief Gen. William Donovan and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But 1973 marked Richard Mellon Scaife’s personal recruitment into the world of clandestine propaganda.

The first of the operations to be funded by Mellon Scaife’s “charitable” empire was Forum World Features, one of three news agencies and about 20 journals that had been created as part of one of the CIA’s earliest Cold War clandestine propaganda fronts, the Congress of Cultural Freedom, founded in 1950. When the CIA funding of the CCF was exposed in 1965, several Anglophile establishment families were called upon to take charge of the various CCF fronts, under ostensibly private auspices. Forum World Features was one such front.