

# French Circles Confirm Thesis: Coup Attempt Unfolding In U.S.

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In a series of exposés (see appended extracts), the leading French daily newspapers *Le Monde* and *Le Figaro* have re-

futed the officially adopted theory that Osama bin Laden was the sole instigator of the Sept. 11 attacks. The French newsletter *Réseau Voltaire*, tied to intelligence circles, even went so far, in its Sept. 27 issue, as to explicitly confirm Lyndon LaRouche's thesis that the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York were part of an attempted coup d'état, being run by extremist military circles within the United States.

On Sept. 11, during a live radio interview, which happened to be on the air as the attacks on the World Trade

## A French Warning

Political intelligence circles in France have launched a campaign in the major press, to discredit the official "bin Laden" explanation, "bin Laden did it." Their aim, both evident and confirmed by well-placed journalists, is to destabilize the ongoing attempted "strategic coup" in the United States, and to expose as fraudulent the basis for NATO's first-ever invocation of its Article 5.

Whether or not the articles appearing in France, contain the truth, the whole truth, or even some of the truth, is not the immediate point. What certain intelligence-connected networks are doing—through *Le Monde*, *Le Figaro*, the newsletter *Réseau Voltaire*—is to throw a monkey wrench into the intensifying war and strategic threat.

Since Sept. 27, *Réseau Voltaire* has published special dossiers on the Sept. 11 events, hypothesizing them as part of a coup d'état attempt: "On Sept. 11, 2001, George W. Bush hesitated all day long to interpret the events either as an attempted military coup d'état or an attack by foreign terrorists. It seems horrendous that the President of the United States could have envisaged that American military could have organized such murderous attacks. Yet, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy had had to face up to a major plot by the chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, aimed at justifying an invasion of Cuba. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer had planned a wave of murderous bombings against the American population. He was stopped by the



President. Shortly afterwards, Lemnitzer and other extreme right-wing officers organized the murder of Kennedy."

On Nov. 12, France's leading daily, *Le Monde*, picked up on the story, running a prominent, lengthy review of a book called *The Forbidden Truth*, by two authors familiar with intelligence and government circles. The review, by Sylvain Cypel, entitled "When Washington Negotiated With The Taliban," began with the assertion that "prior to Sept. 11, the Bush Administration had reined in the FBI's anti-terrorism activity, because it was in intense negotiations with the Taliban, undertaking to support them if they turned over Osama bin Laden. That is the thesis of *Forbidden Truth*. . . . [The authors], on this point, provide the 'scoop' testimony of John O'Neill, number two in the FBI, who came knocking at their door in July 2001, precisely because he said he had been reined in in his work."

—Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

Center and the Pentagon were unfolding, Lyndon LaRouche presented the thesis that an operation on this scale, and with this degree of precision, could only have been coordinated by criminal elements within and around the military and security apparatus of the United States itself.

The fact that sources in French intelligence have now not only adopted this thesis, but have begun to elaborate it with a plethora of questions concerning the many features of the Sept. 11 events that simply do not add up, has the greatest possible bearing on the current debate on whether Bundeswehr [German army] troops should participate in military action in Afghanistan. For, if the primary movers behind the attacks are *not* bin Laden and Islamic terrorist circles, but rather are circles in the U.S.A. itself, then, obviously, the entire rationale for invoking Article 5 of the NATO treaty, would crumble to nothing.

More important still: If, as *Reseau Voltaire's* Sept. 27 issue put it ("Informational Note 235-236"), it were to turn out that this attempted military coup was "carried out by American extremists who were capable of provoking a nuclear war," then, obviously, this would need to be thoroughly investigated, and would require a major debate on security policy. An extremely important question in this connection, would be to determine precisely what motivated Russian President Putin, immediately following the attacks, to telephone President Bush to inform him that Russian nuclear forces had *not* been put into a heightened state of alert.

At a time such as today, when it is a question not merely of the vote on whether to deploy the Bundeswehr, and not merely of the future of the Red-Green [Social Democratic Party-Green party] coalition government in Berlin, but rather, of Germany's most vital security interests, it is these matters which must be placed at the center of all discussion. What we urgently require, is a sober analysis of the entire situation, drawing upon the knowledge of experienced forces in our military and security sectors.

#### Appendix:

**Sept. 27, 2001:** The monthly French newsletter *Reseau Voltaire* writes on its website ([www.reseauvoltaire.com](http://www.reseauvoltaire.com)) that "extremist American circles attempted on Sept. 11 to carry out a military coup against the U.S. government." In its full printed text, *Reseau Voltaire's* Sept. 27, 2001 issue goes so far as to state that:

"From 10:00 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. [on Sept. 11], U.S. government officials were not thinking that this was the work of Arab terrorists, but rather that it was an expression of a military coup being carried out by U.S.-based extremists who were capable of provoking a nuclear war."

**Oct. 16:** *Reseau Voltaire* publishes information on secret financial connections between American circles and bin Laden. Among these are mentioned the infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which had already been deeply involved in the Iran-Contra affair.

**Oct. 31:** The French newspaper *Le Figaro* reports on its front page, that official U.S. circles had ongoing relations with

Osama bin Laden up through July 2001. This information is confirmed the following day by the French government-controlled station Radio France International.

**Nov. 12:** France's leading daily *Le Monde* takes up the threads of the same story, by prominently running an extensive review of the book *La Verité interdite (The Forbidden Truth)*, whose two authors are well-connected to French intelligence and government circles. The review, titled "When Washington Negotiated With The Taliban," reports on how, prior to Sept. 11, the Bush Administration was engaged in intensive negotiations with the Taliban.

What is crucial about these media reports, is not whether they match the truth on every single point; what is crucial, is their intention to halt the process of a surreptitious coup in the United States that began with the Sept. 11 events. There are many political circles—not only in France, but also in other European countries, and in Russia—who know that the attacks on New York and Washington were not a "terrorist attack," but rather a political operation of truly staggering strategic dimensions.

## LaRouche Featured In The Arab World

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

The views of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., regarding the significance of the Sept. 11 events, as well as broader strategic and economic perspectives, are receiving coverage in leading media in the Arab world. On Nov. 4, the Egyptian national TV Channel 2 and the international Egyptian Satellite Channel, both state-owned, broadcast an interview with LaRouche, hosted by Sanaa Mansour, a "grand dame" of Egyptian journalism.

LaRouche was presented as "the American politician who foresaw the terror attacks in the U.S.," and a Democratic Presidential candidate in the 2004 elections. He was asked about his forecasts of the terrorist attacks, and his explanation of them. He said, "What I expected was some outbreak of major terrorism in the United States, focussed on Washington, D.C.," based on "our knowledge of the preparations, by an international terrorist organization, of the kind of attack on Washington which exceeded what had happened in Genoa, Italy, at the summit there, previously. . . . So that showed us that there was a high-level commitment to produce a terrorist-type disruption of the U.S. government, by late September. That was then called off after the attacks of Sept. 11, but I would say there has to be, ultimately—there is a relationship between the two."

Regarding the perspectives for the anti-terrorist coalition to win in Afghanistan, and to capture Osama bin Laden,