British-cum-Israeli controllers of this apparatus, retaliatory actions against this network—no matter what the evidence is being perceived by the Arab world as a declaration of war against Islam, as America's "enemy image."

The Al-Shifa hoax

In the case of Sudan, however, there is no evidence to justify the U.S. Aug. 20 cruise-missile attack on Sudanese soil and the destruction of the Al-Shifa pharmaceuticals plant. Sudan expelled Osama Bin Laden from its territory in May 1996, and, according to a statement of the Sudan embassy in Washington on Aug. 21, "liquidated his businesses." Sudan also condemned the destruction of the U.S. embassies on Aug. 7, and offered full cooperation to the governments of Kenya and Tanzania to locate the perpetrators of the atrocities.

"There is no evidence pointing to any responsibility on the part of the Sudan government for the bombings," a wellplaced Kenyan government official told *EIR*.

The Al-Shifa plant is a private company, a joint venture between the private sector and the Economic Community for Central and Southern States (COMESA). In January 1998, the United Nations approved exportation of medicine from Al-Shifa to Iraq under the UN Oil for Food Program, given that the plant's major business is the production of antibiotics, anti-malaria medicine, and childhood disease medicines.

Those who made the charge of Sudan's alleged involvement in production of chemical weapons, give an idea of who the architects are of the terror-trap against the American President. The charge first surfaced on Nov. 16, 1997, in the *Times* of London, a mouthpiece for the British Foreign Office. At the height of a crisis around reports of Iraq's production of weapons of mass destruction, the *Times* claimed, "Iraq Makes Lethal Gas in Covert Sudan Pact." The sole sources cited for the charge were "military intelligence and diplomatic sources in Kampala." The primary military adviser to Ugandan military dictator Yoweri Museveni, who has been at war with Sudan since 1986, is Israel's Gen. David Agman.

Again, on Feb. 17, 1998, at the height of another crisis around Iraq, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords Caroline Cox, the most vocal proponent of a full-scale *American* war against Sudan, declared in the House of Lords that Saddam Hussein had transferred Scud missile delivery systems, and other items of mass destruction, to Sudan.

As *EIR* reported, Cox said her source for this news was a Feb. 10 report, entitled "The Iraqi WMD Challenge: Myths and Realities," prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, an association composed of members of the U.S. House of Representatives, but which is not an official body of the U.S. Congress. The official director of the group is Yossef Bodansky, a former officer of the Israeli Air Force, who was the "spotter" for Jonathan Pollard, an Israeli agent convicted of espionage against the United States.

The targetting of Sudan by the United States, for the attack on its embassies, should give cause to re-examine the report in the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* on Aug. 8, that Israeli intelligence had told the United States to "take with a grain of salt" a warning from a former Israeli operative of a coming terrorbombing on the U.S. embassy in Nairobi.

LaRouche gives preliminary assessment of U.S. strikes

The following is a summary of an assessment by Lyndon LaRouche on Aug. 21, of the U.S. strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan:

1. Any attempt to analyze these events outside the context of the systemic financial and civilizational crisis, is meaningless;

2. On Aug. 14, LaRouche began a paper, titled "The Current Array of Strategic Options" (see p. 48), which analyzes in detail the responsibility of London-centered oligarchical forces and their British-cum-Israeli mercenary assets, in carrying out the bomb attacks in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Before this document could reach the Clinton administration, a powerful combination of British forces in the State Department and the FBI went into a full mobilization to mislead the President to take an investigative trail, which ultimately resulted in the trap of the action in Sudan;

3. This massive and systematic operation to mislead the President was done in the environment of the Kenneth Starr operation around the Monica Lewinsky matter. Additional pressure was exerted on the President, indicating that retaliatory action, following the false State Department-FBI trail, would somewhat loosen up the hyper-tense situation for the President, including the danger of impeachment;

4. The operations in Afghanistan are of a special nature, and of a completely different quality, than the attack on Sudan. The pro-British clique surrounding the President, including Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the FBI, and the Department of Justice, put special emphasis on targetting Sudan, as a way of not just trapping the President, but of targetting LaRouche. The so-called "proof" against Sudan, as indirectly admitted by Defense Secretary William Cohen, is completely ludicrous;

5. As long as Lyndon H. LaRouche is not exonerated and given his historically proper place, tragic events like these will occur again and again.