

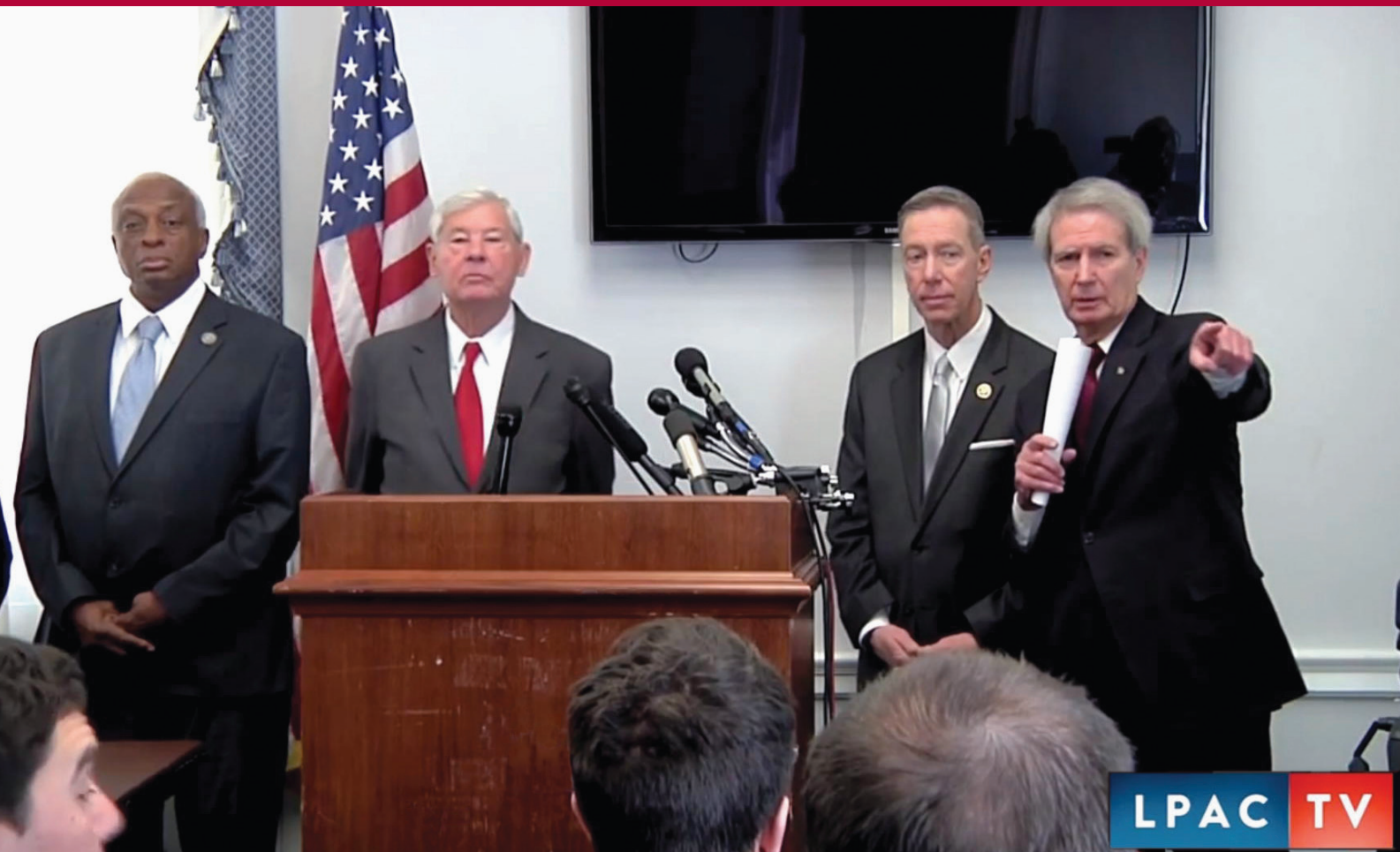
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## From the Editors

On the same day that global terrorism attacked in Europe Jan. 7, *EIR* and the LaRouchePAC unleashed a revolutionary capability which can utterly defeat that terrorism and destroy its sponsors.

This superweapon against global terrorism is not new police-state legislation in the style of Cheney, Bush, and Obama. It was, first, the Jan. 7 indictment from the highest Congressional level, featuring Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 co-chairman, former Sen. Bob Graham, of the leading role of the Saudi monarchy in all global terrorism (*Feature*). Then, in the Jan. 9 webcast, *EIR* Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg's authoritative exposure in detail of the *British*/Saudi deployment of all global terror networks.

And then, the powerful demonstration of a spirit of national unity and solidarity in one European country—the immense French demonstrations of Jan. 11—among the many European countries which have lost their sovereignty to British governments of Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair, and the repulsive royal family.

This “superweapon” is now in your hands—in the form of this issue of *EIR*. Helga Zepp-LaRouche introduces the issue, analyzing the strategic potential of the events. Then we provide transcripts of the historic Capitol Hill press conference, and the supplemental remarks on the British/Saudi terror apparatus, given by Steinberg during LaRouchePAC's Jan. 9 webcast. For added depth, we include excerpts from two of the most striking of Lyndon LaRouche's forecasts about the international terror deployment: his Jan. 3, 2001 warning of a U.S. “Reichstag Fire,” and his Sept. 11 radio interview during the horrific events of that day.

The complementary picture of the French mobilization against the terror, featuring the interventions of former Presidential candidate Jacques Cheminade, lead the *International* section, followed by an update on the war danger which the U.S. press is so loath to publicize.

Our BRICS coverage is done from two angles. First, the progress of the global process of creating a new system, as shown in the recent China-CELAC summit (*Economics*). Then, an in-depth exposé of how the British “color revolution” faction is trying to destroy South Africa, one of the five BRICS nations (*Counterintelligence*).

To defeat the British strategy, LaRouche has insisted, Wall Street must be sunk. That is the subject of our *National* section—with much more to come next week from Manhattan itself.

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STOP THE COVER-UP!

# Exposing Saudi Role in 9/11 Key to Stopping Global Terror

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Jan. 10—It was a remarkable coincidence that the press conference of Bob Graham, former Senator and co-chairman of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into the events of Sept. 11, 2001, took place on the same day, Jan. 7, as the terrorist attack against the French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris. Senator Graham, Congressmen Walter Jones and Stephen Lynch, as well as family members of the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, blamed Presidents Bush and Obama, who have kept classified an entire chapter of the Commission's original report, for the fact that the real background of the Sept. 11 terrorism remains covered up to this day, and therefore the wave of terror has not ended. The failure to release this information continues to threaten the world, "as we saw this morning in Paris," Senator Graham stressed. (See transcript, below.)

This press conference, which was exclusively broadcast live by [larouchepac.com](http://larouchepac.com), will most likely mean the end of the cover-up by these two American administrations. The Joint Congressional Inquiry worked for a whole year, from 2001 to 2002, interviewing hundreds of people, studying tens of thousands of documents, and finally releasing an official, comprehensive 800-page report. The fact that its former co-chairman appeared personally before the press was itself a sensation, the more so because he blamed the classification of the 28 pages of this report for the fact that terrorist attacks such

as that in Paris could occur. The widespread coverage in the American and various international media, the re-posting of the recording of the press conference on many websites in several countries, as well as the attention given to it by national and international parliamentarians and experts, should ensure that this scandal can no longer be swept under the rug.

## Terrorism in Paris

What is the relationship of those 28 pages to the attack in Paris? Is this heinous act really correctly described as an "assault on the freedom of expression and freedom of the press, which nothing can justify," as Chancellor Angela Merkel immediately declared?

Previous investigations had shown that all three assassins were recruited to al-Qaeda by Djamel Beghai, alias "Abu Hamza," who in turn was involved with jihadist networks operating out of mosques in London, including the Finsbury Park Mosque, where the real Abu Hamza was the imam for years, and whose name Djamel Beghai adopted as a pseudonym.

The real Abu Hamza had been extradited to the United States in 2012, and is on trial there for terrorism and recruitment of terrorists. His main defense has been that he was working simultaneously for al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups, and also for the British MI5 intelligence service. Abu Hamza, whose real name is Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, was sentenced on Jan. 9 by a New



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*Sen. Bob Graham, co-chairman of the Joint Congressional Inquiry on 9/11, has fought tirelessly to declassify the 28 pages of the committee's report that concern Saudi support for terrorism. Passivity toward Saudi Arabia, he told the press conference, has allowed the increase of terrorism, such as that in Paris that morning. Here he is shown addressing the press conference, with Reps. Stephen Lynch (left) and Walter Jones behind him.*

York court to life imprisonment for his involvement in several terrorist actions.

The two main perpetrators of the attack on the satirical magazine in Paris, Said and Chérif Kouachi, had been under observation of the French and other Western intelligence services for quite some time. Chérif had been sentenced in 2008 to three years in prison, and both brothers had returned in the Summer of 2014 from Syria, where they were most likely fighting on the side of the so-called rebels against the Assad government. In other words, they participated in a war sanctioned by the United States, NATO, and France, whose protagonists were armed by the French government among others, as President François Hollande mentioned in August 2014.

### **Playing the 'Islamic Card'**

The West's involvement with terrorist groups in the Middle East did not begin with the war against Assad. At least since Zbigniew Brzezinski proposed in 1975, at a meeting of the Trilateral Commission in Tokyo, play-

ing the "Islamic card" against the Soviet Union, the West has had a hand in the activities of various factions. These include the mujahideen in Afghanistan, al-Qaeda, al-Nusra, and today ISIS—groups which, depending on the circumstances, we have either been fighting or, at the next moment, proclaiming them "moderate rebels," we have been equipping with weapons, and deploying them against Qaddafi, Assad, or other disagreeable opponents.

The U.S. House Select Committee on the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012, where Ambassador Stevens and three other people were killed, is still grappling with the results of this policy. The committee is headed by Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.). It is expected that in the Spring or Summer, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and then-UN Ambassador Susan Rice, among others, will be summoned by the Committee to discuss the instructions given to Rice by Obama's

Deputy National Security Advisor, Ben Rhodes, telling her to lie about the circumstances surrounding the attack.

In the Jan. 7 press conference, Senator Graham trenchantly pointed to the role of Saudi Arabia, whose support for Wahhabism, the most extreme form of Islam, is encouraged by the continued classification of the 28 pages of the report on 9/11. Support and financing for these terrorist groups has increased all over the world: Al-Qaeda was a creation of Saudi Arabia, as were regional groups such as al-Shabaab and ISIS, which is only the most recent of such creations. Anyone who assumes that the problem would be solved by smashing ISIS is naive. "The consequences of our passivity to Saudi Arabia have been that we have tolerated this succession of institutions—violent, extreme, extremely hurtful to the region of the Middle East, and a threat to the world, as we saw this morning in Paris," said Graham.

Highly placed sources in France as well as in the United States, who have access to privileged informa-

tion due to their position, are united in their assessment that the attacks in Paris were not only intended to destabilize France, but also as a shot across the bow to President Hollande, who has recently incurred the wrath of certain Anglo-American circles for calling for de-escalation toward Russia and an early end to the sanctions.

Is it therefore justified to speak only of “an attack on freedom of expression and freedom of the press,” for which “radical Islam” is broadly and solely responsible? Or will this “representation” itself, as it is now so elegantly described, provide a plausible explanation, while actually sailing under a false flag? Of course there is “Islamic extremism” here, but it serves a political agenda.

### Yatsenyuk and Operation Gladio

It is interesting in this context, that Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk (known to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland as “Yats”), in an interview with Germany’s ARD TV, could claim—without being contradicted—that everyone remembers how the Soviet Union “invaded” Germany and Ukraine. When Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Titov asked the German Foreign Ministry for an explanation of Yatsenyuk’s extremist statements, the reply he re-

ceived was that the German government had no comment. But Berlin would certainly not call into question German responsibility for the deaths of Soviet citizens during the Second World War. If one wanted to interpret this reply favorably, the best one could suggest is that the Foreign Ministry should win the Nobel Prize for walking on eggshells.

Closer to reality, however, would be to illuminate NATO’s Operation Gladio, where so-called “stay-behind networks” were maintained during the Cold War in the event of war with the Soviet Union, networks comprised of former Nazis, anti-Communists, and—in the case of Ukraine—the networks of Stepan Bandera. The control of these networks by the CIA, MI6, and the BND is well documented.

Seventy years after the end of the Second World War, some people obviously still have the same perspective, according to the motto: “My scoundrels are good scoundrels, but your scoundrels are criminals.” This double standard in the approach of the oh-so-liberal and democratic West is painfully obvious.

Thus the Chinese publication *Global Times* noted that when it comes to terrorism in Paris, the West demands the right to unrestricted solidarity. But when it comes to terrorism against China, the West dismisses this as a Chinese “assertion” (with the implication that terrorism is a legitimate protest against the Chinese government).

And Konstantin Kosachev, head of the Russian Federation Council’s Foreign Affairs Committee, wrote on his blog: “When Islamic militants are killing in Paris, while Ukrainian ones burn people alive in Odessa, the reaction of Europe should be the same. . . . Will [the Europeans] swallow this? Will the European politicians keep silent, once again pretending that nothing has happened?”

In his press conference, Senator Graham called for politics to return to the standard set by President Lincoln: that the Republic can endure only if the government tells the population the whole truth, because that is the only way citizens can have trust in their leaders. It is exactly such trust that today has been largely lost between the governments and the populations in the United States and Europe.

If the German government wants to change this situation, it should initiate an investigation into the implications of Senator Graham’s press conference, and end the outrageous cover-up of the “Yazi” coup in Kiev.

*Translated from German by Susan Welsh*

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# Stop London-Saudi Terror: Declassify the 28 Pages of the 9/11 Report

*The following is a transcript of the Jan. 7 press conference, “Declassify the 28 Pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry 9/11 Report,” addressed by former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla., 1987-2005), Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.), and 9/11 Families representatives Terry Strada, Sylvia Carver, and Abraham Scott. Representative Jones chaired the [event](http://larouchepac.com), which can be viewed at [larouchepac.com](http://larouchepac.com).*

**Rep. Walter Jones:** I would like to tell you that we are very grateful that you would attend this press conference today. We’ve got the gentleman that has been leading this battle for 12 years: Sen. Bob Graham will be speaking as well.

Let me tell you the order of the talk today: I’ll make brief comments after I welcome you, which I’m doing now. Then I will introduce Stephen Lynch from Massachusetts, who joined me last year in a House Resolution that we put in, to call on the White House to declassify these 28 pages. He and I dropped the same resolution yesterday but we don’t have a bill number yet, because so many bills were introduced.

Then we have, from the families, who have suffered so much pain, Terry Strada, Sylvia Carver, and Abraham Scott. And then after they speak, we will then take questions from the press. At that time, please identify who you are and who you are with.

First, my brief comments will be that, just like the tragedy in France today, no nation can defend itself unless the nation knows the truth, and especially when there’s been an attack like 9/11. The families and their pain is something none of us

can experience, unless we’re one of the 9/11 families. So with that, I want to introduce Stephen Lynch.

Stephen Lynch and I bonded as friends long before this issue of the 28 pages. I am a conservative Republican from North Carolina; he is more moderate, from Massachusetts, and a Democrat. And we became friends just because I think God intended that we would be friends, quite frankly. So with that, again, Stephen, and Thomas Massie, who cannot be with us today, who is also on this House Resolution calling on the Administration to declassify the 28 pages. So I will let Stephen speak now, and then I will come back and introduce Sen. Bob Graham.

Stephen, come ahead and tell the people why we need to declassify the 28 pages.

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## Rep. Stephen Lynch

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**Lynch:** Thank you very much, Walter, for that very generous and kind introduction. First of all, I want to



*The press conference in Washington on Jan. 7. Right to left: Rep. Walter Jones, Rep. Stephen Lynch, former Sen. Bob Graham, Maj. Abraham Scott (ret.), Terry Strada, Sylvia Carver, and Veronica Carver.*

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thank the 9/11 families for being with us this morning. They are really the reason we are here. And we're introducing our measure, resolution, from last year, to require the declassification of the 28-page section of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into intelligence activities before and after the terrorist attacks of September of 2001. Congressman Jones and I jointly introduced this resolution back in December of 2013, and we are pleased to do so again.

I'd like to begin by thanking my colleague Walter Jones for his leadership on this issue. He has been relentless, which I think is what it's going to take to get these pages declassified. And he has really provided, I think, a dignified and well-thought-out approach for the reasons behind our request. I'd also like to acknowledge Sen. Bob Graham, again, who was a catalyst for this effort, and really, I think, before anyone, recognized the rightness of disclosing these 28 pages when the Joint Report first came out, and making these public.

There are three basic reasons for our request here: First is that transparency is a good aspect of democracy and that, as Walter indicated, having an informed public, from the beginning of our government, has always been a major priority and an asset of democracy; and we believe that transparency in this case will not only be the right thing to do, but secondly, it will provide justice for a lot of the families—for all of the families who are affected directly. We all suffered a deep and personal, profound loss, but these families, who will speak later on at this conference, will speak to the true pain that they feel each and every day. And they are deserving of the truth, just as the American people are. And thirdly, I think, after reading the 28 pages—and the pages speak for themselves—I think that members of the Congress and American citizens everywhere, will be better informed, in terms of our national security posture and the threats that are out there, I think they will be better informed, more thoughtful, more comprehensive, and we will understand more fully, the nature of the threat that's out there. And I think that is one more reason to make sure that these reports are made public.

So, with that, I just want to say, again, we are deeply grateful that Senator Graham was able to join us today. He has provided much impetus for this investigation here; it's kept us going. As I said before, he was the first one to recognize the wrongfulness in terms of concealing this from the American public.

And, one important point I want to emphasize, is that we frequently see reports—I'm in the process of reading a 6,700-page report on the CIA enhanced inter-

rogation process—and it is typical to see a redaction where a couple lines or a name, name of a country, name of a CIA agent might be deleted for the purpose of protecting that individual. But in this case, this report, this Joint Report, *28 pages were excised, a whole section of it!* That's extraordinary. And it points to the need for disclosing that information, in order to make sure that that report is fully understood.

I think Walter and I, and the Senator, agree that this is very important information to have out there, and that we jointly feel, as well as Representative Massie, that this presents no risks to sources or individuals in terms of disclosing this, for our intelligence apparatus. We feel, on the other hand, this will make us stronger, make our country stronger, and better prepared and better informed, if we disclose this information, as we rightly should.

So with that, I'm going to turn this back over to Walter Jones, so that he can introduce the esteemed Senator. Thank you.

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## Rep. Walter Jones

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... I want to remind you that after this report came out, it was the Bush Administration that determined that these 28 pages should be classified; and as Stephen said, we've read the report, and there's nothing about national security. I'm going to let Senator Graham speak in detail about his concern about why this has not been released. Sen. Bob Graham spent 18 years in the Senate; He's a man that has the nation's respect, for the



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*Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) told the press: "You've got to help us continue to beat the drum! We're going to do everything within the House and Senate that we can do with our friends, many of them here today. But when it really comes down to it, it's your interest that will help us get this done."*



type of person that he is. He and Senator Richard Shelby released the Joint Inquiry Report into 9/11 in December of 2002. The report went to the White House for final review, and the White House, at that time under George Bush, decided that the 28 pages should be classified.

The families have suffered long enough. The American people have been denied the truth long enough. It is time for the truth to come out. As Stephen said, I want to thank Sen. Bob Graham. He has a daughter who was sworn in to the United States House of Representatives yesterday, and congratulations on that Senator. With that, a man who has driven this issue since 2002—I'm not even going to begin to tell you what he has done! From court action, to other types of action, because he knows that the truth will set America free!

So with that, I introduce the esteemed, Senator from Florida, Bob Graham. Thank you.

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## Sen. Bob Graham

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Walter, thank you very much.

And I, too, want to thank Walter and Steve—Congressmen Jones and Lynch—for their leadership in bringing this matter to the attention of the Congress. I want to thank the family members, who have been without question the most influential force in all of the

changes that have occurred as a result of 9/11, and will be the most significant force in terms of convincing the President that it is time to give the American people the truth.

Needless to say, my remarks that I will espouse this morning, are considerably different than they would have been, but for events in Paris this morning, which in my judgment, bring this matter into its proper focus.

But first a little background: After 9/11, it was clear that the Congress was going to be called upon to conduct some form of an inquiry as to what happened. The decision by the leadership, was to combine the Intelligence Committees of the House and the Senate into a single body; for the first time in the history of the Congress that that had occurred, for purposes of carrying out this Inquiry. The Inquiry took the year of 2002. It included hundreds of witnesses, tens of thousands of pages of documentation, leading up to an over-800-page report which was submitted in December of 2002. Some six months later, the declassified version emerged, and we were shocked to see that an important chapter in the report had not been redacted—that is, as Congressman Lynch and Congressman Jones said, a word or a phrase here or there—but an entire chapter.

Since that chapter continues to be classified, none of us can talk about it in public, but I think it's fair to say that it is a central chapter, in terms of understanding, who was the support network that allowed 9/11 to occur.

When we saw that this chapter had been eliminated, there was an immediate outcry. Sen. Dick Shelby, Republican from Alabama, who had been the chair and was at that time the vice-chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and I, issued a statement to the effect that we were intimately familiar with that chapter, we considered it to have no adverse effect on national security, that it was important to the overall understanding of 9/11, and it should be released.

We have subsequently been joined in that by others who were involved, including the chairman of the House Committee, Porter Goss, who wishes that he could have been here today to participate, as well; and subsequently, the citizen 9/11 Commission's two co-chairs, Lee Hamilton and Tom Kean, have also advocated that these 28 pages be released.

Shortly after the declassification process ended, a letter was prepared, signed by almost half of the membership of the United States Senate, bipartisan, including Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and Senator [Hillary] Clinton of New York, all calling upon President Bush to release the 28 pages.



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*Former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), who co-chaired the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11: “The consequences of our passivity to Saudi Arabia, have been that we have tolerated this succession of institutions—violent, extreme, extremely hurtful to the region of the Middle East, and a threat to the world, as we saw this morning in Paris.” Here, he is interviewed after the press conference.*

## Applying the ‘Lincolnesque Standard’

What have been the consequences of this refusal to release the pages? And let me say, while the 28 pages are maybe the most important and the most prominent, they are by no means the only example of where information that is important to understanding the full extent of 9/11 has been withheld from the American people. The comments I’m going to make are specifically about the 28 pages, but more generally about a pattern of cover-up, that for 12 years, has kept the American people from a full understanding, of the most horrific attack against the United States in its history.

The consequences, in my judgment are three:

One, is a denial of the truth. A core question in 9/11 is, did these 19 people act alone, or did they have a network of support which facilitated their ability to carry out a very complex plot? No one who has looked closely at the facts, including the individuals that I just named, has come to a conclusion other than that it is highly improbable that the 19 people could have acted alone. Yet, the official position of the United States government has been that they did act alone, and that there is no necessity for further inquiry into the question of whether there was a support network.

We’re now in the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, and we’ve had a national history classroom over the past few years, as incidents that were consistent with a date in the current era coincided with a date during that war. One of the pieces of information that we have learned, at least I have learned, is that President Lincoln had a policy throughout the war, that every message that came into the government, specifically into the State Department, was a matter of public record, on a daily basis. His feeling was that if the support of the American people was going to be maintained, in a war which was increasingly bloody, with much loss of lives and loss of treasure, that it took the confidence of the American people that their government was conducting itself in an appropriate manner, and that the key to that confidence was disclosure.

I wish we applied the Lincolnesque standard to what happened in 9/11.



*President Lincoln believed, said Senator Graham, that full disclosure by the government was essential to maintain the confidence and support of the American people during the Civil War: “I wish we applied the Lincolnesque standard to what happened in 9/11.” Shown: Lincoln in the 1860s (photo by Mathew Brady), and “The Great Meeting in Union Square, New York, To Support the Government, April 20, 1861” (engraving by Winslow Homer).*



## The Issue of Justice

The second issue, is the issue of justice. Some 3,000 members of the families who were lost on 9/11 have been trying for years to get justice through our system for the losses that they have suffered. The position of the United States government has been to protect Saudi Arabia, at virtually every step of the judicial process. When the United States government was called upon to take a position, it has been a position adverse to the interests of the United States citizens seeking justice, and protective of the government which, in my judgment, was the most responsible for that network of support.

Again, an example from the Civil War: The British had signed a neutrality agreement with the United States that they would not be involved in the Civil War. It was found out, subsequently, that in fact, their shipyards had been building military vessels for the Confederacy. After the war ended, the United States didn’t forget; it did not walk away from the negative effects of Britain’s perfidy. Rather, it pursued it, and finally, secured a recognition of what the British had done, and some compensation for the consequences of their actions. What a difference between the way this country

saw itself, as a prideful defender of justice for its citizens, and what we are experiencing today.

The third consequence is the issue of national security, and frequently those who have defended nondisclosure, have said, this cannot be made available to the American people, because it would be adverse to our national security. It will affect methods and sources of information, or other information that is inappropriate to be made publicly known. As the two Congressmen have just said, they both read the report—not 12 years ago, when I participated in writing the report—but they have read it recently, and have both come to the same conclusion that we did a dozen years ago: *that there is no threat to national security in disclosure*.

I'm going to make the case today, that there is a threat to national security by non-disclosure, and we saw another chapter of that today in Paris.

### **'The Saudis Know What They Did'**

Here are some facts:

The Saudis know what they did. They are not persons who are unaware of the consequences of their government's actions. Second, the Saudis know that we know what they did! Somebody in the Federal government has read these 28 pages, someone in the Federal government has read all the other documents that have been covered up so far. And the Saudis know that.

What would you think the Saudis' position would be, if they knew what they had done, they knew that the United States knew what they had done, and they also observed that the United States had taken a position of either passivity, or actual hostility to letting those facts be known? What would the Saudi government do in that circumstance, which is precisely where they have been, for more than a decade?

Well, one, they have continued, maybe accelerated, their support for one of the most extreme forms of Islam, Wahhabism, throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East. And second, they have supported the religious fervor, with financial and other forms of support, of the institutions which were going to carry out those extreme forms of Islam. Those institutions have included mosques, madrassas, and military. Al-Qaeda was a creature of Saudi Arabia; the regional groups such as al-Shabaab have been largely creatures of Saudi Arabia; and now, ISIS is the latest creature!

Yes, I hope and I trust that the United States will crush ISIS, but if we think that is the definition of vic-

tory, we are being very naive! ISIS is a consequence, not a cause—it is a consequence of the spread of extremism, largely by Saudi Arabia, and if it is crushed, there will be another institution established, financed, supported, to carry on the cause.

So the consequences of our passivity to Saudi Arabia, have been that we have tolerated this succession of institutions—violent, extreme, extremely hurtful to the region of the Middle East, and a threat to the world, as we saw this morning in Paris.

So I conclude by saying, this is a very important issue. It may seem stale to some, but it is as current as the headlines that we will read today. It is an issue that goes to the core of the United States' contract with its people, that the people would give the government the credibility and support to govern; the government would give the people the information upon which they can make good judgments, as to the appropriateness of governmental action. It's as fundamental as justice to our people, who have suffered so, by this evil union of extremism and a very powerful nation-state. And it is the security of the people of the United States of America.

So, I again thank the Congressmen for their leadership. I hope that they will soon be joined by a rising tide of other members of Congress who recognize the importance of this issue. And then, finally, that the President of the United States will declare that he is going to adopt the Lincolnesque standard of full disclosure, and rely on the intelligence and judgment and patriotism of the American people to decide what the appropriate course of action should be.

Thank you.

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### **Terry Strada**

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Hello, everyone. My name is Terry Strada. I am the national co-chair of the 9/11 Families and Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism. I stand here today, united with members of the U.S. Congress and my fellow 9/11 family members and survivors, seeking truth, accountability, and justice for all those that we lost and loved.

We all know al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden attacked us on 9/11, but that is only half the truth. We believe the other half lies in the 28 redacted pages of the Joint Inquiry.

9/11 was an attack of unquantifiable loss, death, and



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*Terry Strada: "Where is the outrage, I want to know? That Saudi Arabia, a country, our supposed ally, not only bankrolled al-Qaeda, and the worst terrorist attack on American soil, but was also instrumental in implementing an intricate web of operatives in numerous places around the world, including right here in our own country, to carry out a complex plan of bringing the 19 hijackers here to America."*

destruction. Over 13 years ago, I never could have imagined my life, the lives of my three children, and the lives of my late husband Tom's family, could be destroyed and torn apart by terrorists. I could not fathom that our country could be attacked by radical Islamists who have pledged, repeatedly and remorselessly, to perpetuate heinous war crimes against innocent men, women, and children on American soil.

Incredibly, this is the world we live in. And private citizens, and Congress, must take action against those who are responsible for aiding and abetting the 19 hijackers that murdered nearly 3,000 innocent people on American soil, no matter who they may be, no matter what government they are, or no matter what country they come from.

Terrorism is pure evil, and so are its planners, ideologies, and their bankrollers. Money is the lifeblood of terrorism, and we must implore our government officials, the State Department, the Department of Justice, and our President, to get tough on terrorism financing. To hold accountable those who funded 9/11, and continue to fund al-Qaeda, ISIS, and countless other terrorist organizations, that remain dedicated to plotting future terrorist attacks against our nation.

When former President George W. Bush classified the 28 pages of the Joint Inquiry, he effectively pro-

tected the people who gave financial and logistical aid to at least some of the 19 hijackers, while they were here in this country. He effectively denied the 9/11 victims and survivors, and the American people, the truth about who was behind the worst attack on American soil. By hiding the truth about who financed 9/11, the guilty parties have gone unpunished, free to continue financing terrorist organizations, and, as a consequence, we have witnessed the creation of branches of al-Qaeda, like ISIS, grow at an alarming rate.

It has long been reported that the subjects of the redacted 28 pages point the finger at Saudi Arabia, who has given billions of dollars to promote Wahhabi Islam, the very ideology that spawned those terrorist organizations and define the jihadists' agendas. Tragically, when those countries have become imperilled by the very monsters they help to create, they have turned to the United States to protect them, as is the case now with ISIS. We are once again engaged in conflicts against an amoral enemy, because we did nothing to prevent the funding of these organizations 13 years ago.

## **All We Demand Is Justice**

This cycle must stop. We must recognize and expose that our true enemy includes the backroom bankrollers, who repeatedly enable the frontline terrorists, who kill themselves, and never act again. We must declassify the 28 pages, expose the bankrolling enablers, and take action against them, or we will continue to face future waves of willing, frontline terrorists.

Since my husband was murdered, all I have ever wanted is justice. The thousands of victims' families and survivors I represent, also want justice for the murder of their loved ones, and the pain and suffering inflicted on us. When the Twin Towers imploded, our loved ones were literally torn to pieces, and flung from river to river, on the streets and on the rooftops of Lower Manhattan. Just as was done at the Pentagon and in the tragic, yet heroic crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. They were returned to us in pieces spanning years, or, for families like mine, they never came home to a final resting place at all.

We want the truth, and to hold accountable those who supported the 19 hijackers and enabled al-Qaeda.

I'm going to repeat myself here: We want justice. We want accountability. We want the truth.

To achieve the truth, we must declassify the redacted 28 pages of the Joint Inquiry Report.



As you've heard here today, there is no threat to national security to release these 28 pages. So, therefore, there is no reason to keep them classified.

To achieve justice and accountability, we must pass the Justice Against the Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA). This is a bill that passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee without objection on Sept. 11, 2014, and was voted out of the Senate in December with unanimous consent. This legislation will clarify existing law, and enable the victims of terrorism to exercise their right to hold accountable those guilty of giving financial aid and logistical support to terrorists who carry out heinous acts of murder, death, and destruction here on American soil, and help us achieve the justice we deserve.

*Where is the outrage, I want to know?* That Saudi Arabia, a country, our supposed ally, not only bankrolled al-Qaeda, and the worst terrorist attack on American soil, but was also instrumental in implementing an intricate web of operatives in numerous places around the world, including right here in our own country, to carry out a complex plan of bringing the 19 hijackers here to America. To name a few places: Sarasota, Florida; San Diego, California; Herndon, Virginia; Paterson, New Jersey.

Where is the outrage, that they continue to fund terrorist organizations like ISIS, which is killing, raping, and beheading innocent people at a rapacious rate, while at the same time recruiting from here in the West for more new members? And where is the indignation, that 9/11 victims' families and survivors have been denied the right to hold accountable, in a United States courtroom, the people responsible for the incineration of nearly 3,000 people?

We need the 114th Congress to direct President Obama to release, declassify, the redacted 28 pages of the Joint Inquiry, and we also need the 114th Congress to act swiftly, and pass JASTA into law. Our national security depends on this.

Thank you.

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## Sylvia Carver

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Good morning. My name is Sylvia Carver. I'm here to speak on behalf of my sister Sharon Ann Carver, who was murdered at the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as the other family members. My statement will be brief.

I want to make a personal request to the President of



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*Sylvia Carver (speaking) and Veronica Carver. Their sister died at the Pentagon on 9/11.*

the United States to please, please, declassify the 28 pages. The families have the right to know the full story. They have a right to seek justice for their loved ones. They have a right to closure, and we cannot have that closure without the full answer, the full story. The full 28 pages must be released, so my family can have closure as well as all the other 9/11 families.

Thank you very much.

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## Abraham Scott

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Good morning. My name is Abraham Scott. I'm a retired Army officer. I lost my wife, Janice Marie Scott, in the Pentagon, along with the Carver sister. They were in an office—there were over 40 members of that organization that were killed that day—and I stand before you in full support of the initiative of declassifying of the 28 pages, as well as passing JASTA. And thank you, and God bless.

**Jones:** Let me make one quick comment, and then we're going to take questions. You can ask anyone. I wanted the families who have suffered so badly, who just spoke, to be on one side, so you can see them, and take the picture. Any of you from the press, make sure you get this picture of pain. That's all I ask you to do.

This resolution that we have put in to call on the President, to do what is right for the American people and the 9/11 families. Senator Graham being here is just absolutely, just absolutely what we need to get the Senate to join us with a companion resolution, in the Senate, and to hold a news conference, and let's put the pressure on the President. I do not know why, after I read these 28 pages, why there's anyone who is re-

luctant to release the 28 pages. Stephen Lynch and I—and I have a copy of this letter if you want it before you leave today—wrote the President in April, asking him to declassify the information. He’s told the families on two separate occasions, “I will declassify the 28 pages.” That’s been in the press!

We wrote him a letter in April, asking him to please declassify the information. Today, we have not received a response. We have called the White House numerous times. They’ve been responsive to this point: “We’re working on a response. We’ve got to let different agencies look at the response.”

It is time that the Senate joined the House, and joined the wishes of the American people, and the wishes of the 9/11 families.

If you’d like to ask questions, please just say who you are, and which person you’d like to come up, and we’ll be glad to answer your questions.

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## Questions and Answers

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### The Sarasota Story

**Q:** Senator Graham. Jeff Steinberg, *Executive Intelligence Review*.

Senator, you mentioned that, beyond the 28 pages, there are other materials that have been withheld. I know that there’s a situation right now before a Federal court in Florida, and I wonder if you’d say something about that, because I think it’s indicative of the idea that this was not something localized to only the issues raised in the 28 pages, involving San Diego, but this is a whole other dimension that really is suggestive of the magnitude of what needs to be told to the American people.

**Graham:** Let me just briefly tell the story of Sarasota.

It was not until almost ten years after 9/11 that we became aware that there was a prominent Saudi family, one member of whom had been an advisor to the royal family, living in Sarasota. There were also three of the hijackers who had done their flight train-



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*Maj. Abraham Scott (ret.) lost his wife at the Pentagon on 9/11.*

ing at a small school near Sarasota. And during the period that those three were living there, they had extensive contacts with that Saudi family.

Less than two weeks before 9/11, under what law enforcement described as “urgent conditions,” the Saudi family left Sarasota, and returned to Saudi Arabia, raising the question: Did someone tip them off that there was an event about to occur, and it would be better that they not be in the United States?

Through a press group in Florida, we’ve been trying to get released the FBI investigation that occurred,

which probed the role of the family, and the hijackers.

The FBI initially said they could not respond to our Freedom of Information request, because there was nothing to respond with. There were no documents relative to the investigative.

Fortunately, there was a strong Federal judge, who would not accept that as truth. And he and the plaintiffs pursued, and today, *80,000 pages have been turned over by the FBI to that Federal judge*, in the face of their original statement that there was no information; and that judge has, for the past several months, been reviewing the 80,000 pages, in order to make a judgment as to which of those warrant continued classification, and which can be released to the public.

I cite that as an example of the fact that this is not a narrow issue of withholding information at one place, at one time. This is a pervasive pattern of covering up the role of Saudi Arabia in 9/11, by all of the agencies of the Federal government, which have access to information that might illuminate Saudi Arabia’s role in 9/11.

### What Do We Really Know?

**Q:** Fox News, Washington. I realize the importance of releasing these in terms of giving the families closure, and the more principled fact that the 28 pages be released so that the American public will know, but I sense that your persistence about this suggests that maybe there’s more. Do you think that it would impact foreign policy, or changes in national security at all, what’s in the details of these 28 pages?

**Jones:** I will respond. My answer would be “no.” I





White House Photo

*A 13-year Presidential coverup for the Saudi role in 9/11. Clockwise, from top: President Barack Obama is received by King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia, March 28, 2014; Vice President Dick Cheney with Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, May 12, 2007; President George W. Bush with King Abdullah, Crawford, Tex., April 25, 2005.*



exactly what it says about the Saudi involvement in 9/11?

**Graham:** The 28 pages primarily relate to who financed 9/11, and they point a very strong finger at Saudi Arabia as being the principal financier. The two Congressmen have read the report much more recently than I, and if they have any further comments—

**Lynch:** I think we would be tiptoeing up to the line of—there's a reason this is classified. I think the proper role for the government would be to have the President declassify the report. Let it speak for itself. I'll just leave it at that.

**Q:** Just one quick followup. When you speak of Saudi Arabia, Senator, are you talking about the government of Saudi Arabia, or are you talking about private actors in Saudi Arabia?

**Graham:** Given the nature of the Kingdom, I'm speaking of the Kingdom. In fact, in the litigation that these good people have been involved with, when any institution, whether it's a financial institution, a charitable or religious institution is raised as a possible co-conspirator in 9/11, the Kingdom throws the blanket

of sovereign immunity over every entity. So it is a society in which it is difficult to make the kinds of distinctions between public, private, religious, that we would in the United States.

### What Will Congress Do?

**Q:** Steven Nelson from *U.S. News*. A question to the sitting Congressmen. You have the ability to release these pages with immunity. Have you considered doing that? Might you be able to do that some time in the near future, if the President doesn't declassify?

**Jones:** Walter Jones from North Carolina; I'll speak first. When you have a President, Democrat or Republican, who has the authority to release the declassified information, or to determine that it should be declassified—what we're trying to do is to put pressure on the White House. We're trying to say that the House of

do not understand how you can have a strong foreign policy when you are trying to hide the truth from the American people. How can your policymakers make foreign policy? That, to me, Joe, is just not fair. Because as Senator Graham has said, through the history of America, going back to his point of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, that America's strength is the truth. And no, I do not think this would have any negative effect, I mean, to our foreign policy at all! I think it would strengthen our ability to have a sound foreign policy, that would be good for the American people. . . .

**Q:** Patrick Terpstra with the Cox Media Group. I guess for Senator Graham: Since we have not seen the 28 pages, and I know you can't give us all that's in there, of course because it's classified, but can you give us as much information, as precisely as you can, as to

Representatives—I don’t think it will happen within the House of Representatives, no, no. This is too—the President has the authority to declassify this information and I think that what we’re trying to do—we hope, with this news conference today, that there will be a Senator, who will say, “By God, it’s time. Let’s declassify the information,” and put in the same type of resolution that Stephen Lynch and Thomas Massie and I put in on the House side, yesterday.

**Lynch:** I don’t think I can add to that, other than, you know, one of the other hats I wear is, I’m the ranking Democrat on the National Security Subcommittee on Oversight; and the proper way for this to become public information is for the President to declassify it. That’s the way our government should work.

It’s interesting that we are not hearing strong arguments from the White House as to the reasons that they refuse to declassify. It’s silence, inertia. So, I just think we need to keep on pushing. We’ve got 50-some-odd new Members of Congress that just came in; we’ll educate them, we will try to make government work the way it’s supposed to work. And I agree with the Senator and the Congressman, that this will make us stronger, this will definitely make us stronger.

The release of the report will influence our national security policy, and to some degree our foreign policy as well.

**Q:** Eleanor Clift, *Daily Beast*, for Senator Graham. Have you had any interest from any Senators, and are you actively trying to pursue cooperation on this? And secondly, many of the reports say that the pages aren’t being released because of embarrassment. Embarrassment by whom? Of whom? If you could shed some light on that.

**Graham:** Well, it has been my experience over the ten years that I was on the Intelligence Committee, and chair in 2001 and 2002, that much of what passes for classification for national security reasons is really classified because it would disclose incompetence. And since the people who are classifying are also often the subject of the materials, they have an institutional interest in avoiding exposure of their incompetence. So I believe that it is important that all of the information about foreign involvement in 9/11 be disclosed.

In answer to your first question. No, in fact, Congressmen Jones and Lynch and I have been huddling on

this over the past couple of days, and I will be making contacts with Members of the Senate to encourage them to introduce companion legislation.

**Q:** William Hicks from the Daily News Service. This for the two representatives. Is there any organized pushback in Congress about this resolution? I know it failed to move forward last year.

**Jones:** The problem is, and I understand this: Most members in Congress, we have great respect for each other, forget the party affiliations, we trust each other; but when you’re asking someone to sign on a resolution [about something] that they have not read, it’s pretty tough, really. The names that we had last year, every one but two had read the pages. The two that did not read the pages, said that they trust us enough, and that was all—everyone, not just Stephen, and Thomas, and myself—that they would go ahead and go on the resolution, with the hopes of reading it.

Now, let me explain: It’s not the easiest thing to read. It’s not like going to the Library of Congress. You have to write a letter to the chairman of the House Intell Committee, and make a request that you be given permission to go to a classified room and to sit there; you take no notes, you just sit there with somebody watching you read. So it’s not the easiest thing to read the 28 pages; you’ve got to really want to push for it, and you’re going to demand that you get the right to read it.

But we think if Senator Graham and the families can get some other Senators to really put the pressure on, and you have members that will say, well, the issue is the kind that I would do this just for the families if nothing else; because the resolution is just very simple, it just says, “Mr. President, please do your job. You have the authority to do it.”

**Lynch:** Yeah, I agree with everything that Walter said. I would say, that, you know, this is 28 pages! Now, I think a lot of folks voted on the health-care bill without reading it, but that was 2,400 pages, so they probably had a good excuse on that one!

But, I’m at a point where I’m getting a little frustrated, and it is a cumbersome process: You’ve got to go, you’ve got to write the letter, you’ve got to get permission, you’ve got to sit down; you do have maybe a couple of Intelligence Committee staffers on the other side of the table, watching you while you read.

From my own experience, after I read the 28 pages,

I told the two people that were observing me, I said, “I’m going to file legislation on this.” I told them, “You can go back to your bosses and tell them that after I read the 28 pages, I’m going to file legislation to make this public.” So, I just wanted to be completely honest with them.

And I think that’s the response most Members will have, if they sit down and read this report. So we’ll keep pushing on it. But I’m going to try a different tack this time: I’m going to work the floor and just have Members take my word for it, “You need to sign this. We need to get this disclosed to the American people,” rather than asking them. You know—“you can read it after it’s made public, you know.” Kind of like the health-care bill!

But I think we’re beyond the point where we’ve been patient enough with folks, and we need a big push in the House, and then, with the Senator’s help, a big push in the Senate as well.

### What Should the Public Do?

**Lenny Mel:** Our standard for the truth is the whole truth and nothing but the truth, or else you are lying. Not to release the whole truth is to perpetuate a lie and a lie about the greatest terrorist attack on U.S. soil. And like any lie, this one grows like a cancer, and the consequences of what happens from not revealing this, perpetuate themselves with things like ISIS, and as was mentioned today, the terrorist attack in France.

But also, we’re in a situation of economic warfare, and we see the Kingdom participating in a major way to lower the price of oil, which may harm some of our enemies, but it may harm us and may take down our financial system.

It is urgent that this be released so that we have a public hearing of exactly the consequences of what these people are up to, because those consequences grow every day and threaten this nation more every day.

And I just want to end by saying this: that we really owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Congress-people here, and to the families, because they are the patriots of this Republic that have stood for the truth, not only then, but now and in our future, that threaten us directly.

**Jones:** Thank you very much.

**Q:** Les Jamieson with hr428.org. We’re working to help the cause, to generate as much energy as possible



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*Rep. Stephen Lynch: “I think we’re beyond the point where we’ve been patient enough with folks, and we need a big push in the House, and then, with the Senator’s help, a big push in the Senate as well.”*

to get the Congressmen to read the 28 pages, because after hearing your reactions and how it transformed your understanding of 9/11, that alone I think will be a huge accomplishment to move forward. And we soon heard that Congressman Alan Grayson of Florida attempted to get access and was denied.

Could you speak to that please, and say what you would suggest as a reaction from the public?

**Lynch:** I know some of us have responsibilities that require top secret clearance and that might be a situation—I know he was Member, and then he was not a Member, and then he got re-elected. It may be just a non-continuity of his status, but I think he can repair that. I think he’ll have an opportunity to read it at some point. His classification may not have been reestablished when he went in there to read. I’ve seen that amongst some staffers. I think each Congressional office, including their staffers, have two people I think that are entitled to top-secret clearance, but they’ve got to go through that whole process. So that may be the situation with Mr. Grayson.

**Q:** Karl Golovin, jfkvigil.com. I’m a retired U.S. Customs agent and in the Fall of 2001, myself and many other agents were assigned to Fresh Kills landfill, where the rubble of World Trade Center 7 was brought, and we were tasked with sifting through WTC7, the 47-story third tower that collapsed that day, and combing out computer components that other agencies didn’t want left in the landfill. And I can just testify from my expe-

rience as an investigator that those three towers were not brought down solely by two airplanes and their jet fuel. That there is abundant evidence of controlled demolition of those three towers.

My question is whether these 28 pages will point at all towards that reality and the potential of true false-flag terrorism in this event.

**Jones:** Senator, why don't you answer that? I've got an answer, too.

**Graham:** My answer is no.

**Jones:** That's it. The 28 pages does not deal with that issue at all.

**Q:** Jack Larson, iamthefaceoftruth.com. My question is, I've heard before that there are multiple foreign governments that could be actually implicated in the pages. Is it just totally Saudi Arabia, or are there other active governments that could be involved?

**Lynch:** I personally think that the report speaks for itself. And there's one thing that needs to be said here: Once these 28 pages are released, the press will do their job. We've got some smart folks out there on the part of the press. They will investigate this, and I think there will be a collective debate and discussion about the implications of these 28 pages, and your question and others will be answered. And that's the whole process here. We'll do a deep dive on this collectively, with the full focus of transparency that it deserves. I'll learn from the debate. Even though I've read the 28 pages, I'm sure there will be other sets of eyes that will look at that same 28 pages and come up with things that I did not immediately recognize.

So I think all of this is an important understanding process, and that transparency from all of these different angles will really enlighten our understanding of this whole terrible and tragic event.

**Jones:** Terry, do you want to say anything before we close?

**Strada:** No, I think we're fine. No, actually, there's also another organization, 28pages.org that the American people can access and go on there and learn how to reach out to their Congresspeople, and their Senators and make their phone calls, and move this movement along. That's another very important element.

**Jones:** I want to thank Senator Graham and the families for being here today; my dear friend and good friend Stephen Lynch. Thank you, the press, because the only way we're going to get this done, quite

frankly, is with your help. You've got to help us continue to beat the drum! We're going to do everything within the House and Senate that we can do with our friends, many of them here today. But when it really comes down to it, it's your interest that will help us get this done.

Thank you so much for being here today.

## LaRouchePAC Webcast: The Saudi Support for 9/11

*The following is an excerpt from EIR Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg's presentation at the Jan. 9 weekly LaRouchePAC [webcast](#), on the evidence of Saudi Arabian support for the 9/11 atrocity, and why the 28 pages need to be released.*

What [the 28 pages] *do* reveal—and there are important elements of those 28 pages that we *do* know about—they reveal, number one, that there was in fact an extensive support network that was operating in the case of at least the lead two hijackers, that's to say the first two 9/11 hijackers who arrived in the United States well over a year prior to the Sept. 11 attacks. They were met at the Los Angeles airport by two men, identified as agents of the Saudi Arabian intelligence services; those two Saudi agents arranged their housing, arranged other kinds of logistical requirements, provided them with money, and actually set them up in the initial flight training.

During this entire time, those two Saudi intelligence officers were regularly receiving money to finance those activities. Some of the money came through a company that was an exclusive, private so-called, front for the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation, and one of those two Saudi intelligence officers was a "ghost" employee who received significant, not only salary, but expense account funds, during the period that the 9/11 hijackers were being shepherded around and protected and financed. At least \$50,000, probably closer to \$70,000, came directly to the those Saudi intelligence agents, in the run-up to the 9/11 attacks, from the personal bank account of the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan was a fixture in the United States for decades; many people referred to him as



“Bandar Bush,” because he had such an extraordinarily close relationship to both President Bush 41 and President Bush 43. Bandar’s wife Princess Haifa was the sister of Prince Turki bin Faisal, who was the head of Saudi intelligence for over a decade, and who resigned from that position two weeks before the 9/11 attacks. Prince Turki was one of the critical players who negotiated directly with Osama bin Laden and opened up the floodgates for Saudi funding to go into al-Qaeda during the period just prior to the African embassy bombings, the *USS Cole* attack, and then the 9/11 attacks.

### The Saudi-British Convergence

I think that Senator Graham was very conscious of the juxtaposition of his comments about Saudi Arabia, the monarchy of Saudi Arabia, and his references to the perfidy of the British monarchy during the period of the Civil War. Because, in point of fact, today it’s almost impossible to distinguish between the British monarchy and the Saudi monarchy: They represent a singular force, and were it not for the active and witting involvement of the British monarchy and British intelligence services, the Saudis would not be in a position to have played the kind of role that they played, in delivering critical support to the 9/11 hijackers, and many, many other similar kinds of activities.

There is in fact a well-documented picture of the convergence of British and Saudi monarchical operations, which have direct bearing on 9/11. Beginning in 1985, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, although the Ambassador here in Washington, D.C., was the personal broker with then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, of a very unique barter agreement between the British and the Saudis, in which the British, through the BAE Systems major arms company, provided about \$40 billion in various kinds of weapons, from fighter planes to radar systems, to the Saudi Ministry of Defense. The Saudis, in return, paid for all of that military hardware, and some very hefty bribes that went to leading officials of the Saudi Defense Ministry and were spread around among a number of other Saudi princes, by delivering 600,000 barrels of oil a day, from 1985 and in fact that program still continues to this day.

Now, we did a little bit of work at *EIR* in crunching the numbers, and then we were supplied with certain critical confirming information from Prince Bandar himself. If you look at the amount of money that was

spent by the British in providing those weapons systems, and then compare it to the amount of revenue that was generated by the spot-market sales of one supertanker of oil a day for a period beginning in 1985 and running through to the present, you’ll find that after all of those factors were taken into account, there was well over \$100 billion in funds left over.

In a recent sanctioned biography, Prince Bandar boasted about the fact that the special relationship between the Saudi monarchy and the British monarchy allowed for a series of offshore funds to be established—black funds, probably the biggest pool of covert operations money ever assembled at one time. And these jointly British-Saudi administered funds, as Bandar himself boasted, went to “the war against communism,” by which he meant the financing of the mujahideen in Afghanistan, which was one of the breeding-grounds for al-Qaeda and all of the other terrorist groups that we now see acting on the world stage.

And so during the period that Bandar and his wife were providing funds to the Saudi intelligence officers who were shepherding around two of the key 9/11 hijackers, Bandar was regularly receiving bank transfers from the Bank of England, which was in the form of his “broker’s fee” for the oil-for-weapons agreements between the British and the Saudis—it was called al-Yamamah; they called it “The Dove,” translated into English from Arabic. Bandar’s piece of that arrangement was, at minimum, \$2 billion in broker’s fees, that were coming into his bank accounts at Riggs National Bank.

Those were the funds that were being shipped off to help finance the 9/11 hijackers.

This is all a piece of what’s in those 28 pages. We don’t know it because we sneaked into the vault in the Capitol Building and got to read them; we know it because there have been other accounts.

For example, Senator Graham wrote a book in 2004, called *Intelligence Matters*, and that book recounted his experience as the chairman of the Joint House-Senate 9/11 investigative panel, and so he recounted anecdotally a number of the key findings that were then included in the 28 pages, that were blacked out by President Bush and Vice President Cheney, and which continue to be kept under wraps by President Obama, despite the fact that he promised the family members, the 9/11 families, on at least two face-to-face occasions, that he would make sure those pages were declassified.

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January 2001

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## LaRouche Forecasts A 'Reichstag Fire'

*Lyndon LaRouche gave a webcast address on Jan. 3, 2001, as George W. Bush Administration was being assembled, and John Ashcroft had been nominated as Attorney General. This exchange took place during the question and answer session.*

### The Ashcroft Appointment

**Question from a Member of the Congressional Black Caucus:** Mr. LaRouche, during your last seminar, you talked to us about the Southern Strategy of Richard Nixon. Now, since that seminar occurred, we have a nominee for Attorney General of the United States, who's an inveterate Confederate, and a professed supporter of Jefferson Davis. We do not see how he can possibly uphold the Constitution, that he clearly rejects. However, we are not represented on the Senate Judiciary Committee. How do you think we should proceed?

**LaRouche:** Two things: First of all, when Bush put Ashcroft in, as a nomination for the Justice Department, he made it clear: The Ku Klux Klan was riding again. That's clear.

Now, Bush—maybe Bush didn't know what he was doing, but somebody in the Bush team did, and a lot of them had the voice to say something about it.

Ashcroft was an insult to the Congress. If the Democrats in the Congress capitulate to the Ashcroft nomination, the Congress is finished.

This is pretty much like the same thing that Germany did, on Feb. 28, 1933, when the famous *Notverordnung* [emergency rule] was established. Just remember, that after the Reichstag fire, Goering, who commanded at that time—he was the Minister-President of Prussia at the time—set into motion an opera-

tion. As part of this, operating under rules of Carl Schmitt, a famous pro-Nazi jurist of Germany, they passed this act, called the *Notverordnung*, the emergency act, which gave the state the power, according to Schmitt's doctrine, to designate which part of its own population were enemies, and to imprison them, freely. And to eliminate them. This was the dictatorship.

Now, remember, that Hitler had come into power on Jan. 30 of that same year, less than two months earlier. He'd come in as a minority party, which had been discredited in the previous election. He was put in by bankers, including the father of President George Bush, the former President, Prescott Bush. Prescott Bush, as agent for Harriman of New York, worked with the British banks, to put Adolf Hitler into power in January of 1933. At that time Hitler was discredited, and about to be bombed out. He was stuck into power, because that was the last chance to get him in power.

Everyone said, no, Hitler's not going to make it, because the majority of the population is against him. Then, on Feb. 28, 1933, the *Notverordnung* act was passed, on the pretext of the Reichstag fire. And this established a dictatorship, which Germany did not get rid of until 1945.

Now, I'm not suggesting that the case of Ashcroft is comparable to the Reichstag fire. But, it's a provocation, a deliberate provocation. And if the Democratic Party and decent Republicans do not combine to throw that nomination back in the face of the nominator, this Congress isn't worth anything. That is, because it will have surrendered its dignity.

If you give those kinds of powers, of a Justice Department, to Ashcroft, and what he represents, under that flag, you don't have any justice left in the United States. And any Democratic senator who disagrees with me, shouldn't be a senator. He doesn't represent the Democratic Party. So, it's going to be up to the people to make sure.

Now, what I would say is this: Members of the House of Representatives do have some powers. They may not be the formal powers of the Judiciary Committee, but they have some powers. And if the Congress makes it clear, and gets some of the senators, the Democratic senators, also to make it clear, that we're not going to put up with this Ashcroft provocation, we can stop it. But little protest movements are not going to do.



You're going to have to jam the works up on this one. You're going to have to make it impossible for Bush to get his nominations through, as long as that Ashcroft nomination is not eliminated.

He'll pull him back. You get the determination to make him pull it back, he'll pull it back. You've got the strength. Unless the Democrats want to sell out totally. So, I think we need a *revolution* of the Congress, the House of Representatives.

And, the Congress has some powers in this matter. Remember, the Congress has not yet certified the President-elect. I think that the question of certifying the President-elect is also a question, this Ashcroft question, to be thrown on the table, on the question of certifying President-elect Bush, so-called, as President-elect. It's an act that has to be done by the Congress.

I would pull every string in the book that's serious, as a legislative string, to make sure that Ashcroft is not made the Attorney General. And I think that members of the Congress, members of the Democratic Party, should act on that point, as if their life might depend upon it. Because the lives of many of them might just depend upon that.

## The Reichstag Fire

You don't know.... We're going into a period in which either we do the kinds of things I indicated in summary to you today, or else, what you're going to have, is not a government. You're going to have something like a Nazi regime. Maybe not initially, at the surface. What you're going to have is a government which cannot pass legislation, meaningful legislation. How does a government which can not pass meaningful legislation, under conditions of crisis, govern? They govern, in every case in known history, by what's known as crisis-management.

In other words, just like the Reichstag fire in Germany, How did that happen?

Well, a Dutchman, who was a known lunatic, used to set fires, as a provocateur. And he went around Germany setting fires. And one night, with no security available for the Reichstag [Parliament], he went into the Reichstag building, and set the joint on fire. And Hitler came out and said, "Well, let's hope the Communists did it." And Goering moved, and the Schmitt apparatus, that is, of Carl Schmitt, the jurist. And they passed the *Notverordnung*. And on the basis of a provo-

cation—that is, crisis-management—they rammed through the *Notverordnung*, which established Hitler as dictator of Germany.

What you're going to get, with a frustrated Bush administration, if it's determined to prevent itself from being opposed, its will, you're going to get crisis-management. Where members of the special warfare types, of the secret government, the secret police teams, will set off provocations, which will be used to bring about dictatorial powers and emotion, in the name of crisis-management.

You will have small wars set off in various parts of the world, which the Bush Administration will respond to, with crisis-management methods of provocation. That's what you'll get. And that's what the problem is. And you have to face that. You've got to control this process now, while you still have the power to do so. Don't be like the dumb Germans, who, after Hitler was appointed to the Chancellorship, in January 1933, sat back and said, "No, we're going to defeat him at the next election." There never was a next election—there was just this "*Jawohl*," for Hitler as dictator. Because the *Notverordnung* of February 1933, *eliminated* the political factor.

And that's the danger you'll get here: If the Bush Administration is determined to hammer its way through on this thing, it's not resisted, and you allow it to do so, you will find that it is strongly tempted. And you look at—remember what George Bush's specialty was, as I remember very well. Remember Iran-Contra, one of the biggest mass-murder swindles in modern history, run by Vice President Bush, under special powers, given to him under special orders, with the Executive Branch. *He* ran Iran-Contra, the biggest drug-running game in the world. And behind Bush—and I know these guys very well, because I've been up against them; most of my problems came from these characters—these guys, pushed to the wall, will come out with knives in the dark. They will not fight you politically; they will get you in the back. They will use their thugs to get you. That's their method—know it.

So, don't sit back and be nice guys. When Bush makes some proposal, which is sensible, it should be treated as a sensible proposal. But when he tried to shove a provocation down your throat, like Ashcroft: No. No way, buddy. No way.

This thing stops right now.

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LaRouche on 9/11/01

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## Let Calm Heads Prevail To Stop Destabilization

*On Sept. 11, 2011, just at the very moment that news reports were first coming across the wires about the terrorist actions against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, 2004 Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche was being interviewed by Jack Stockwell, morning radio host on K-TALK radio in Salt Lake City, Utah. The interview was conducted from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. We publish excerpts here from EIR, Sept. 21, 2001.*

*The following day, in an interview with WGIR-AM radio in New Hampshire, LaRouche re-emphasized that the terrorism “was primarily a domestic, covert, special operation, by people with very high-grade military-special operations backgrounds.” Rejecting the conventional wisdom that “it had to have been Osama bin Laden,” LaRouche pointed to the high degree of sophistication and coordination required for such a massive attack. “Look,” he said, “the United States could not have done that to the Soviet Union during the high point of the conflict of the Cold War. We didn’t have the capability to do to the Soviet Union then, what was done to us yesterday.*

**Stockwell:** ...I am sitting here looking at—two planes have hit the World Trade Center! Well, I’m looking at it right now at the Internet, at MSNBC. There’s a link on the very first page of MSNBC.

You’re kidding! A second plane has hit the tower. Well, that’s unconfirmed. We just heard that. Well, the picture I’m looking at, I can tell you right now how many casualties there are. They’re all casualties. Looking at this picture I’m looking at. The smoke is just billowing out of the top of the World Trade Center. ...

Well, I’m going to go ahead and get my guest on here with me. Mr. LaRouche. Good morning, sir.

**LaRouche:** Good morning, Jack.

**Stockwell:** Well, what a pleasure and an honor to have you back on my program again. I was hoping to move the discussion initially, with what we were going to do here, into the area of the Sublime. But now, with what has just happened in New York ... at the World Trade Center. I don’t know if you’ve seen these images or pictures yet on the television.

**LaRouche:** I haven’t yet. I was just sitting up here working, and just heard about it before I went to call you.

**Stockwell:** Yes. Well, the smoke is billowing out of the one tower here. My wife called me a moment ago. And apparently they caught, live, on film, the second jet smashing into one of the other towers.

**LaRouche:** Obviously, this is not exactly an accident.

**Stockwell:** No, sir. I don’t believe it is.

**LaRouche:** I mean, it’s not a coincidence. It’s obviously—this is so remote in probability that there has to be intention in this thing.

**Stockwell:** It’s one thing for somebody to strap on a jacket made of dynamite and walk into a diner in downtown Jerusalem. It’s another thing to jump inside of a Lear jet and go smashing in the side of a building like that.

### A Climate of Destabilization

**LaRouche:** The thing you have to look at, and the context in which this is occurring, is two things. First of all, the first suspicion that’s going to be on this is Osama bin Laden. That name is going to come up prominently, whether as suspicion—or just suspicion.

And the second thing, which is not unrelated to the Osama bin Laden question, is this festival which is planned—really a terrorist festival, for Washington, D.C.

**Stockwell:** At the end of the month.

**LaRouche:** Yes. We have a global process. Look, the financial system’s coming down. That’s always a dangerous thing. Because when the entire system is being shaken up the way it is now, by the financial collapse, political things happen, because various people try to intervene and orchestrate events by spectacular interventions, which will change, shall we say, get public attention off one thing and put it on another.

So, this is obviously—I mean, I can not draw a conclusion, except the circumstances tell me something

rather evil is behind this thing. And I don't know which, but they're both connected, because I know the Goldsmith brothers—for example, Jimmy Goldsmith was key in helping to create—he's now deceased—Osama bin Laden and people like that. The Taliban and so forth.

And at the same time, his brother, Teddy Goldsmith, who is still very much alive, is sort of the spiritual godfather of this movement which is planning to inundate Washington, D.C., with some pretty nasty stuff at the end of this month.

**Stockwell:** Something to a much greater degree than what happened in Seattle.

**LaRouche:** Oh, absolutely. This thing went from Seattle—Seattle was basically a terrorist operation. But, you know, if you look at the history of how terrorist operations are run, you would run a hard-core terrorist operation, and around it, they would run sympathizer operations which were not necessarily wittingly connected to the terrorist operation. But they were run and coordinated simultaneously.

In Seattle, you had the so-called legitimate protest, which was largely trade union-backed. But into the same scenario, you had coming out of Canada, based in Canada—and the Canadian-U.S. border is rather leaky, you know. And they were coming across in droves over there to do funny things.

Then you had the operation, a conference in Pôrto Alegre, Brazil, just a short time ago, which Teddy Goldsmith chaired. And this cuts into the people who are generally the ambiance of international terrorism.

Then, from there, from Genoa, they went to some other things. But the big thing—from Pôrto Alegre to Genoa, where they staged an upscale terrorist operation.

Now, from what I know of the details of the terrorist operations being prepared in Maryland and Virginia for Washington, D.C., where they're being pre-staged, this is intended to be much bigger than Genoa.

So, what you have is a challenge to the integrity of the nation's capital, of what is ostensibly the most powerful nation—a nuclear power—on this planet. And that is not funny.

**Stockwell:** If you can—the FBI is now saying that a plane was possibly hijacked for this attack. If you can do that with the World Trade Center, what could you do with the White House?

**LaRouche:** Absolutely. I've been very concerned about this. You know, I'm not very sympathetic with

what some of these agencies do. But I'm concerned, not just as a Presidential pre-candidate. But I'm concerned with the security of the United States and the peace of the world. And this is not good for the health of the nation or the world. These things should not happen.

And we could prevent this kind of stuff. But we just don't do it, because, I don't know, someone says, let it happen.

**Stockwell:** How would you prevent terrorist activity?

**LaRouche:** Well, the thing is, if you don't—if you dispense with the myth that there are a number of unknown people out there coming out of the mists, and nobody knows where they come from, then you would say, How can you stop the terrorist operations?

If you know how the world is actually organized, you know you can not organize a sustained preparation for terrorist operations in any country without the backing of a powerful government, or governments.

So that, if you know what the operation is—and I would say, you know, I have been warning against this Teddy Goldsmith operation all along, because I know what it's connected to politically. It's extremely dangerous.

And if I had been President, or in a similar position during this period, I would have had an all-out, very discreet, but very all-out and effective discussion with some other governments in the world, and we together would have taken appropriate steps to try to neutralize this kind of danger.

Of course, you can't be 100% in this sort of thing. But you can do a pretty good job. And two planes. Now, that's pretty big. That's—one plane, that might not be preventable. But two in the same short—

No, that's not small-time stuff.

## Who Is Osama bin Laden, Really?

**Stockwell:** No, this is pretty serious....

Lyndon, is there any reason to assume that this would be something other than Osama bin Laden?

**LaRouche:** Sure. There are many. Osama bin Laden is a controlled entity. Osama bin Laden is not an independent force. Remember how he came into existence. Osama bin Laden was a wealthy Saudi Arabian. Back in the 1970s, during the Carter Administration—or shall we say the Brzezinski Administration—the idea of running an Afghanistan war on the borders of Soviet territory was cooked up by Brzezinski as a geopolitical operation. Well, Brzezinski was responsible. He didn't

necessarily cook it up. But all right, this thing started, and an Anglo-American unit, running together with a certain section of the Pakistani military, the funny-funny boys in the Pakistani military, set up this operation.

The United States government and British government and others—that is, our funny-funny boys—went out and recruited a lot of Islamic people to fight communism and defend Holy Islam, and so forth. That sort of line.

They recruited in many countries. And they deployed them. Now later, they killed some of the same people they deployed. You know, they're expendable.

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*So, now [people] can blame Osama bin Laden. At some point, you go in and kill him, and you say the problem was solved. But you never considered who sent, who created Osama bin Laden, and who protected him, and deployed his forces and name for these purposes.*

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So they don't really have an insurance policy that goes with their recruitment.

But they were recruited. Osama bin Laden was one of the big funding agents of this, a funding conduit which was used by people, among others, then-Vice President George Bush. This is Iran-Contra, or what's called Iran-Contra, which I've called by other names which I wouldn't put on the air.

So, this thing is left behind. And suddenly now we find Osama bin Laden becomes the name. And Osama bin Laden could not last, the way he's running around, if he didn't have big protection. And it's not just from a section of the Pakistani government or Afghanistan. It's from other governments who would like to see the effects that Osama bin Laden produces thrown around.

So, now you can blame Osama bin Laden. At some point, you go in and kill him, and you say the problem was solved. But you never considered who sent, who created Osama bin Laden, and who protected him, and deployed his forces and name for these purposes.

And as we saw in terrorism in Italy in the 1970s, for example, the people who were running the so-called terrorist operations in Italy, were not really the groups that had the credit for it. They were actually runaway NATO asset organizations at a very high level. The

same people that killed the former Prime Minister, Aldo Moro, in that period.

So, in a case like this, don't assume that the popular names that everybody knows, or that the FBI quotes and so forth, that this is the real problem. They may be part of the problem.

**Stockwell:** Well, our mind, especially in our degenerating Western culture, always runs for the simple answer. We want the kind of answer that will free us from our guilt and our responsibilities of the neglect of our government and our fellow man all these years. And so, we run to the simplistic.

And the simplistic, of course, is there; he is the big, bad bogey man from the Middle East, who has caused us so many problems before. And I certainly understand what you're saying there, that the more simple we can make the presentation, then the less obligated any of us are.

Anyway, why would they be doing this? I mean, here we have a market crashing. We don't just have a market crashing. We have an entire economy crashing, within the arena of a culture that's crashing.

If war, massive war, were to break out in the Middle East any second, nobody would be surprised. If Putin were to be assassinated, if Arafat were to be assassinated, if Sharon were to be assassinated, nobody would be surprised.

I mean, we are sitting on powder kegs of powder kegs. And with all of the other provocations that could occur around the world to stop a lot of the economic unity and development that is beginning to gain some momentum between the large powers on the other side of the planet, why in the world fly a jet in the World Trade Center?

**LaRouche:** This is to create a provocation inside the United States. I mean, that's the only reason that would be done. As you probably know—for example, stories may come out that this is done by some Arab group which is protesting the U.S. government's sympathy for Sharon, or for the Israeli Defense Forces. I don't know if the Israeli Defense Forces are going to kill Sharon tomorrow, I mean, because there's real conflict there. And these guys tend to shoot, then think.

**The Bush Administration: 'These Guys Are Nuts!'**

But some story like that. But what we're into is a period where the word is not terrorism. Terrorism is a part of the picture. The word is "destabilization." The

problem part, from my standpoint, is, look at our own government.

And we are, in a sense, still sort of a superpower. I think the term is probably not quite appropriate for our present state of affairs. But we used to be a superpower, and we still have a dominant position in the world.

But what kind of a government do we have? Well, the Bush Administration. And the thing was crashing. You see poor Secretary O'Neill babbling around. You see Rumsfeld has become a joke in his own Defense Department. . . .

The point is, President George Bush doesn't function. He's been in there, and as I said, this January 3rd, when I first announced and made a prognosis to what his administration would be, it's been one catastrophe after another.

Nothing he has proposed has actually worked. Some of the things he proposed have been done, but they are disasters. And he's not capable of being a President as such, unless he were controlled by a group of advisers who would give him good advice and solve his problems on how to deal with situations.

But he doesn't have that. He has a nut like Wolfowitz over there underneath Rumsfeld nominally, who's actually running the Defense Department. You have Armitage in the State Department, and similar kinds of things.

These guys, as I know them, are nuts. And they are nuts in there. Then you look at the Democratic Party. And you have the statement from Daschle, who's the Senate Majority Leader now, saying he can't do anything, it's up to Bush, the President, who Daschle knows can't do anything. . . .

**Stockwell:** You know, when Oklahoma City first happened, the first two or three days—and I remember, I was glued to the television set—the first two or three days, there was a large implication towards the Middle East and the Arabs that were running around town. And then they kind of covered that up, and that was out of the picture, and they never mentioned it any more.

**LaRouche:** Well, largely, this is a domestic covert operation, which we had word of beforehand. Everybody had the word, and if I had been President, I mean, on the basis of just what I knew, I would have taken certain actions immediately, which would—security/surveillance actions in anticipation of exactly that kind of problem.

So, we were not mystified. The problem is that fun

and games is being played by various institutions, and we don't have anybody really effectively in charge. . . .

## What We Should Do

**Stockwell:** Just to underscore what you were saying at the very beginning, that if we can find a couple of guys running around New York right now, trying to get out of town, or Boston, or wherever the thing took place, trying to hurry up and get on the next ship back

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*If the President reacts, in "We're going to get revenge, we're going to teach everybody a lesson," the President will have the worst possible effect for the United States. This is not the way to react.*

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to Saudi Arabia or whatever, like that was the end of the problem.

But as you were pointing out there at the beginning, it's just part of a network, a network that can only exist by the support and the organizational strength of some major superpower on the planet.

**LaRouche:** I can make a flat statement on that, Jack.

If I were President of the United States right now, I would have already acted before this happened, not even knowing that this was going to happen. And I would have had the following cooperation. I would have had cooperation from Russia, from Germany, from France, from Italy. I probably would have gotten a good deal from certain forces in Britain as well. And Japan, and China. And Arab countries, including Egypt. And we would have put our heads together real quick, pooling our resources, and said, whether we agree on other issues or not, this kind of thing is not going to happen, and we're going to see to it, it doesn't.

And that would work. The problem is, you've got the foolish President of the United States—and I say that advisedly. . . .

The time now is needed, to reassure, in particular, the American people that somebody is in charge, that those persons in charge know what they're doing, and they're going to fix the situation, and they will call upon the American people for support as needed.

That would work. But this kind of thing, of ven-

geance-seeking and snarling and growling to prove how mad you are, this isn't government. This is side-show. This is Bozo the Clown putting on an act. . . .

**Stockwell:** It is confirmed now, on several news sources, that the Pentagon is experiencing explosions right now. My goodness!

**LaRouche:** They mean business!

**Stockwell:** They're evacuating the White House at the moment, and yes, obviously, they mean business. . . .

**LaRouche:** This is a very systematic operation. If they're snatching planes . . . if all three of these planes—the two we have from New York and this thing on the Pentagon—to get that kind of thing, to snatch planes like that, that's a pretty sophisticated operation.

**Stockwell:** Oh, yes. This isn't a bunch of malcontents, of some grass-roots organization, finally striking back. You're going to have to have some rather heavy-duty intelligence network, and some real intelligence experience with this.

**LaRouche:** The question is, where were the relevant intelligence agencies which are in charge of monitoring this problem?

Now, I've been putting this out for some time—not this, I didn't know this airplane thing, but I assumed almost anything could happen . . . but on the Washington, D.C. targetting. So obviously, the Pentagon means that this is obviously, clearly a Washington, D.C. targetting. This is obviously intended to imply something coming out of the Middle East. This means that there's been some kind of either incompetence or fix on the whole security operation, because you *can't* get this kind of thing without a real goof-up, on the security side. So somebody in charge of security was really not very effectively in charge.

You can't go around snatching planes in a coordinated fashion, like this. You can't do it. Somebody has to be really sloppy. . . .

**Stockwell:** . . . The FAA has just grounded all flights in the United States. This hasn't happened since World War II. All flights are now grounded in the United States. . . . President Bush is currently in Washington state [sic], at an elementary school, talking about education. . . .

I've got another one for you. The smoke in downtown Manhattan is clearing, and there is no second tower. What response can the United States possibly have now?

**LaRouche:** The United States needs a Franklin Roosevelt, who will say we have nothing to fear as much as fear itself. Yes, we have things to fear, but nothing as much as fear itself. Nothing as much as panic itself. This is the time for cool heads. You do not win wars by panicking, by flight-forward. What I'm afraid of from this White House is, because of its very weakness, it would tend to go into flight-forward.

Actually, George W. Bush is not exactly a combat veteran. So, you don't expect him—I mean, he may have been in the National Guard, down in Texas—but he's not the kind of guy you'd want in charge of a military major unit in time of war. You want somebody with a cool head. You want the MacArthurs at time of war. You want commanders like that. You want leaders like that, who do not blow their gaskets, even in the face of the most horrible penalties, do not lose self-control. I'm afraid that the people in Washington are going to delight and are having a sexual fantasy about losing self-control. They're going to pull out some kind of favorite horror movie and try to act that out as a scenario.

**Stockwell:** This advice, of nothing to fear but fear itself, goes right down to the last man listening to this program right now. We have people in Washington right now, I can see them sitting at a table, saying, "We have got to have the President order martial law immediately." That kind of crazy thinking.

**LaRouche:** Absolutely. The worst thing they can do. It's the worst thing for the security of the United States to pull a stunt like that. Anyone who would do it has to be a real, certifiable, historical idiot!

**Stockwell:** What can be, what should be, the U.S. response in the next 24 to 48 hours to this?

**LaRouche:** I would hope that some of these guys get smart enough to call me up. Because there are people that I would think of as the kind of team that could be pulled together, as a special team, to advise the President and other institutions on how to respond to this. That could reach out to other governments informally, for the *informal* kind of cooperation which would make the *formal* cooperation work. . . .

**Stockwell:** What they're saying now, Lyn, is that the second plane flew into one of the structural corners of the second building, knowing that it would bring that—they think that's what brought the second one



down, was that the plane—obviously, well, I don't know obviously, because I don't know either, but I would suspect that anybody that would be going to that kind of an extreme move, would have those planes loaded with sufficient explosives.

**LaRouche:** Well, the fuel alone is something, you know. Shortly after takeoff, a fueled plane has a certain amount of explosive potential.

No, I just think we've got to get more evidence on it. But obviously, what we know is that this doesn't conform to any coincidence of any kind. . . .

**Stockwell:** I'm thinking that it's almost impossible for the United States to not do anything. You know, when you looked at what happened in Oklahoma City, nothing on this scale. Nothing against, I'm sorry for the people whose lives were lost and families and such, but this, if this is as bad as I think it is, what happened today, the United States can't just do nothing.

**LaRouche:** Well, the United States, first of all, the President of the United States, or someone who's next to him, who's intelligent, should immediately call President Putin of Russia. And between the two of them, they should talk to all the key leaders in France, Germany, Italy, and so forth. Japan, as well. Bring the Chinese in on it. The Chinese will have their own reaction, but bring them in on it. Through a group of leaders.

And say, this has happened in the United States. "You guys all know what this kind of thing means. Let's put this thing, this genie back in the bottle." And, that's what has to be done.

Then tell the American people you're doing it. Say, "We are not going to allow this kind of situation, which obviously had roots, to continue. We and other nations are going to cooperate to bring this under control." That's what the American people have to hear from the President, or somebody around him, or somebody else in charge. Maybe Don Rumsfeld, maybe Powell, Colin Powell, is the guy to deliver that message. But somebody's got to deliver that message now. . . .

Putin would accept a call, of course, from Bush. Bush, say he's calling on his behalf, put the right people on the phone. It's still daytime in Moscow, or evening time—ten hours difference. So, to call him right now. And to call the relevant people in Germany, France, somebody in London—I don't know that that dumb Prime Minister's any good for anything, but—and Italy. And Japan. And China. And a few other countries. Consult with them. Set up a consultative arrangement. Say,

we're going to stop this thing now. That's what it takes. . . .

See, the President of the United States has certain constitutionally inherent emergency powers. I would not really declare a national emergency—that's probably the wrong thing to do, because it would activate the wrong things. But I would use the emergency powers of the President, and I would use the person of George W.

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Bush. He's President, after all. Forget how he got there—he's President. He has got as President, to enter into an emergency discussion, with prominent leaders of other nations, and to try to bring the world community more or less into agreement—but quickly, and report that agreement to the American people now. Preferably within hours. . . .

**Stockwell:** [With reference to the World Trade Center,] and because of the image of the United States, and the position that it holds in the rest of the world, and what New York means to the United States, it's like going for the jugular. Or in this case, the carotid.

**LaRouche:** Somebody wants this thing to go out of control. That's why they're doing this. This is not an attack; this is a *provocation*. It's a provocation with an intention behind it. To create a programmed reaction from the institutions of the United States. This is not some dumb guy with a turban some place in the world, trying to get revenge for what's going on in the Middle East. This is something different. . . .

**Caller:** Mr. LaRouche, with your knowledge of protocol for the institutions of government and their reaction to something of this magnitude today, do you have any feelings on martial law?

**LaRouche:** I think it would be the wrong thing to do. I think we should set a quiet emergency, where law enforcement and other agencies head an alert, pull in

their reserves and have them available, double check the security, pull security assets (if they were off duty today) back in, go over the files and check. Because we don't know what—see, you're going to have things that are going to go off, not necessarily as the result of any centralized plan, but things will go off simply by being

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ignited by the kind of atmosphere. You're going to have people going crazy.

You're going to have obvious kinds of problems. So, therefore, I would say the United States should be mobilized to have a heightened sense of security, but not martial law, and not a national emergency, despite the horrible degree of awfulness of what happened in New York. New York has an emergency. They have a physical emergency that's going to require a lot of assistance. Every place that they get hit is going to require assistance. All right. That kind of mobilization—yes. But keep it calm. The worst thing that can happen to us now, is that the nut factor turns loose, and complicates what is already a terrible problem. . . .

**Stockwell:** Well, we have about a minute left, Lyn. Can you bring something sublime out of this?

**LaRouche:** I think the point is, when you get a crisis, which is like a war. I mean, this—what is reported in New York, you're talking about 50,000 people possibly killed. Do you realize that's in the order of magnitude of the official death toll of—

**Stockwell:** of Vietnam.

**LaRouche:** —of Vietnam.

So this is not a minor thing. This is not something that happened. This is not a terrorist incident. It's something much bigger.

But when you get into a crisis like this, the first thing you have to do, especially terrible crises, the more ter-

rible they are, the more this principle applies. *Do not panic. Do not shout "fire" in a crowded theater.* Get the people safe and out.

And what's needed now, is to recognize that we got to this mess because the institutions of our government—forget who did it. Forget who did whatever's done. But think about—this could not have happened if our government functioned. And the reason our government didn't function and doesn't function—I hope that changes quickly now—is because nobody was paying attention.

**Stockwell:** Yes.

**LaRouche:** Therefore, let us pay attention and recognize that when we are running the economy the way we are running it, the things we've been doing, we have set ourselves up for this kind of crisis.

The thing to respond to a crisis like this, is to remove long-term and medium-term causes of the crisis itself, of the situation which allowed this to happen, to come to this pass.

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# Londonistan Is Source of Terror Wave, Paris Attack

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Jan. 12—In the wake of the vicious massacre in Paris Jan. 7, two facts stand out. First, the two brothers who carried out the attack at the *Charlie Hebdo* offices had verified connections to the jihadist network run from London—which is properly designated “Londonistan” by knowledgeable terrorist experts. Second, the assault, among others around the globe, comes at a time when the British imperial structure that runs such terror, is increasingly desperate to impose its agenda of global dictatorship, to try to save its bankrupt system from destruction.

The Paris attack is a harbinger of further terrorist attacks of this nature, warned Lyndon LaRouche on Jan. 8. “This is coming from London, and is part of the British drive for war. Their policy is massive population reduction, and the strategic deployment of terrorist assets must be understood in this context.”

LaRouche also warned that the British will play both sides of the Islam/anti-Islam polarization. But “terrorism is terrorism, regardless of the specific label,” LaRouche asserted. “This will require some very serious and competent intelligence work to defeat this threat.”

To be successful, however, such work has to begin from the established fact that it is an Anglo-Saudi apparatus, in operation for decades, which is the well-spring for the training, protection, and financing of international terrorism. Thus, the fact that former Senator Bob Graham and Representatives Walter Jones and Ste-

phen Lynch went after the Saudi operation by name, in their Jan. 7 press conference on Capitol Hill, calling for release of the classified 28 pages of the Congressional Inquiry report on 9/11, represents a very important step toward exposing the top-down nature of the real terrorist threat.

## The Evidence, So Far

The events several days ago in Paris, are still very much under investigation. It would be premature to wrap a ribbon around the story and claim that there’s a clear picture of what was behind that operation. But certain things have already come out that are verified and clear: First of all, the two brothers who were involved as the attackers at the *Charlie Hebdo* office, who killed a dozen people, were part of a network, a recruiting network, a jihadist network that has been operating under the protective umbrella of the British monarchy, for a very long time. There are mosques in London, including the Finsbury Park Mosque, where the recruiters of those two Kouachi brothers, were based, and were, for decades, protected by the British Crown and by British intelligence.

One of the leaders of that mosque, Abu Hamza, was, recently, in the last several years, extradited to the United States and was put on trial for his role in certain terrorist activities and terrorist recruitment, and his principal defense in court in the United States, is that, while he was there as a recruiter for al-Qaeda and other



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*The huge demonstrations in Paris and other French cities present a turning point in the battle against terrorism. Now is the time to release the 28 pages of the 9/11 report which document the British-Saudi role behind this barbarism.*

jihadi groups, he was also secretly working for British MI5, the equivalent of their FBI. And there's reason to believe that there's a significant credibility to those claims.

One way or the other, what you're dealing with here, is, from the top down, an Anglo-Saudi apparatus that is the wellspring for the financing, for the training, and for the protection of international terrorism, and so long as that truth remains concealed from the American people and from the world as a whole, there is no way to stop this terrorism; this terrorism will go on, uninterrupted, and yet, by simply exposing the truth, starting with the release of those 28 pages, we can begin to solve this problem in the proper manner.

### **EIR Spotlights London Role**

Now, I should just add one footnote. Because months before the 9/11 attacks, *Executive Intelligence Review* presented a dossier to then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. And the dossier basically called for the State Department to consider whether the government of Great Britain should be put on the list of state-sponsors of terrorism.<sup>1</sup>

1. "Put Britain on the List of State Sponsoring Terrorism," *EIR*, Jan. 21, 2000.

That dossier was based exclusively on *government documentation*, formal diplomatic démarches that were filed with the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, from governments as diverse as those of Egypt, Russia, Peru, Colombia, India—and in *every* instance, the complaint was the same: That terrorism networks that were active in all of those countries, were being given safe-haven protection, logistical support, and financing, by the British government.

Among the nations which had loudly protested the British government's protection of terrorists deployed against their country was France.

In late 1995, the Armed Islamic Group of Algeria, known as the GIA, operating from its London headquarters, ordered a terror war against France. The Nov. 6, 1995 London *Daily Telegraph* reported the French government's protest in an article entitled "Britain Harbours Paris Bomber." On Nov. 3, 1995, the French daily *Le Figaro* wrote, under the headline "The Providential Fog of London," of the GIA's bombing spree: "The trail of Boualem Bensaid, GIA leader in Paris, leads to Great Britain. The British capital has served as logistical and financial base for the terrorists."

The next day, France's *Le Parisien* reported that the author of the GIA terror attack in side France was former Afghan mujahideen leader Abou Farres, who

was given a residence visa in London, despite the fact that he was already wanted in connection with the bombing of the Algiers Airport. Farres's London-based organization, according to *Le Parisien*, recruits Islamic youth from the poor suburbs of Paris, and sends them to Afghanistan, where they are trained as terrorists.

In the case of Russia, there were mosques throughout the United Kingdom, that were hotbeds of recruitment for sending newly minted wild-eyed jihadists, first to be trained in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and then into the Caucasus to join with the Chechen networks that were carrying out a bloody terror campaign against Russia.

In the case of Egypt, the Islamic Jihad group, that which carried out the massacre of tourists at the Luxor historic sites in upper Egypt, was run from London by networks that were financed and protected by the British government.

So, the issue on the table, with those 28 pages, goes beyond just Saudi Arabia. It goes to the heart of the nature of the still existing imperial powers on this planet. And so, by releasing those 28 pages, and by unleashing an element of the truth, we not only have a unique opportunity to achieve justice, for the families, for all Americans, and for all victims of terrorism worldwide; but we lay the basis for shutting this apparatus down, once and for all. Because terrorism is not a "sociological phenomenon"; it's not something that is managed from the bottom up. Like the international drug trade, it is run from the top down, and all roads ultimately lead back to what even the British press refers to as "Londonistan."

## The French Respond

On Jan. 11, more than a million people surged through the boulevards of Paris, in a rally for unity, described as the largest demonstration in French history. Four million Frenchmen rallied throughout France, buttressed by dozens of world leaders showing solidarity with the victims of terror.

Lyndon LaRouche emphasized that this response from the French population, which failed to be intimidated by the terror attack, amounts to a revolutionary spirit which has the potential to build into an alliance to finally defeat the "mother" of terrorism against all nations, the British monarchy.

Jacques Cheminade, president of the Solidarité & Progrès party in France, and a close ally of LaRouche, issued a statement Jan. 12 which provides the best on-

the-ground report on the historic mobilization underway. "Let's not let this decisive moment pass us by," Cheminade says, and elaborates as follows:

"In Paris this Sunday, Jan. 11, I marched with the people of my country. I could not but admire the reverence, the dignity, and the determination of this immense crowd, transcending party politics. 'I am Charlie,' 'I am a Jew,' 'I am a policeman,' 'I'm a Muslim,' 'I am a Christian,' 'I'm a Frenchman,' 'I'm a citizen of the world,' tells you what we all felt.

"Our place was there. And the feeling nothing would be as it had been before was there too.

"Today, political life resumes, that is, reason committed to action, without hypocrisy. It is immediately necessary to identify those responsible: We must demand accounts, of Saudi Arabia, of Qatar, and all those agencies that engendered these Frankenstein monsters. We must place blame on those who, whether in London or Washington, in Wall Street or the City of London, whether in Riyadh or Doha, promote terrorism or launder its funding, violating the principles of our republics.

"On an emergency basis we must set up a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry on the sources of terrorism, with the commitment not to stop investigating into areas no matter how embarrassing.

"It is time, well past time. Without such action, we will descend into the aggressive policy of NATO, and into a regime of lawless law, which, as it was noted by Mikhail Gorbachov, may lead to nuclear war, and in which terrorism is the asymmetrical excrescence.

"It is time, well past time, to return to a global policy that serves the cause of humanity, a policy of peace, understanding, and cooperation with all those who are willing to put an end to the destructive austerity policies that create the breeding ground of false prophets and imbecilic barbarians.

"Let's do what it takes to ensure that that lovely day of yesterday brings us there, and that national unity not be a so-called sacred union, suffocating us in submission to those who sow the wind to reap whirlwind.

"With a thought in each of our deeds for the two youths at Vincennes this past Friday, who died a hero's death as they sought to wrench weapons from the killer's grasp.

"Forward! We are the stuff dreams are made of."

This is the kind of spirit which it is high time Americans, who have suffered nearly 14 years of Bush-Cheney-Obama cover-up and terror, evinced as well.



## Cheminade Calls for Probe of Londonistan

PARIS, Jan. 8—*Jacques Cheminade, former French Presidential candidate and president of Solidarité et Progrès, issued the following statement today under the title “Face à Notre Septembre 11,” (“Facing Our September 11”), after the bloodbath at the satirical weekly “Charlie Hebdo,” in which 12 people were killed, and 11 others wounded. The statement was translated from French; it is available on Cheminade’s [website](#).*

France is threatened. But we must not give in to the dictatorship of fear. To keep a cool head, the nation must be united around the need to fight terrorism wherever it rears its head, and most importantly, to no longer tolerate the environment in which it flourishes.

The fight against terrorism is the responsibility of our police force, our National Gendarmerie [military police—ed.], and our intelligence services. They must take very seriously the immediate threat before us, everywhere, and on a daily basis, in their deployments. There are no lone wolves; there are small and medium-sized terrorist outfits that are more or less manipulated. We must demand serious border controls from other European countries, because we are at war. At home, we must put an end to all incitements to violence, including through images in violent videogames, which the terrorists are often devotees of and which help make their minds sick.

Changing the environment is a matter of our public policy. We must hold to account Saudi Arabia and Qatar, where certain institutions and families have funded and continue to fund “Salafist” terrorism. We must hold to account Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Turkey, which is playing both sides, and thus has become an accomplice. We must end any and all “special partnerships” with these countries.

We must demand an investigation into the role of the banking networks, especially the British ones, which act as transmission belts for the money used by al-Qaeda and Islamic State (IS) terrorists. These are the counterfeiters who keep these misdirected criminals going.

Moreover, we must not allow the debate to be de-toured into being against immigration and Muslims, which would lead us to fall into the trap that has been set for us. In particular, fighting anti-Semitism with all our might means we are supporting the dialogue of civilizations, of cultures, and of religions.

Let us be blunt: In the strategy of chaos aimed at Europe and at France, the financial oligarchy is fueling the flames of Islamic terrorism—the giveaway is in the agreements between the Londonistan system and Saudi Arabia—while at the same time calling for war on Islam, as do the Pegida movement in Germany, and the identity movement in France, including within the National Front. But what France is, is “a certain idea,” or a pact with freedom in the world, and not a perverted notion of doctrinal sovereignty, such as with British UKIP [U.K. Independence Party] or the Alternative for Germany, which is de facto associated with Pegida.

Only in a world without the City of London and Wall Street, and enlivened by the spirit of the New Silk Road on a world scale, the spirit of mutual development, can terrorism truly be fought. France can and must be a pillar of that new world.



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*Jacques Cheminade, campaigning for the French Presidency, Paris, November 2011.*

# U.S.-Russia Conflict Would Inevitably Turn 'Nuclear'

Jan. 11—Mikhail Gorbachov, the last leader of the Soviet Union, warned, in an interview published by Germany's *Der Spiegel*, on Jan. 9, that the U.S.-Russia confrontation over Ukraine could lead to a major war. "Such a war today would inevitably turn into a nuclear war. If someone loses their nerve because of the acrimonious atmosphere, we will not survive the coming year," he said. "I do not say this lightly. This is of truly the utmost concern to me."

This is just the latest of Gorbachov's high-profile warnings of the potential consequences of British/NATO policy toward Russia—which have been echoed recently by top members of the political class in Germany, France, and Italy.

Gorbachov decried the "loss of trust" between Russia and the West as "catastrophic," and said ties must be "defrosted." Gorbachov accused the West and NATO of destroying the structure of European security by expanding its alliance. "No head of the Kremlin can ignore such a thing," he said, adding that the U.S. was unfortunately starting to establish a "mega-empire."

Gorbachov also blasted the role of Germany in the current crisis and, in doing so, reminded it of its own history. "The new Germany wants its hands in every pie. There seem to be a lot of people who want to be involved in a new division of Europe," he said. "Germany has already tried to expand its influence of power towards the East—in World War II. Does it really need another lesson?"

Gorbachov also denounced the U.S. sanctions against Russia as "damn stupid and highly dangerous."

Gorbachov, who has been viewed inside post-Soviet Russia as an asset of European financial factions more than a Russian patriot, was not alone in his warnings about a potential global catastrophe if the West does not back off from its blatant regime-change drive against Russian President Vladimir Putin.

## A 'Warning Shot at Hollande's Head'

French President François Hollande delivered several pointed warnings last week to the effect that the continuation of Western sanctions against Russia was a grave error and should be abandoned immediately. On Jan. 4, Hollande gave an interview to a French TV network, in which he warned that the Russian crisis is not good for Europe. "Sanctions must be stopped now," he told the nationwide network. Two days later, he repeated the same call for an end to the anti-Russia antics and specifically, an end to the economic sanctions that have are at least as devastating for Europe as they are for Russia.

The fact that terrorists attacked the Paris offices of *Charlie Hebdo* just three days later, was a "warning shot at Hollande's head," according to one former cabinet-level official.

A week ago Sunday, German SPD national chairman—who is also deputy chancellor and minister of economics in the Merkel government—gave an interview to *Bild am Sonntag*, demanding an end to the Russian sanctions, declaring that "we should solve the Ukraine crisis and not force Russia to its knees."

Even the foreign minister of Latvia, who is now the rotating president of the European Union, was adamant against further provocations against Moscow. Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics reported that Russia was perfectly willing to hold talks on Ukraine to bring the sanctions to an end. He urged European leaders to come together later in the month in Astana with President Putin and Ukrainian President Poroshenko, to finalize a working agreement.

Political directors of the foreign ministries of Russia, Ukraine, Germany, and France met in Berlin on Jan. 5, followed by a phone call reviewing the progress of the talks, between Russia's Sergei Lavrov and his German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier. A meeting of the four ministers is scheduled for Jan. 12 in



Presidential Press and Information Office

*Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov pulled no punches in his warning that a U.S.-Russia confrontation over Ukraine could lead to a nuclear war. He is shown here with President Putin in September 2000.*

Berlin, and there are still plans for a summit of the four heads of state of Germany, France, Russia, and Ukraine in Astana, Kazakhstan sometime in January. On Jan. 9, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev was in Berlin, meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel, to work out final plans for the summit, among other pressing matters.

Even NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg noted, following the Jan. 7 terrorist attack in Paris, that NATO and Russia have a common interest in defeating the scourge of global terrorism. Speaking in Bavaria just before meeting with the leadership of the German coalition partner Christian Socialist Union (CSU), Stoltenberg too called for cooperation with Moscow. This was in stark contrast to the bellicose anti-Putin rhetoric of his predecessor as NATO chief, Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

Former Czech President Vaclav Klaus added his voice to those pushing back against the war danger by declaring that it would be a “major unforgiveable risk” to blame Russia for the Ukraine crisis.

## War Party Not Backing Down

Despite this resistance against the growing danger of general war, the war party was by no means silent.

On Jan. 9, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk (U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland’s “our man Yats”) visited Chancellor Merkel in Berlin. In a

joint press conference with Merkel, Yatsenyuk delivered a series of personal accusations against Russian President Putin without a shred of evidence—including that Putin had ordered the hacking of German government computers, and that he was behind sending “bandits” into eastern Ukraine to fight against the Kiev government forces.

During that press conference, Yatsenyuk appeared to be directly apologizing for Hitler, by referring to the liberation of Ukraine and Germany at the close of World War II as a Soviet “invasion.” Efforts to “clarify” the remarks (which appeared in the world media via translation from Ukrainian to German) largely fell on deaf ears, as genuine statesmen came out strongly against the Yats comments. Czech

President Milos Zeman blasted Yatsenyuk as the “prime minister of war,” and delivered a sophisticated distinction between Yatsenyuk and Ukrainian President Poroshenko, who has called for the convening of the Astana heads of state meeting to settle the Ukraine crisis. German sources believe that Yats’ deployment was specifically directed at breaking up any progress in the ongoing talks between Lavrov and Steinmeier.

In a related development, the Pentagon announced last week the planned closing of 15 U.S. military bases in Europe—at a time when the actual size of the American military force in Europe is on the rise. The target list of closed bases is centered in the United Kingdom and Western Europe, while the growth factor is all in the East, including the planned deployment of a tank brigade to some as-yet-undisclosed locations further East.

The gravest danger is that the widening gap between Moscow and Washington’s narrative of the Ukraine crisis is a driver for war, and that President Obama’s continuing venom against Putin is a crucial factor pushing confrontation.

Russia has made clear that its own buildup of its strategic force is aimed at deterring a Western attack. Pentagon planners now see the Russian buildup in the past year as creating a dangerous gap at the level of European security and strategic deterrence. Not since the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 has the world been so close to global thermonuclear confrontation.

# Vitrenko Denounces Yatsenyuk's Nazism

by Susan Welsh

Jan. 10—Natalia Vitrenko, president of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, yesterday issued an open letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and leaders of countries that were victims of Nazi aggression, titled “The West’s Support for Yatsenyuk’s Neo-Nazi Outburst Is a Provocation of War in Eurasia.”

“During his visit to Germany on Jan. 8,” she writes, “Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk, in an interview to the German television station ARD, permitted himself to express, on behalf of the people of Ukraine, statements and ideologies that are monstrous in their nature and political implications.

“Having arrived at the home of Hitler’s Nazism, the ideas of which plunged the whole of mankind into a global tragedy of unprecedented proportions, Yatsenyuk spoke, not even as a Ukrainian neo-Nazi, but as a German neo-Nazi. Here are his words, which have not been properly condemned either by the UN, the Western countries of the anti-Hitler coalition, or the victims of Nazism and fascism: *‘We all still remember the Soviet invasion of Ukraine and Germany.’*

No UN resolution or decision of international courts has ever said there was an invasion of Ukraine and Germany. In fact, she points out, Ukraine, as an independent state that had signed the Treaty setting up the USSR, became in 1945 one of the founders of the UN.

Vitrenko continues: “And Germany, which unleashed the bloody Second World War and was defeated in it, and which repented for its crimes, was in no rush to condemn Yatsenyuk and expel him.

“I draw your attention to the ominous meaning and future political consequences for the global community of Yatsenyuk’s nine words. With these words, first of all, he rehabilitated Hitlerite Nazism as a national socialist ideology for constructing a world order, justified the aggression of Hitler’s Germany and its horrendous crimes, perpetrated by it, along with collaborators in the occupied territories, including Ukraine. And he

came to Germany immediately after demonstrations by many thousands of Ukrainian Banderite neo-Nazis, the heirs of Hitler’s collaborators.

“As an official of the State of Ukraine—a country that was a victim of Nazi aggression—Yatsenyuk spoke as a provocateur, demolishing the principles of international law, destroying its foundations in the form of the Charter and Judgment of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.”

## Threat of World War III

Yatsenyuk’s statement, as one of the organizers of last February’s coup in Ukraine, should be evaluated as that of an envoy of the USA, determined to draw Germany into igniting World War III, she writes.

Vitrenko points out that a year ago she toured Europe, meeting with political leaders of France, Germany, and Italy, and with Euro-Parliamentarians, explaining to them the ongoing Nazi coup in Ukraine. However, most of them did not want to listen to her arguments and admit the danger from Ukraine. Submitting to pressure from the United States, they became passive promoters of the civil war in Ukraine and the policy of genocide in the Southeast of our country.

She quotes from statements at the Nuremberg Tribunals by the prosecutors of the four victorious powers, including Robert Jackson (USA), Hartley Shawcross (UK), François de Menthon (France), and Roman Rudenko (USSR). On the last, she notes: “The Chief Prosecutor of the USSR, the country that paid the highest price, 27 million lives from the total of 50 million victims, and, of course, which played a decisive role in the victory over Nazi Germany, was Roman Rudenko, a native of [Ukraine’s] Chernihiv region, at that time the public prosecutor of the Ukrainian SSR.”

She calls on the UN, the leaders of the anti-Hitler coalition, and the countries that were victims of Nazism, to not only hush up Yatsenyuk and his confederates, but also to join in the battle against Ukrainian Nazism.

In conclusion, she quotes Article 26 of the Nuremberg Charter: “The judgment . . . shall be final and not subject to review” and then adds: “Mankind paid a high price for submission to Hitler. Therefore it is unacceptable to submit to Ukrainian Nazism and Yatsenyuk’s audacious statements. Peace on the planet is too fragile to allow provocateurs to spark a Third World War.”

## THE BRICS PROCESS

# New Platform for Development Forged at China-CELAC Meet

by Cynthia Rush

Jan. 12—At the opening session of the two-day China-CELAC Forum ministerial meeting Jan. 8 in Beijing, which included representatives of 30 of the 33 nations of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and China, Chinese President Xi Jinping laid out a long-range perspective of economic and strategic cooperation between the Chinese government and the nations of CELAC. He told the gathered leaders, “Let’s make this meeting a new starting point, seize the new opportunity of collective cooperation, and work toward a new phase of bilateral development between China and CELAC.”

“Every CELAC country, no matter if it’s rich or poor, is equal under the framework of the Forum,” Xi said. “All sides should keep friendly consultation, hold common development and consider interests from all sides in order to ensure a firm political foundation for cooperation.” The Chinese leader pointed out that south-south cooperation, of the kind represented by China and CELAC, has led to the creation of a new world order which is “more just,” as the BRICS grouping has also proposed.

“The Forum sends the world a positive message about deepening relations between China and Latin America. We should jointly build this new cooperative platform from a strategic perspective and a long-range vision.... China is willing to work with Latin America and the Caribbean to create a new platform of joint cooperation.” That cooperation, he added, reflects “both sides’ common interests, and, at the same time, favors

peace and development of the Asian nation, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the entire world.” The two regions, which together represent one-fifth of the planet, a sixth of the world’s population, and a seventh of the world economy, have many common interests and can collaborate to their mutual benefit, Xi underscored.

### A Year in the Making

The Forum was formed in July of 2014, in the context of the historic summit of the BRICS in Fortaleza, Brazil, but its beginnings go back to September 2013, when CELAC representatives discussed establishing such a body. At the Havana meeting of CELAC in January 2014, which was also attended by Xi, the decision was made to formalize it within the year.

CELAC itself was established in Venezuela in 2011, and is comprised of all the states of the Americas, with the exception of the United States and Canada.

The Joint Declaration of the Forum, issued July 17, 2014 in Brasilia, committed the parties to drawing up a 2015-19 Chinese-Latin American-Caribbean Cooperation Plan, on the basis of “unrestricted respect for the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter, international law, the peaceful solution of controversies, international cooperation for development, the prohibition of use of force, self-determination, sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of countries, the State of Law, and the protection and promotion of all human rights.”

This outlook stands in dramatic contrast to the impe-





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President Xi Jinping addresses the China-CELAC Forum Jan. 8; Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro (c) and Costa Rican President Luis Guillermo Solís are seated to his left, in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

rial, anti-development outlook offered by the governments of the rotting trans-Atlantic system, and it was reflected throughout the Jan. 8-9 meeting in Beijing.

### A Great Projects Perspective

President Xi explained that the China-CELAC forum should be guided by the “1+3+6” formula, of “one program, three motors, and six priority areas.” Over the next five years, he said, the “three motors” of trade, investment, and financial cooperation must be revved up to their full potential. As for the six priority areas, “we are putting together agreements on a series of great projects for cooperation in energy, natural resources, building infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing, and information and innovation technology.”

The specifics are breathtaking: The Chinese President noted that trade between the two regions has grown from \$10 billion in 2000, to \$257 billion in 2013, but said that over the next ten years, China wants to double that figure. Moreover, his government seeks to increase direct investment in the region to \$250 billion over the next five years.

Xi also reported, according to *Andes.info* Jan. 8, that China is in the process of putting into place a special \$20 billion credit line for infrastructure investment in the region, a \$10 billion preferential credit line, a \$5 billion infrastructure fund, and a \$50 billion fund for agricultural cooperation. This is in line with the Joint Declaration of July 2014, which stressed “the importance of building and modernizing infrastructure, such as rail-

roads, highways, ports, airports, and telecommunications, and the efforts to make good use of the Sino-Latin American-Caribbean Special Loans for Infrastructure.”

A program of 6,000 scholarships for Latin American and Caribbean students for training and education in China is also being set up, along with a scientific and technological association, a young scientists’ exchange program, and a regional China-CELAC exchange program in 2016.

### Bilateral Agreements as Well

In the days leading up to the ministerial meeting, government officials from the CELAC countries met with their Chinese counterparts to sign many bilateral agreements covering infrastructure development, industry, energy, tourism, science, and technology, among other areas. Highlights include:

- **Venezuela:** China will make \$20 billion available in investments in Venezuela, to help shore up an economy, now being battered by the oil price plunge and an offensive by the imperial Project Democracy apparatus. In his meeting with President Nicolás Maduro, Xi said he hoped Venezuela would access the bilateral financing mechanisms already existing in the China-Venezuela High-Level Mixed Committee to channel more funds to energy, mining, agriculture, and industry.

- **Ecuador:** In meetings with President Xi and other government officials, President Rafael Correa, who will now take up the post of CELAC’s president pro tem for the coming year, concretized a \$7.5 billion credit line from China. Addressing the final session, Correa said: “The current order is not only unjust, but in many examples, immoral. Some arbitrary organizations are not fair and have been used as political tools for a long period of time.”

- **Costa Rica:** Agreements were signed between Xi and President Luis Solís in economic technology, special economic zones, animal inspection and quarantine, cultural exchange, and tourism, and they announced the creation of the China-Costa Rica Strategic Partnership of Equality, Mutual Trust and Win-Win Cooperation. Solís, who is an enthusiastic proponent of the inter-oceanic Nicaragua Canal, indicated his eagerness to receive Chinese investment to develop Costa Rica’s industry and infrastructure.

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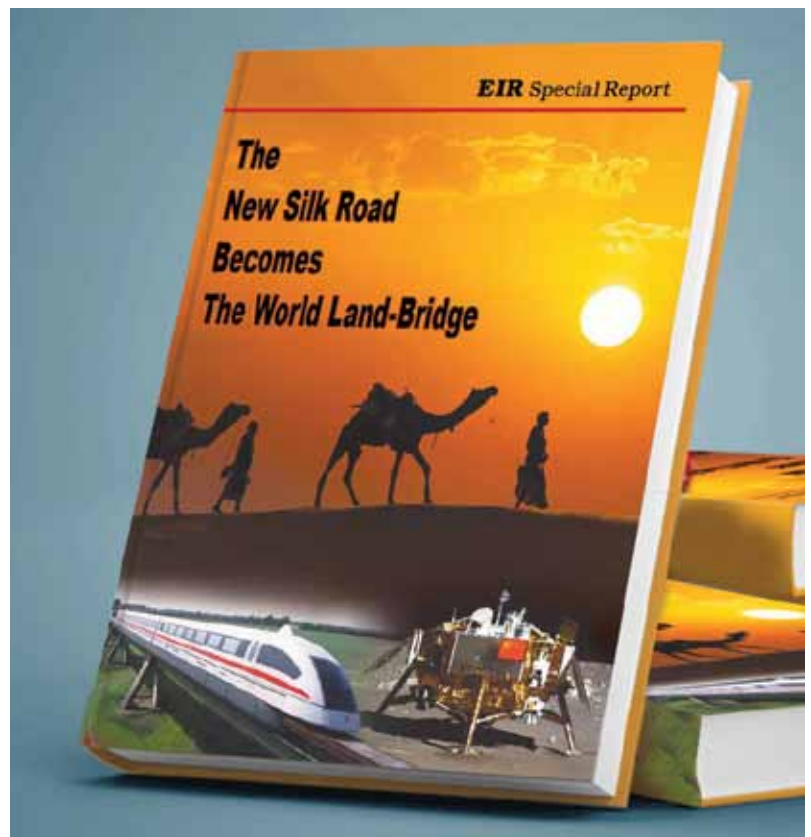
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# Asian Nations Forge Ahead in Fusion

by Marsha Freeman

Over the past year, great progress has been made on the ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) being built in France, which is designed to demonstrate the scientific feasibility of producing thermonuclear fusion energy. At the same time, China and South Korea have advanced their own plans to take the next step, to demonstrate the technology and engineering requirements for future electric generating fusion power plants. Europe and Japan, although on a less aggressive timetable, are also planning for the steps beyond ITER. As was repeatedly noted during the December 2014 annual meeting of Fusion Power Associates (FPA) in Washington, it is only the United States that has no plans for the future of fusion, and, in fact, is barely holding on to its shrunken domestic program.

At the FPA meeting one year ago, leaders of the Chinese and Korean fusion programs described the early stages of their long-term planning activities. This year, they reported, they have formulated plans, and are presenting them to their respective governments for approval and funding. Both countries are heavily involved in international cooperation, and see collaboration on ITER as critical to the development of their own research. Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate has threatened to withdraw the United States from ITER altogether, due to schedule delays and cost increases in the U.S. program.

During his FPA presentation, Dr. G.S. Lee, the “father” of Korea’s tokamak program, explained that one reason he was in Washington, was to go to Capitol Hill, in order to “defend and protect ITER.” Having studied in the United States, and worked as a fusion researcher here, Dr. Lee is acutely aware of the changes in the U.S. in recent decades.

In an interview with this author, Dr. Lee said that

whenever he comes to Washington, he “always stops over at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. Then, I am standing in front of the Apollo program, and John F. Kennedy is talking about it.” He said he does that “to remember this, and rejuvenate our thinking, that this is the way we have to develop humankind, in this direction.” But in the U.S. now, “it has slowed down.... The frontier spirit is lost,” he said. The culture has become “decadent.”



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Dr. Wan Yuanxi

Dr. Lee’s concern that the United States could drop out of ITER is well-founded. Resolving critical questions in fusion science is the goal of its experiments. But to develop fusion into an energy technology will require meeting both the scientific and engineering challenges. This is the step China and Korea are getting ready to take.

## Planning the Next Step

In his presentation at the FPA meeting, Academician Wan Yuanxi, Dean of the Department of Nuclear Science & Technology at the University of Science & Technology in Hefei, China, and former director of the Institute of Plasma Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, reported that when the University department he heads was founded five years ago, the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology made a decision to fund a national design group, to create a road map leading to the next step for fusion research in China, which Dr. Wan was asked to head. The next-step machine is designated the Chinese Fusion Engineering Test Reactor (CFETR). Dr. Wan convened a group of ten prominent scientists and engineers, to, within three to four years, come up with a design for the project.

“Just two weeks ago,” Dr. Wan said in our interview, “more than 200 scientists and engineers got together to summarize our progress for the engineering conceptual design. I was happy,” he said. “Many young people gave the presentations at the meeting.” The group will now discuss a “more detailed engineering design for the CFETR” and prepare to present it to the government. During 2015, additional key R&D requirements for CFETR will be defined. “It is hoped the proposal for CFETR construction can be approved soon,” to start around 2020, to be completed in ten years.

Dr. Wan explained in his presentation that this step





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*An artist's rendering of a conceptual design of the China Fusion Engineering Test Reactor (CFETR). The inset is a cross section of the tokamak.*

is needed to develop and test technology challenges, such as material that can withstand the fusion environment, a lithium blanket that can breed the tritium fuel for the fusion reaction, guaranteeing the safety of the reactor, and providing high-efficiency electricity generation from the fusion energy. Without tackling these challenges, it will not be possible to move to demonstrating successful operation of a fusion power plant. At the same time that China is contributing to the construction of ITER, Chinese fusion scientists are also asking the government to increase support for their domestic experiments.

Dr. Lee reported at the meeting on progress toward the next-step machine in the South Korean fusion program, which is also focused on technology and engineering development, and is designated KDEMO (Korean Demonstration Fusion Power Plant). He said that a new building has been completed at the National Fusion Research Institute, to house the KDEMO design team. He summarized the technology programs underway in Korea, and stressed that they have an “aggressive” plan. They will not wait to start KDEMO until they see if ITER works.

Dr. Lee reported that within days, the fusion leadership would be going to the federal government and to Congress to request \$600 million for a six-year technology development program, to start in 2019. In prepara-

tion, there is a request for a \$10 million per year effort, over three years, to identify the fusion technologies that will require the most effort, and to identify the technology gaps between ITER and KDEMO.

### The Fusion ‘Asia-3’

In the first week in December, there was a workshop in China, bringing together fusion scientists from China, South Korea, and Japan, in what Dr. Lee described as the “A-3.” The *ITER Newslines* reported that the discussions included fusion and ITER, but also “synergies in terms of culture,” and, looking forward, a session, “Beyond ITER.”

In our interview, Dr. Lee explained that the three Asian nations “have a bond of culture and history.” Because of recent history, he said, especially during World War II, there are political problems, but “those are for politicians.”

“We want our fusion programs to be complementary,” he explained. “China has lots of resources, but they have less development and fewer people that are teaching at a high level. Japan is very much developed, but they are less active. And Korea is somewhere in between. . . . If you have countries in heterogeneous development phases, if you consolidate and work together, you will find that the gaps can be filled much more easily.”

The problem in the U.S. program, Dr. Lee asserted, is leadership. It was “people like George Washington and Lincoln and [Franklin] Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, a sequence of leaders, that made this nation great.”

Dr. Wan recalled that on President Xi Jinping’s visits to the Institute, he agreed on the need for fusion development, telling the scientists: “You are doing very important work for the future of human beings.” Xi observed that in the last 200 years, America “developed very quickly because the American government encouraged people to invent something,” Dr. Wan said. President Xi “doesn’t like to take care of small things. He likes [big projects like] the New Silk Road,” Dr. Wan explained.

# LaRouche: We Have To Sink Wall Street Right Now!

by Nancy Spannaus

Jan. 13—From the outset of the 114th Congress on Jan. 3, Wall Street has moved in to “collect” on its investment, the hundreds of millions of dollars it poured into the coffers of Congressional candidates in the November 2014 elections. While the money went into Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, the new Republican majority is what the financiers—who are looking an near-term bankruptcy blowout in the face—are counting on to put through new bailout measures, and draconian austerity cuts, in the hopes of staving off their bankruptcy as long as possible.

The onslaught began on Day One, with a successful Republican move to ram through a rule change targeting recipients of Federal disability payments. Soon after, came the new attempt to further exempt the Wall Street banks from the smidgens of regulations impending in the Dodd-Frank banking bill—which was just barely beaten back by a mobilization by some Democrats.

These Wall Street scoundrels must be purged from the Congress, declared Lyndon LaRouche in his Jan. 12 webcast discussion with the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee. They are ready to be purged, because Wall Street is totally bankrupt, and is overripe for bankruptcy reorganization. That will start with the implementation of Glass-Steagall, which will wipe those phony derivatives debts off the books, and let the gamblers go bust, as they deserve.

Sinking Wall Street, he added, is the key to kicking

most of the Republican Party out of power, and getting back to the truly constitutional American system, that of Alexander Hamilton and his credit system. Until this is done, the threat of thermonuclear war will hang over the world. It must be done now.

## Targetting the Disabled

Traditionally, a new Congress begins by promulgating a set of rules by which the House will be governed. This year those rules were part of House Resolution 5, which mandated a procedure that would devastate individuals relying on disability insurance. The official designation of the provision is Section 3, subsection (q), in the new rules.

As explained by a letter immediately issued to the House in protest by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), “This resolution creates a point of order against legislation to reallocate funds from the Social Security Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund to the Disability Insurance Trust Fund unless it is accompanied by benefit cuts or tax increases that improve the solvency of the combined trust funds.” The impact this rule will have is explained:

“The Disability Trust fund will run short of revenue to pay full benefits some time in 2016, potentially putting 11 million disability beneficiaries at risk. This provision would make it more difficult to simply rebalance the two funds as has been successfully done 11 times in



the past (reallocations have been made in each direction between the two funds)—forcing benefit cuts or tax increases to the Social Security program.”

In a press release about its letter to the House, NCPSSM elaborated:

“This House Rules change would allow a 20% benefit cut for millions of disabled Americans unless there are broader Social Security benefit cuts or tax increases improving the solvency of the combined trust funds....”

These cuts come on top of a raft of other austerity measures already going into effect, as the result of previous legislation, including Obama’s Hitler health bill, which mandates cuts in payments to providers of Medicare and Medicaid—both doctors and hospitals. According to a recent report by the Urban Institute, as of 2015, special increases to generally miserable levels of Medicaid reimbursements to primary-care physicians which had been in the ACA, expired. (The Federal government and states jointly pay for Medicaid.) The Urban Institute estimated that the increase expiration will cause reimbursements to drop on average 43% nationwide.

The Institute report projects drops of more than 50% in seven states: California (59%), Florida (53%), Michigan (58%), New Jersey (53%), New York (55%), Pennsylvania (52%), and Rhode Island (67%). An article in the *Los Angeles Times* quoted the Institute stating that “Significant drops in primary care reimbursement may lead physicians to see fewer Medicaid patients, potentially leading these patients to have difficulty finding a physician or getting an appointment.” That is an understatement indeed.

## Rewarding the Gambling Banks

On the one side, Wall Street demands austerity; on the other, they insist on maintaining the bailout policy that has characterized the Obama, as well as Bush administrations—keeping a Federal backstop for their derivatives gambling debts.



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*LaRouche organizers are bringing the BRICS perspective, itself based on a Hamiltonian idea, to Manhattan almost daily. Here, LPAC organizes near the United Nations in September of 2014.*

Having gutted the provision of Dodd-Frank prohibiting Federal bailouts of commodity and foreign exchange derivatives in December, on Jan. 7, House Republicans tried to ram through another change in Dodd-Frank—this time allowing federally insured institutions holding collateralized loan obligations two extra years to sell them off—thus delaying the implementation of the so-called Volcker Rule until 2019 (if ever). This action, HR 37, goes under the misnomer “Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act.”

To avoid debate, Republicans had used a rules procedure to bypass the House Financial Services Committee and call an instant vote on HR 37. However, this procedure requires a two-thirds majority, and to their surprise, all but 35 Democrats voted against the bill, and it was defeated by six votes.

Democrats, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Reps. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) and Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), still furious at the Obama-Jamie Dimon swindle in December, lifting the ban on FDIC bailouts of commodity futures derivatives, mobilized like mad to achieve this margin—only to have the Republican leadership announce the following week that

it would try to put the bill through under a procedure that requires a simple majority vote, on Jan. 13.

## Democratic Unrest

Sparks have begun to fly in the conflict between anti-Wall Street Democrats and the Obama Administration, which is locked into an alliance with Wall Street and the Republican Party leadership. The two specific areas of conflict that have erupted so far, are Obama's demand for fast-track trade authority (to get the anti-China TPP and the trans-Atlantic free-trade agreement, called the TTIP), and the moves to loosen the last vestiges of Wall Street regulation.

A group of House Democrats, led by Connecticut Democrat Rosa De Lauro, held a press conference on Capitol Hill Jan. 8, in which she slammed the attempt to get fast-track authority for free-trade agreements, and declared "it will not happen." De Lauro was joined by 14 other Democrats and representatives of 37 groups who have come out opposing fast-track. Among them was AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, who took the hardest line: "The AFL-CIO doesn't just oppose fast-track, we're fighting to kill it. And we're fighting to win."

Behind closed doors at the Democratic caucus meeting Jan. 7, the conflict also came to the surface. As reported in *Politico* Jan. 9, Massachusetts Democrat Mike Capuano lashed out at the Wall Street faction of the party, on the occasion of the impending vote on further delaying the Volcker Rule, saying: If Democrats support rolling back Dodd-Frank regulation, "you might as well be a Republican."

Interviewed later by *Politico*, Capuano said, "I feel strongly that the Democratic body is supposed to be representing the average American who is unaware and incapable of defending themselves when it comes to things like Wall Street abusing them. I feel strongly about it and I said so."

The Wall Street Dems, led by Greenwich, Conn. Rep. Jim Himes, Rep. Gerry Connolly (Va.), and John Carney (Del.), all responded with exchanges *Politico* described as "intense and emotional." They then took their complaints to Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (Md.) at a meeting of the New Democrat Coalition (the Wall Street caucus), complaining that the anti-Wall Street crew did not respect them, and was not going along with the "pro-business messaging" (*Politico's* phrase) they wanted.

Hoyer apparently responded by telling the Jan. 8

"whip meeting" that there should be no name-calling among Democrats. Under the conditions of financial crisis and the intensifying fascist push by Wall Street, that is unlikely to work. But the current Democratic approach is also a loser.

## A New American Revolution

It's about time the real Democrats took notice of the real world they're living in. You don't negotiate with Wall Street, which is only a junior partner in the British Empire's global policy of depopulation and dictatorship. Just look at what has happened to every "little victory" some self-styled progressive Democrats won in Dodd-Frank; every one of them has gone, or is about to go, down the tubes.

What is needed, LaRouche has emphasized, is a new "American Revolution," which overturns the British imperial system of finance that Wall Street represents, and puts into place the Hamiltonian system that originally built the nation. That will require the passage of the whole package of Four Laws put forward by LaRouche last June, which begin with Glass-Steagall. And despite the fact that many of these anti-Wall Street Congressmen, including Senator Warren, have endorsed Glass-Steagall in the past, there is still no new bill submitted into the current Congress to restore this life-or-death bill.

With Washington stalemated, the center of the necessary revolution will begin in Wall Street's backyard—New York City.

A succession of ever-larger meetings sponsored over the last half year by the Schiller Institute in New York City, on the theme of restoring Hamilton's system, and bringing the United States into the BRICS, in order to defeat geopolitics and launch a new era of prosperity, has already set a dynamic in motion toward defeating Wall Street. The next meeting in the series will occur on Jan. 17, during Martin Luther King's birthday weekend. It will be a national and international event, available live at [www.larouchepac.com](http://www.larouchepac.com).

The Schiller Institute is also helping to organize a rally on Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. at Federal Hall, 26 Wall Street, in lower Manhattan. The rally's purpose is to restore Glass-Steagall, to replace Wall Street speculation with Alexander Hamilton's national banking system, to direct credit into a new manufacturing, energy, water, and transportation economic platform, and to bring the U.S. into the BRICS.

## No to British Regime Change in South Africa!

by David Cherry and Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane

Jan. 10—South Africa is being rocked by destabilization. The leading edge of the operation is the recent call of the Metalworkers Union (NUMSA)—the largest in the country—for regime change. This comes just as the spirit of the BRICS association of nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) is taking hold worldwide, and as the commitment of South Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) to the BRICS—and to nuclear power—is becoming entrenched. The ANC has chosen the only path that can provide the country with a future. What hostile force, then, is at work?

The destabilization is no different, in essence, than the one Russia is now experiencing. Both come from the same mother, the British Empire in its neocolonial phase—based on propaganda, and financial and psychological warfare—and both have the same intent: to immobilize or overthrow lawful governments that threaten to break out of the British system and create the beginnings of an alternative worthy of the human spirit—the BRICS association. The project includes surrounding Russia and China with hostile governments as a step toward the overthrow of the governments of those two nations.

Attacks on lawful governments of this type are today called “color revolutions”—rose (Georgia), orange (Ukraine), and pink (Kyrgyzstan). They overthrew and murdered Muammar Qaddafi in Libya more than three years ago, reducing the country to violent

chaos that continues today. They overthrew the elected government of Ukraine in February 2014, installing a government laced with the Bandera Nazis and cabinet appointments made in Washington, in preparation for triggering a war with Russia.

The underlying method of the color revolutions is the mass mobilization of mostly well-meaning people, with a false promise—and false concept—of democracy. It is not new. More than 200 years ago, Britain's Lord Shelburne guided intelligence chief Jeremy Bentham in shaping the French Revolution of 1789 with this method, using Finance Minister Jacques Necker. France had contributed to the American Revolution against the British Empire, and there was a danger (for the Empire) of a revolution in France on the same admirable principles. Shelburne and Bentham preempted it, inducing a phony revolution that mobilized the masses to install a reign of terror, and literally decapitate much of France's intelligentsia.<sup>1</sup>

### The African Background

In Africa, likewise, the color revolution method must be understood in the context of the history of the British Empire. There is an unbroken continuity of

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1. Jeffrey Steinberg, “The Bestial British Intelligence of Shelburne and Bentham,” *EIR*, April 15, 1994, pp. 24-27; and Pierre Beaudry, “Jean-Sylvain Bailly: The French Revolution's Benjamin Franklin,” *EIR*, Jan. 26, 2001. There is more on this subject in *EIR* ([www.larouche.pub.com](http://www.larouche.pub.com)).



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*The British thought they owned Nelson Mandela, but Mandela defeated their race war plan in his talks with President F.W. De Klerk. The two are shown here in January 1992.*

thought from Cecil Rhodes' planning in 1877 for "the extension of British rule throughout the world" (in his first will), to official British policy throughout the 20th Century and today. Indeed, the Rhodes Trust and its Rhodes Scholarships—to bring colonials (and Americans) to Oxford—continues today, based on the same motive. The secretive Round Table organization created by Rhodes is also alive and well.

When the traditional form of British imperial rule—with boots on the ground—was seen to have a doubtful future, the British prepared in advance to move to "indirect rule." The original version of indirect rule, developed by the Round Table, involved using traditional African chiefs as agents of empire and excluding educated, urban Africans. That policy was worked out in the early 20th Century by Rhodes' executor Lord Alfred Milner, and Lord Frederick Lugard.

During World War II, however, the Round Table sent Lord Malcolm Hailey to reassess conditions in Africa. Hailey concluded that it was necessary to promote and use educated Africans to guarantee imperial control. He also spoke (but did not write) of the need for nominal "majority rule" for the same purpose. It was still a highly unpopular idea in the British establishment.

Hailey's new version of indirect rule came into force in the first years after World War II. Andrew Cohen, Africa division chief in the Colonial Office, carried out the revolution in policy. The nominal "independence" of African countries was no longer seen as a problem; it was instead actually necessary—for British rule to continue by other means. Under neocolonialism, Africans would be "educated" to rule Africa for the British. Cohen was rewarded with a knighthood, and became known in the Colonial Office as "the King of Africa."<sup>2</sup>

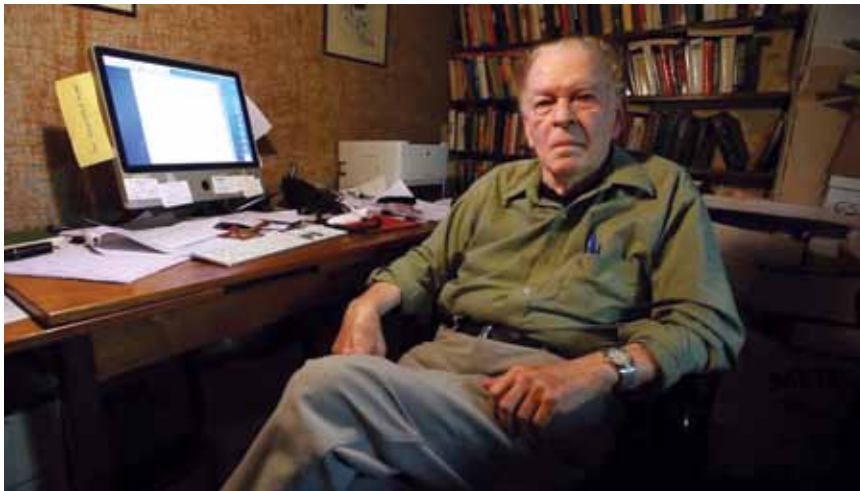
Today, the British continue to use this approach into which the color revolution method fits perfectly. In the story that follows, we see the centrality of the British Empire—especially through Oxford University—in the preparation of South Africans to act on behalf of British imperial interests out of their own disoriented consciousness. We see the preparation of a potential for a color revolution in South Africa.

### Gene Sharp, Oxford Man

Since before the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the pioneer of color revolution warfare worldwide has been Gene Sharp and his so-called Albert Einstein Institution (AEI) in Cambridge, Mass. Sharp had more than 20 years of preparation. He took his doctorate in political theory at Oxford University in 1968; his inspiration came from Oxford. He returned to Oxford for unspecified "advanced studies." His project had a military and intelligence orientation from the beginning. His initial book, *The Politics of Non-Violent Action*, based on his doctoral dissertation, has an introduction by Thomas C. Schelling, the Cold War theorist and promoter of escalation in the Vietnam War. Some of Sharp's early work was in fact funded by the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency, via

2. See John Darwin, *Britain and Decolonization* (1988), Caroll Quigley, *The Anglo-American Establishment* (1949), and Ronald Robinson, "Sir Andrew Cohen" in L.H. Gann and Peter Duignan (eds.), *African Proconsuls: European Governors in Africa* (1978). For institutions of psychological manipulation, not discussed here, see David Christie, "INSNA: 'Handmaidens of British Colonialism'," *EIR*, Dec. 7, 2007, pp. 27-37.





*The pioneer of color revolution warfare worldwide has been Oxford man Gene Sharp and his so-called Albert Einstein Institution (AEI) in Cambridge, Mass.*

Schelling at Harvard.

Under the false flag of the names of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Albert Einstein, Sharp operates on behalf of those utterly opposed to the social and political ideals of these three leaders. Sharp's AEI has been funded by the U.S. side of the British Empire—Ford Foundation; George Soros's Open Society foundations; the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and its subsidiary, the International Republican Institute (IRI); and the U.S. intelligence agencies' United States Institute of Peace.

Jennifer Windsor, while executive director of Freedom House, a right-wing NGO in Washington, wrote that Sharp's book *Waging Nonviolent Struggle*, "is a must-read book for policymakers and practitioners who, in the aftermath of the peaceful democratic [sic!] revolutions in Ukraine and Georgia are finally asking, 'How did it happen?'" Sharp's work has been praised in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Sharp literally "wrote the book" on how masses of unarmed people can be manipulated to overthrow (or initiate the overthrow of) a government. According to his close associate, U.S. Army Colonel Robert Helvey (ret.), the Sharp brand of nonviolent struggle "is all about seizing political power or denying it to others."<sup>3</sup>

3. Albert Einstein Institution, "[Report on Activities, 1993-1999](#)," p. 7. Helvey may have worked for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency. He was U.S. Defense Attaché in Yangon, Myanmar, 1983-85. Later, he worked with Sharp to attempt to overthrow the Myanmar and Cuban governments, as the cited document reports. A clear interface between Sharp and military intelligence is through Maj. Gen. Edward Atkeson,

That is not to say that there is no violence. When violence is necessary to complete the process, violent political groups may be on hand, or special forces may be quietly sent in, or both. But Sharp avoids mentioning the violent factor in the equation.<sup>4</sup>

At the Third Moscow Conference on International Security, May 23, 2014, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu characterized the color revolutions as a new form of warfare invented by Western governments seeking to remove national governments in favor of those controlled by the West. Shoigu pointed out that the consequences of color revolutions are very different from the protest or-

ganizations' initial stated goals.<sup>5</sup> Shoigu was referring to the work of such figures as Gene Sharp, George Soros,<sup>6</sup> and—as we shall see—Michael Burawoy. A detailed analysis—and a view of how to prevent color revolutions—then appeared in *Military Thought*, journal of the Russian Defense Ministry.<sup>7</sup>

## The South African Case

The leaderships of the Metalworkers and other smaller unions have been targeted for years by the Gene Sharp apparatus in South Africa, moving them increasingly into outraged opposition to the government and the ruling ANC. NUMSA General Secretary Irvin Jim

Ph.D., former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, U.S. Army Europe, who served on AEI's Advisors Council in the 1990s.

4. An article by Rachel Douglas, "Destabilizing Russia: The 'Democracy' Agenda of McFaul and His Oxford Masters," *EIR*, Feb. 3, 2012, provides a rigorous exposition of the Gene Sharp apparatus. She notes that "Sharp himself, in a 2006 interview with *The Progressive*, boasted that he was in Tiananmen Square in 1989, meeting with democracy activists 'three or four days before the crackdown.'"

5. Tony Papert, "Moscow Conference Identifies 'Color Revolutions' as War," *EIR*, June 13, 2014.

6. *EIR* and LaRouchePAC have for years published the sordid details of Soros's career, including a 2008 pamphlet, "[Your Enemy, George Soros](#)." Soros has spent his life destroying the barriers to vulture capitalism worldwide. That is what his "philanthropy" is all about. As a teenager in Hungary, Soros began his career by helping the Nazi occupation round up his fellow Jews. He told his biographer, Michael Kaufman, that it was "the most exciting time of my life" (*Soros: The Life and Times of a Messianic Billionaire*, 2002).

7. Col. A.N. Belsky and O.V. Klimenko, "Political Engineering of Color Revolutions: Ways to Keep Them in Check," *Military Thought*, 2014, issue 3.



has called the ANC gangsters and *tsotsis* (thugs). At a conference organized by NUMSA to form a “United Front for Socialism,” held December 13-14, 2014 in Boksburg, near Johannesburg, NUMSA reportedly declared that the United Front will bring the “democratic regime change” that South Africa needs to free its citizens from neoliberalism.<sup>8</sup> NUMSA had been accused in November of seeking regime change.<sup>9</sup> At least one public figure outside NUMSA had answered the accusation: Barney Pityana, Fellow, Kings College London, and rector of the Anglican College in South Africa, told a Dec. 4 meeting in Johannesburg, “Indeed we do want regime change, because that is what democracy is all about.”

No, Reverend Pityana, you are lying. Regime change is all about trashing constitutions, laws, and elections. The Johannesburg meeting was convened by Democracy Works, an organization linked to the pernicious U.S. NED, one of Sharp’s funders.

In South Africa, as elsewhere, “regime change” is a threat of much more than a change of regime. Consider the background: The British oligarchs—not the British people—had hoped for a race war as the outcome of the liberation struggle. Why? *Prince Philip and the old families have no use for Africans in a world that has too many people for their comfort.* In 2009, their Optimum Population Trust (populationmatters.org) released a study calling for reducing world population by 3 to 5 billion people by 2050. In 2013, Paul Ehrlich wrote in



*An event like the Marikana massacre of platinum mineworkers, in which 34 were killed by police, on Aug. 16, 2012, was likely a “special op,” that created popular outrage, of the type ready to be manipulated by the regime-change specialists.*

the *Proceedings of the Royal Society* that it “would take four or five more Earths” to support the existing world population of 7 billion at the level of U.S. living standards. In other words, according to Ehrlich, one Earth can support no more than 1.4 billion at an “appropriate” standard of living.

Any plan for this level of killing through conflict and disease will target the most vulnerable, including Africans, early on. In the liberation struggle, the British had deeply penetrated all sides, and thought they owned Nelson Mandela. But Mandela defeated the race war plan in his talks with President F.W. De Klerk through his combination of nobility of soul and firmness, in the context of the stalemate of forces on the ground. The oligarchs, however, do not give up; for them, any mobilization based on popular rage is a new opportunity.

The trigger for popular outrage leading to regime change could be an event like the massacre at Marikana. The massacre by police of platinum mineworkers on a wildcat strike against Lonmin, in which 34 were killed, on Aug. 16, 2012, enraged the nation. Such an event—engineered or not—could create enough instability to threaten South Africa with a downward spiral. (Videos of the Marikana massacre suggest manipulation of both miners and police, probably at the level of “special operations.”)

The foregoing picture indicates some of the dimensions of the potential of the British imperialists to end South Africa’s commitment to the BRICS.

8. “United Front Groupings Discuss the Path Forward” by Emily Corke, Eyewitness News online, Dec. 14, 2014. NUMSA also embraced “regime change” in a Dec. 17, 2014, response to the South African Communist Party on the NUMSA website: “*We freely and openly admit that we do want a regime change indeed. We want a change from the current regime of Colonialism of a Special Type to a revolutionary-democratic regime as a transitional stepping stone towards socialism. We have said this all along, and we owe no one an apology!*” (Emphasis in original.)

9. The accusation was circulated in an anonymous document entitled, “Exposed: Secret regime change plot to destabilise South Africa,” allegedly written by “concerned members within NUMSA,” which appeared about Nov. 20. NUMSA has branded it a concoction of South African intelligence.

## The BRICS and Their Enemies

For the British Empire, the BRICS association is the ultimate threat, and the reason for the regime-change push in South Africa, and related operations against the other BRICS governments. Africa will be a major focus for the BRICS, which offers a chance to build up the continent, from farms and factories, to roads and rails, homes, schools, and hospitals. South Africa will be the launching pad for much of the work in Africa. The BRICS can accelerate the development of the South-North transportation corridor of roads, rails, and bridges, championed by President Jacob Zuma, which will run from Cape Town to Cairo. In Zuma's words, the concept should include "bringing energy infrastructure into the mix, and, most importantly, using the corridor to promote industrialization."

The BRICS initiatives begin with putting an end to a unipolar world, and provide an alternative to the current global financial system of the British oligarchs, in which interest rates are high, investors are only interested in quick returns, and the World Bank and IMF discourage or effectively forbid the construction of heavy industry



*Eddie Webster is a central figure in the color revolution network, and former director of the Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), whose field of study is "the making and unmaking of social order."*

South Africa's fundamental problems.

But no: Those who oppose the ANC and claim they

so necessary to the uplifting of the people and to national sovereignty. The BRICS perspective opens the possibility of long-term loans at low interest that are necessary for major projects in the public and private sectors. The BRICS nations understand that conventional nuclear power—to be followed by nuclear fusion—is the only possible energy source for a growing world population with a rising level of material and cognitive development. At last—a way out of some, at least, of

## What Is the BRICS?

An alliance of nations centered on Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) is building a parallel economic order dedicated to the productive economy, as opposed to speculation that diverts investments away from production. The BRICS emerged as a *system* at its summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, in July 2014, where it announced the formation of the New Development Bank, and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (to protect their economies against financial warfare). The summit was followed by another, between the BRICS and the Ibero-American heads of state.

The world needs more food, housing, energy, science, and technology. The BRICS understands that leading-edge scientific projects (science-drivers) are crucial: They lower production costs throughout the economy by increasing the productive powers of labor. That requires educating and training youth to meet the growth challenges of the future. The BRICS

governments oppose the issuing of money to bail out banks that squandered their funds in casino-like speculation. These governments are turning away from World Bank and International Monetary Fund dictation of how to run their economies. The five BRICS countries today have 45% of the world's population. Despite having only 20% of world trade, they have 40% of global economic growth.

To succeed, the sovereign governments of the new system will have to create and issue credits earmarked for investment for the common good. That was an American idea—until the United States, with a few periods of notable exception, effectively rejoined the British Empire under Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson 100 years ago. The idea—to issue government credits to guide the economy—had been put into practice by the first Bank of the United States and its successor. Its economic basis had been developed most fully from Alexander Hamilton's legacy in the writings of Henry C. Carey, economic advisor to Abraham Lincoln. Today, it has been revived by American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche.

—David Cherry

are going to fight for “socialism now” *oppose the BRICS*, whether openly or quietly.<sup>10</sup> It is, they say, just more neoliberalism. They oppose nuclear power plants, and are told that windmills can take their place. And, they say, the BRICS is just a cover for China to dominate the country.

These comrades are not alone—London and Wall Street could not agree more! For example, *Foreign Affairs*, the quarterly of the Anglophile establishment in the United States, has published articles hostile to the BRICS, from 2012 onwards. Britain has run propaganda warfare against nuclear power worldwide, even while it uses nuclear power and is building a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point. And London and Wall Street



*Karl von Holdt is a student of Webster, and has analyzed workers' use of ungovernability in the workplace, and the functions of corruption and violence in South African political life.*

mouthpieces warn that China wants to dominate the world—when their real concern is to ensure the survival of their own unipolar world domination.

Patrick Bond, director of the Centre for Civil Society at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, is among those who openly oppose the BRICS, and deny or dismiss its “win-win” spirit. He does not appear directly connected to AEI or SWOP (Society, Work and Development Institute), but his intentions, methods, and funding sources are much the same.

The activists working against the government usually avoid these issues. They talk instead about the very serious problems of unemployment, poverty, and corruption, but as if these could be resolved by regime change, without changing the larger financial system within which South Africa operates. Most activists are not aware that their work is steered by London and Wall Street without any regard for unemployment, poverty, and corruption.

10. Despite the advantages for South Africa's labor force that the BRICS's extensive projects will bring, NUMSA General Secretary Irvin Jim did not endorse the BRICS in a conversation with *EIR*'s Douglas De Groot in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 8. He explained that NUMSA has not yet decided on a policy toward the BRICS.

## Who's Who in South Africa's Regime Change Network

**Gene Sharp:** Godfather of post-Cold War color revolutions worldwide, and author of the manual for color revolutions, *From Dictatorship to Democracy* (1993). Trained at Oxford. Sharp is an important figure for Anglo-American military and intelligence; he is funded by the neoliberal establishment; and operates from his Albert Einstein Institution (AEI) in the U.S.

**SWOP:** Center of the color revolution apparatus in South Africa. An institute in the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). Originally the Sociology of Work Project. Now called the Society, Work and Development Institute, but still known as SWOP.

**Eddie Webster:** South African sociologist/activist. Master's degree from Balliol College, Oxford. Collaborated with Rick Turner in the 1970s. Founded SWOP, 1983. Connected SWOP to Sharp's AEI, 1993.

**Rick Turner:** South African anti-apartheid political scientist. Author of the “bible” of the workerist movement, *Eye of the Needle: A Guide to Participatory Democracy in South Africa* (1972).

**Karl von Holdt:** Student of Webster, and now his successor as director of SWOP.

**Michael Burawoy:** British sociologist/activist at University of California, Berkeley. Globe-trotting promoter of color revolutions. Funded by neoliberal foundations. Close collaborator of Webster.

**NUMSA:** National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa. Called for “regime change” against the ANC government in late 2014, after years of imbibing the teachings of SWOP.

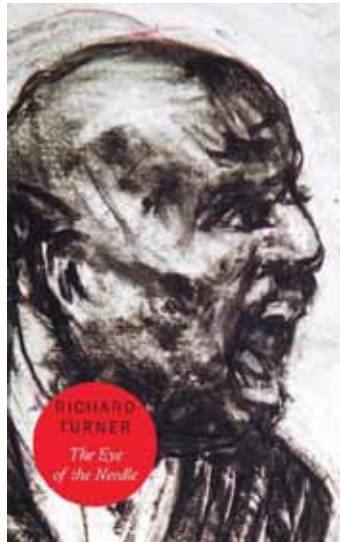
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## South Africa's Color Revolution Apparatus

The color revolution network in South Africa is organized around the SWOP at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg (“Wits,” pronounced “Vits”) and SWOP’s former director, sociologist and activist Eddie Webster. Originally known as the Sociology of Work Project, SWOP currently describes its field of study as “the making and unmaking of social order.” Webster is now professor emeritus, but is still a central figure in the color revolution network, whose members call themselves Marxists.

Webster and Glenn Adler describe SWOP’s relationship with Sharp’s AEI in the book *Trade Unions and Democratization in South Africa, 1985-1997*. They write that the project for the book “crystallized around labour’s role in [South Africa’s] transition [to black rule,] through our collaboration, since 1993, with the Albert Einstein Institution (AEI) of Cambridge, Massachusetts. AEI’s South Africa Program directed by Barbara Harmel, and the Sociology of Work Unit (SWOP) at the University of the Witwatersrand, launched a project on trade unions and popular resistance in South Africa, derived from AEI’s interest in social movements’ use of nonviolent direct action in political change. This collaboration helped us to conceptualize labour as an actor using its power strategically to resist apartheid and to reconstruct a new South Africa.”<sup>11</sup>



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Thus, Webster and Adler actually say that SWOP took direction from AEI to pursue “AEI’s interest in social movements’ use of nonviolent direct action in political change.”

AEI commissioned the papers that SWOP put together in two books, Adler and Webster’s *Trade Unions and Democratization* (2000) (Adler was in SWOP at the time); and *From Comrades to Citizens: The South African Civics Movement and the Transition to Democracy*, edited by Adler and Jonny Steinberg (2000). Dr. Steinberg is a former Rhodes Scholar who, like Gene Sharp, did his doctorate in political theory at Oxford. He spent a year in New York City with Soros’s Open Society Institute; he is currently a lecturer in African studies at Oxford, and will soon return to Wits. In recent years, he has studied the South African police and the underworld. A significant contributor to this volume was Colin Bundy, vice chancellor and principal of Wits at the time. Then in 2001, Bundy was appointed Director of the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, one of the key institutions of British neocolonialism.<sup>12</sup>

AEI has also funded Webster’s successor as director of SWOP, Karl von Holdt, supporting the research for his paper, “Social Movement Unionism: The Case of South Africa.”<sup>13</sup> Von Holdt, one of Webster’s students, has also analyzed workers’ use of ungovernability in the workplace, and the functions of corruption and violence in South African political life.

Since 1993, therefore, Gene Sharp has been developing a fifth column in South Africa that was already nicely in place—a network that has expertise in the dynamics of the social fabric and could be called into action if the ANC began to deviate from its commitment to the British financial empire of neoliberalism. And now it has. But of course, SWOP was meant to be used as a fifth column from its founding in 1983.

## Social Movement Unionism and Workerism

SWOP promotes “social movement unionism,” the organizing of workers around broad social issues that

11. Barbara Harmel came to AEI from her position as Associate Director of the South Africa Program at the Aspen Institute. The Aspen Institute is an instrument of the Anglo-American establishment; today, its board of trustees includes, for example, Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright. Harmel was trained at the School for Oriental and African Studies, University of London, a key institution of British neocolonial control. Since 1998, she has been in private practice as a psychologist in Johannesburg.

12. Having held a responsible position in the running of the neocolonial empire doesn’t prevent Bundy from talking a blue streak of Marxism and class struggle, like the rest of the South African color revolution fraternity. See his [talk](#). Comrade Colin is in fact fighting for neoliberalism. For example, while principal of Wits, he directed a restructuring of the university to make it more market-friendly.

13. Published in the journal *Work, Employment and Society*, 16:2, 2002.

go beyond the workplace, but with the intention of using disciplined trade unions as a force against government with respect to those issues. Social movement unionism was successfully used against apartheid. Now it is being used supposedly to right the wrongs of the ANC government. But it is actually being used to stop the ANC from solving some of the very problems that have understandably fueled frustration and anger among South Africans.

SWOP promotes the doctrine of “workerism,” the idea that workers should democratically run the factories in which they work. Workerism has a history. After the 1917 Russian Revolution, Alexander Gavrilovich Shlyapnikov, who became chairman of the All-Russian Metalworkers Union, and Alexandra Mikhailovna Kollontai organized a workerist movement, the Workers’ Opposition within the Communist Party. It was one of a number of British operations against the Soviet state. Lenin opposed and defeated workerism because it would have made central direction of economic policy impossible. Workerism would have forestalled the rapid industrialization of Russia that made victory possible in World War II.

The workerism of SWOP can be traced to Rick Turner in Durban in the 1970s, whose book, *The Eye of the Needle: A Guide to Participatory Democracy in South Africa* (1972), is the bible of the South African workerist movement. A key premise of the book is that “capitalism is intrinsically growth-oriented,” and that growth is bad. Turner writes, “But there are limits to growth: And those limits are not in the far distant future. They are probably within our lifetimes.... There are limits to the physical resources of our planet.”<sup>14</sup> Nuclear energy is no help, he says, because we will run out of uranium. It does not occur to him that “resources” are not a given, but are defined, and redefined, with successive technological advances. Uranium is a key resource today, but not tomorrow.<sup>15</sup>

These ideas, hostile to human progress—promoted by His Royal Virus Prince Philip and the other oligarchs behind the Worldwide Fund for Nature—have been injected into the black unions beginning no later than 1979, when Webster helped to found the Federation of



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South African Trade Unions (FOSATU). Turner’s book, after being out of print for years, is to be reissued in early 2015.

Webster was a close friend of Turner in the 1970s, until Turner’s assassination by the secret police in 1978. The South African workerists, like their Russian predecessors in the 1920s, have always claimed to be Marxists, but of a different kind. In South Africa, they set themselves apart from the dominant outlook in the ANC and its allies, which looked to a strong, centralized state power as an indispensable instrument to achieve democracy, industrial and agro-industrial progress, and economic advance for all classes. But the workerists played a significant role in the struggle against apartheid and collaborated with the ANC, providing badly needed skills. In this way, the workerist movement—with its radical decentralizers, antinukes, Trotskyists, and what have you—is now positioned to challenge the ruling institutions after the transfer of political power, using methods developed in the anti-apartheid struggle.

### Trapped in a Process

Turner, Webster, and Webster’s colleagues are not monsters, but—in their everyday lives—gentle, humane people who have gained the trust of many. They both opposed apartheid and suffered consequences. Their studies of South African labor, work-

14. The quotation and these ideas are found in Chapter 8, “The Impracticality of Realism.”

15. It is the absence of the successive advances that will be fatal to human society. It is just such advances that promote increases in the cognitive power of a larger and larger portion of society. Did that matter to Turner?



places, and unions are useful and valuable. But how is it that Webster and his colleagues have been funded and directed by Sharp's AEI? Did they not know what Sharp was really up to? Did they not know who Barbara Harmel, and the Aspen Institute from which she came, were? Webster and SWOP have taken Ford Foundation, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and Mellon money—unmistakably neoliberal sources. They have even taken money from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).<sup>16</sup> Webster may claim that he is indifferent as to where the money comes from. But the reverse is not true: USAID and the foundations and institutes usually know whom they can trust, and are not careless in awarding their grants.

How, then, did this come about? Their funders recruit the best, the most capable, whenever they can. Webster and his colleagues have been recruited into a process from which they cannot escape. They are trapped by a monster that is an ideology and an institutional framework. They will take offense at the suggestion that the mass mobilization they dream of will not be free to achieve the objectives that they treasure. But look at desolate Libya. Consider the suffering throughout Ukraine, where a color revolution replaced a bad government with a worse one that cuts the budget under International Monetary Fund direction and can't provide energy for its people this Winter. Does Webster ever talk about the outcomes of such earlier projects? He may be careful about what he says, but his close associate Michael Burawoy is not.

### Burawoy Sheds Light on Webster

Webster's decades of alliance and friendship with Prof. Michael Burawoy at the University of California at Berkeley may help to make vivid the meaning of Webster's seemingly abstract, academic connections to AEI. Burawoy appears not to be connected to Sharp and AEI, but he is working in parallel. Because he is important and dangerous, he deserves extended treatment before we turn to his connections to Webster.

Burawoy is a British-born, self-described "Marxist" sociologist who took his B.A. at Cambridge University, promotes color revolutions, and shrugs off the ensuing death and destruction. He makes no reference to the

strategic role of these revolutions, that is, their contribution to the warfare of the British financial empire against the governments of Russia, China, and other nations that pose a threat to its system. He has been based at Berkeley since 1976, and is known for his ethnography of industrial workers as a participant-observer in Zambia, the United States, Hungary (Metalworkers), and Russia.

Burawoy was president of the American Sociological Association in 2004, and president of the International Sociological Association for 2010-14.

The sly Burawoy is constantly at work on behalf of what he calls "movements against neoliberalism," while he receives funding from foundations with impeccable neoliberal credentials. In 1993 and 2001 he received grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. In 2002-03, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York, and in 2010, he was Mellon Visiting Professor at Wits.

**Burawoy's Joke:** Burawoy lets the cat out of the bag in his lecture on "Social Movements in the Neoliberal Age" (and the related "New Sociology for New Social Movements"), given at universities since 2012, including the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia; the Ural Federal University in Yekaterinburg, Russia; the University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, Semenyih, Malaysia; and the University of Johannesburg, South Africa. He advocates what he calls the "new social movements" that "defend against the market and the state" or that "struggle against dictatorship."

These movements "see the state and national politics as hijacked by finance capital of the dominant classes" (allowing them to disregard constitutions, laws, and elections). He shows slides of the so-called Arab Spring, which "spread across the Middle East to Libya, Yemen, Syria, not necessarily with wonderful consequences, but it really represented a mobilized, collective upsurge of dominated groups." In this way, he dismisses the destruction, carnage, and suffering from the Arab Spring with the wave of a hand, to emphasize instead that it "raised consciousness." Perhaps it raised people's consciousness that their upsurges—with the help of airstrikes and armed attacks on the ground—had put much of these countries into the hands of jihadist warlords.

In this way, Burawoy exposes himself as a promoter of "new social movements"—in the name of "parti-

16. USAID is thanked for its financial support, without which "this volume would not have been possible," along with other donors, in Webster and von Holdt (eds.), *Beyond the Apartheid Workplace: Studies in Transition* (2005).

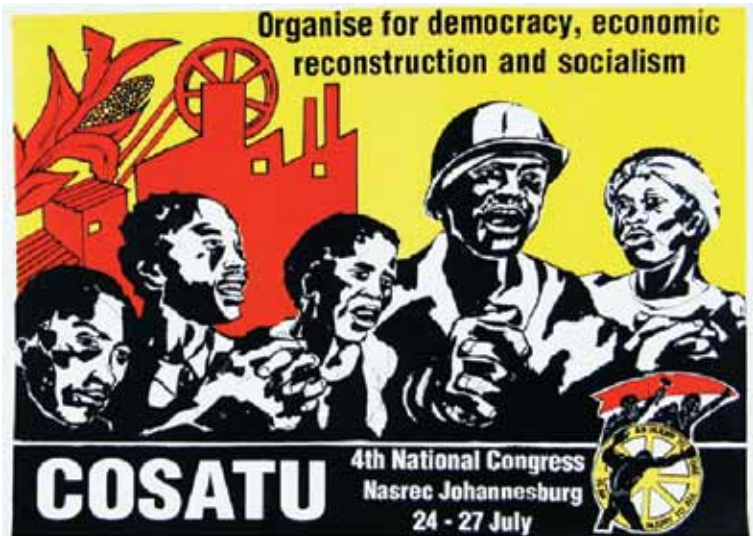
patory democracy”—that can help to topple the government and destroy the productive capacity of a country, while having nothing to put in their place. In his Bogotá lecture, Burawoy told his audience that “it only took me eight months to destroy the Soviet Union.” It was a joke. But what a revealing joke, in light of the devastation of Russia by the vulture capitalists that immediately followed!<sup>17</sup>

Burawoy is spreading his vile message around the world. In 2012, he managed to visit Chile, Argentina, Canada, England, Portugal, Hungary, Ukraine, Russia, Romania, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Zambia, Thailand, China, Taiwan, and the Philippines. In 2011, he visited an even longer and mostly different list of countries. Since 2010, his schedule has included repeated visits to Ukraine, including the Kiev International Institute of Sociology.

**Burawoy in South Africa:** With the unbanning of the ANC in 1990, Burawoy began his engagement in South Africa. In that year, he spoke before the South African Sociological Association and participated in colloquia and lectured at Wits, the universities of Natal, Durban Westville, Rhodes, Fort Hare, and three others. He was on the editorial board of the *South African Sociological Review*, 1992-96. In 2001, he became an Honorary Associate of SWOP, and has been in South Africa almost every year since then. He was at the Chris Hani Institute in 2006 for a talk or colloquium, and addressed NUMSA in 2010.

In 2012, Burawoy wrote, “My four-year stint with the Ford [Foundation] PhDs, which had brought me to the University of the Witwatersrand for three weeks each year, had come to an end. Karl von Holdt, then acting director of the SWOP, invited me to come to Wits for a semester on a Mellon Visiting Professorship. I would work with students and faculty and also give public lectures. . . .”<sup>18</sup> There seems to be no shortage of Ford Foundation and Mellon money for these warriors “against neoliberalism.”

Burawoy and Webster are practically joined at the hip. Burawoy wrote in 2010 that he had spent 40 years “listening to, learning from, and living with” Webster.



COSATU/J.A. Seidman

*The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)—in alliance with the ruling African National Congress and the South African Communist Party—is addressing the damage done by the regime-change network.*

He calls Webster “one of South Africa’s most distinguished sociologists” and praises Webster’s SWOP for providing “a vision that defends the integrity of the university, not as a retreat into the ivory tower but as an advance into the trenches of civil society.”<sup>19</sup> Ah, yes, “civil society,” that congeries of movements, organizations, and individuals—some well-intentioned and some witting—that follow the Gene Sharp, Michael Burawoy, and George Soros pied pipers and other like-minded misleaders. “Civil society” has no other definition.

The case against Webster as a transmission agent of London and Wall Street vulture capitalism, not only rests on the sources of his and his SWOP associates’ funding—including funds from Sharp’s AEI—and on SWOP’s acceptance of direction from AEI. It is also clarified by Webster’s close association with Burawoy, who demonstrates clearly what their objectives really are, despite the high-flown rhetoric.

In a nutshell, political operatives of the British global financial empire are currently fingering governments that are not cooperative or—what is worse for them—are orienting toward the BRICS and nuclear power. These are branded as dictatorships or neoliberal, according to taste. Sharp, Burawoy, and others, funded by foundations loyal to London and Wall Street, then activate

17. More of his joking in Bogotá: “It’s very strange. Wherever I go in the world, usually catastrophe follows”: the [Bogota lecture](#).

18. From the Preface to Burawoy and von Holdt, *Conversations with Bourdieu—The Johannesburg Moment*, 2012.

19. Burawoy, “Southern Windmill: The Life and Work of Edward Webster,” [Transformation](#) 72/73, 2010.

their networks to mobilize opposition to these governments, to force a change of policy or to overthrow them.

### SWOP Penetration of the Institutions

The degree to which Webster, his students, and SWOP have penetrated into the present South African ruling institutions—especially the Congress of South Africa Trade Unions (COSATU) and the South African Communist Party (SACP)—can be illustrated in part by following Webster's career. Webster obtained a master's degree—and got his "Marxism"—at Balliol College, Oxford, and taught for the Workers' Education Association in Britain. When he returned to South Africa, he met Rick Turner and they became collaborators. Webster and his coworkers at the University of Natal soon founded the first workers' college in South Africa, the Institute of Industrial Education.

He was deeply involved in the formation of the Federation of South African Trade Unions (FOSATU) in 1979, the first non-racial trade union federation in South Africa. FOSATU committed itself to the principle of "workers' control" in its constitution. When

COSATU was formed in 1985, FOSATU was merged into it. According to the biographical sketch of Webster on the Wits website, "He has retained an interest in trade union education, and shop stewards in particular, and undertook, on behalf of COSATU, the first nationwide shop steward survey. In 1994, he and fellow academics initiated a nation-wide survey of the political attitudes of COSATU members. Professor Webster has been centrally involved in the survey since then, in 1998, 2004 and, most recently, in 2009."

Books and papers by Webster and von Holdt, in addition to those already named, indicate the deep penetration of Webster and SWOP into the labor unions over decades, and the trust they have developed with shop stewards. Webster published his book on the metalworkers in 1985. Von Holdt also studied the metalworkers, and published *Transition from Below: Forging Trade Unionism and Workplace Change in South Africa* (2003). There are also studies by them and their associates of the mineworkers, the paper and printing workers, and others. This is good and useful work. But where was SWOP leading labor?

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## NALEDI and the Chris Hani Institute

COSATU's think tank, the National Labour and Economic Development Institute (NALEDI), was founded in 1993, the same year that SWOP cooperation with AEI began. NALEDI repeatedly used leading SWOP and workerist personnel. Was it the brainchild of AEI? Jeremy Baskin, part of the workerist movement since the 1970s, became the director of NALEDI in the 1990s after serving as National Coordinator for COSATU. Today he is in Australia working for Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainability Leadership under the patronage of the Prince of Wales. Karl von Holdt, now the director of SWOP, worked for NALEDI, and in that capacity had been coordinator of COSATU's September Commission on the Future of the Unions. The 1997 report of the commission had favored the workerist agenda and called for "social unionism." Glenn Adler of SWOP had worked for NALEDI as a senior researcher.

In 2011, NALEDI called for a return to "social movement unionism," a phrase said to have been coined by Webster. In this 2011 call, NALEDI asked, "Does labour (namely COSATU) continue to rely on the political structures as a member of the ruling tripartite alliance or does it align itself with civil society organizations outside the formal political corridors?" The question was implicitly a call for COSATU to leave—and oppose—the ruling alliance. NUMSA then took the lead in attacking the alliance.

Webster has been the Director of the Chris Hani Institute (CHI) since March 2013. He has been a board member for much longer. CHI was founded by COSATU and the SACP in 2003 as an academy to provide ideological and political training for "selected youth, [shop] stewards, and officials current and future." It sees itself as "an independent think tank of the left" to "engage in the battle of ideas, to develop alternatives to neoliberalism, deepen the links between progressive intellectuals in our universities and inside the democratic movement." This is now in the hands of



*The spirit of the BRICS nations, and their commitment to shared economic development and nuclear power, supported by South Africa's ruling party the ANC, is the only path that can provide the country with a future. (Left to right: Russia's Putin, India's Modi, Brazil's Rousseff, China's Xi, South Africa's Zuma, in Brazil, July 15, 2014.)*

Webster, the warrior for neoliberalism.

The ANC has chosen the only strategic path that can begin to liberate South Africa from the control of the global British financial dictatorship. The threat to the ANC government from Sharp, Burawoy, Soros, and SWOP is a threat to South Africa itself. A coalition of opposition forces could oust the ANC government, but could not rule. Surely, even patriotic South Africans outside the ANC can see this.

## A BRICS World

Virtually all of Ibero-America's governments have now oriented toward the BRICS to escape the clutches of neoliberalism. Argentina, under President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner—that resolute warrior against vulture capitalism—has expressed interest in joining the BRICS. President Evo Morales of Bolivia sees the BRICS' New Development Bank, as the means to put an end to neoliberalism and neocolonialism. His government is also planning to build nuclear power plants. Now Egypt, Nigeria, Iran, Syria, and Bangladesh have expressed interest in joining the BRICS. Like the ANC government in South Africa, they too will have to expose and defeat the synthetic revolutionaries working for Sharp, Burawoy, and Soros.

### *Breaking Silence*

We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked, and dejected with a lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at flood—it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is adamant to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words, ‘Too late.’ There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. Omar Khayyam is right: ‘The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on.’

We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation.

*—Excerpted from Martin Luther King’s speech at Riverside Church, April 4, 1967: “Beyond Vietnam—A Time To Break Silence.”*

Dr. King took a bold step in the speech in which he spoke these words, moving beyond the civil rights movement per se, to oppose the war in Vietnam. Today, the world is in desperate need of others with the same kind of courage, who will take on the cause of humanity as a whole, and break all inhibitions against speaking the truth that must be told.

Last week’s press conference demanding the release of the suppressed 28 pages of the 9/11 Inquiry report is one outstanding example of such courage. Former Senator Bob Graham, and Congressmen Walter Jones and Stephen Lynch have

looked the dire consequences of the continued cover-up of the truth about who funded 9/11 in the eye, and refused to be intimidated into shutting up. They have defined the issue on the world historical level where it actually lies, as a determinant of our future ability to live in safety and prosperity.

The same kind of courage can be seen raising its head in France, under the same conditions of warfare by a terrorist force deployed from the same Brutish Mother. So far, the national political leadership there has avoided the trap of reactionary rage, moving instead to pull the nation, and nations, together in a unified campaign for cooperation among religions and peoples.

Such courage is, and must be, contagious. The question is, as Dr. King raised it, will it be exercised in time?

The initiatives of last week need be quickly followed through to a successful conclusion. Senators, as well as Congressmen, must find the courage to step forward and sponsor a companion resolution for Obama to declassify the 28 pages. Frenchmen and their allies must find the courage to buck the U.S./NATO policy of confrontation and regime change against Syria, Russia, and others, in order to get an effective alliance to end terrorism.

Most importantly, citizens of all nations must decide to act as human beings committed to a future for all humanity. That commitment today means fighting to put Wall Street and the British Empire out of business, and joining the growing alliance of BRICS nations, which have chosen an Alexander Hamilton-style program of real economic growth, rather than cut-throat monetarist competition, and geopolitical conflict.

Reflect deeply on the challenge presented by the immortal Dr. Martin Luther King. He is speaking to you.



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