was rattling around the Prime Minister’s office, where Baroness Symons’ husband, Phil Bassett, was a longtime Blair aide. From September 2002 until October 2003, Bassett was senior advisor and headed the Strategic Communications Unit at 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister’s office. It was there that Bassett helped pull together Blair’s Sept. 24, 2002 “Big Lie” dossier claiming that Saddam Hussein had “weapons of mass destruction” ready to launch at 45 minutes’ notice.

Bassett and government Press Secretary Alastair Campbell went to Washington in October 2002, to coordinate strategy for lying about the Iraq danger. With the White House, they established the Coalition Information Centre, which Tucker Eskew, Deputy Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Communications, then went to London to implement with Bassett and Campbell. This apparatus and MI6 continued to produce falsified Iraq intelligence as pretext for war.

Then a factional brawl broke out in London and in the United States, with intensified opposition in leading circles against the Cheney-Blair Iraq War.

On April 3, 2003, two weeks after the start of the war, BBC interviewed Lyndon LaRouche on the “Live Five” show for six minutes, introducing him as a leading critic of the Iraq War policy, and as a candidate for the 2004 Democratic Presidential nomination. Two days earlier, the LaRouche campaign had released a quarter-million-run pamphlet, “Children of Satan: The ‘Ignoble Liars’ Behind Bush’s No-Exit War.” On June 9, 2003, BBC’s “Live Five” interviewed LaRouche again, this time for 12 minutes, on LaRouche’s recent call for Cheney’s impeachment and on Cheney’s role in faking Iraq intelligence—faking that Blair, Campbell, and Bassett had also done.

In between these two LaRouche interviews, BBC ran two stories (May 29 and June 2), using leading British government weapons scientist Dr. David Kelly as its source, chargeing that the propaganda team in Tony Blair’s office had “sexed up” their Iraq-weapons dossier to make a better excuse for war. After being bullied during interrogation by Blair-controlled members of Parliament, Dr. David Kelly turned up dead, an alleged suicide.

The counterattack by the Blair-Cheney gang also aimed directly at LaRouche. In March 2003, Jeremiah Duggan, a British student studying abroad, committed suicide while in attendance at a Schiller Institute conference in Germany. The Schiller Institute has long been associated with the international economic development proposals of Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche. German police and prosecutors thoroughly investigated Duggan’s death and ruled it a suicide.

Baroness Symons, however, met on April 1, 2004 with Erica Duggan, Jeremiah’s mother, announcing that she would appoint a lawyer to work with the Duggan family to pressure German authorities to reverse their assessment of the case. What has followed has been a lurid international propaganda campaign, alleging that Jeremiah was murdered or terrorized.

John Train and BAE

Ongoing investigations of the BAE scandal raise new questions about John Train’s business associations. Train, a Wall Street banker and veteran of the CIA’s Congress of Cultural Freedom operations in Western Europe, headed the intense 1983-86 black propaganda campaign of defamation against Lyndon LaRouche. Train utilized journalists and U.S. government operatives to defame LaRouche internationally, and remains active against LaRouche to this day.

BAE is currently attempting to get U.S. authorization for a buyout of Armor Holdings. The principal player in Armor Holdings is Burtt R. Ehrlich. Until 2004, Armor Holdings owned Defense Systems Limited, a notorious British mercenary and black operations firm. Ehrlich had listed Smith Train, Counsel—Train’s former investment firm—as his address on SEC filings.

Smith Train was itself partly bought in 1984 by the London-based English Associate Trust, a subsidiary of the Swedish firm PK Banken. PK Banken was run by Erik Penser, an official of the European arms cartel, Bofors/Nobel industries. Penser’s role in dirty East-West arms deals was under investigation by Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme at the time that Palme was assassinated in 1986. As part of the deal between Smith Train and PK Banken, John Train was placed on the board of PK Banken. BAE took over Bofors in 2005 when the Carlyle group handed Bofors over to BAE.