

## Editorial

# *Halt the Reign of Terror at FBI, DOJ*

As we go to press, convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is scheduled to die on June 11, in the first Federal execution in decades. As Lyndon LaRouche warned, Attorney General John Ashcroft has severely jeopardized U.S. national security and the safety of all Americans, at home and abroad, by his rush to execute McVeigh.

While there may be little doubt that McVeigh played a role in the 1995 Murrah Building massacre, the preponderance of evidence shows that he was a “little cog” in a bigger terrorist apparatus, and his execution will shut the door on any future opportunity for him to reveal what he knows about a terrorist capability that is still out there, free to strike again. Should such a future terrorist attack occur by the “others unknown” who ran the Oklahoma City bombing, the blood of those victims will be on the hands of Ashcroft, and those in the FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ) who covered up the truth about the Oklahoma City bombing, in order to reap the public relations and budgetary benefits offered by the quick capture, trial, and execution of McVeigh as the “lone terrorist.”

Our system of law is based on a quest for the truth, and a need to weigh the broader issue of the general welfare. The FBI and the DOJ fail, repeatedly, on both counts. This fact has once again become a matter of public scandal:

- The FBI withheld thousands of pages of documents from McVeigh and Terry Nichols, and, according to four former FBI officials who appeared recently on CBS News’ “Sixty Minutes,” other exculpatory evidence was purged from Bureau files, and vital leads were ignored. The only reason the FBI and DOJ made their 11th-hour admission about the missing documents, was that they knew about the pending TV exposé, and launched damage control.

- Former Sen. John Danforth (R-Mo.), who was the independent counsel probing FBI actions at Waco, told the *Washington Post* that the FBI, from top to bottom, tried to sabotage his inquiry, prompting him to threaten FBI Director Louis Freeh with subpoenas and

search warrants to raid FBI headquarters.

- The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a stunning ruling, has ordered the lower courts to reinstate an Idaho manslaughter indictment against FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi, for the 1992 Ruby Ridge murder of Vicki Weaver.

The corruption at the FBI runs so deep, that Robert Hanssen was able to get away with more than a decade of spying for the Soviet Union and Russia, undetected. An elaborate “old boy” system inside the FBI hierarchy, perhaps reaching all the way up to Director Freeh, protected Hanssen on at least five occasions from being fired for cause, for actions that included tampering with FBI computer files and physically assaulting a female co-worker.

In our next issue, we will provide details of all of these crimes by the FBI-DOJ. Longtime readers of *EIR* realize that we have been in the forefront of the fight to clean out the garbage in our Federal law enforcement community for more than 20 years, dating back to the Carter-era sins of ABSCAM and BRILAB, directed against Congress and the labor movement, respectively.

In 1995, when the U.S. Congress, already in the grips of the “Conservative Revolution,” failed to hold the FBI and DOJ accountable for the massacre at Waco, the Schiller Institute helped initiate independent commission hearings on three egregious cases of abuse by the in-justice department: the railroad prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche, the attempted murder-by-decree of John Demjanjuk, and the FBI’s racist “Operation Fruhmenschen,” which targeted African-American officials for frame-up and jailing. That effort bore fruit several years later, when a bipartisan coalition in the Congress took on the FBI-DOJ tyranny through the McDade-Murtha “Citizens Protection Act of 1998.”

With that history in mind, Congress must, once again, stand up to the continuing corruption and rampant abuse of power at the DOJ and FBI. And this time, the criminals in government must be held fully accountable, in the courts, for their crimes.