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### A DIALOGUE OF THREE PRESIDENCIES

# Bending the Arc of the Moral Universe Toward Justice

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Hello to all of you. I'm very happy to talk to you, at least via video, so I can share my ideas with you.

### The Skripal Affair

In recent weeks, many people, in many countries, have been very distraught about the so-called Skripal affair. This was the assassination attempt, the poison gas attack on the former double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter. The Theresa May government immediately accused Russia of carrying out the attack. I think that this particular situation has demonstrated, in a way we have never seen before, the role of the British empire, the British government, and British policies in the present escalation against Russia, and in a certain sense against China.

This affair was immediately made a NATO issue, and an issue for the European Union. Many EU members immediately declared unconditional solidarity with Theresa May. They agreed on the formulation that there is no other plausible explanation than that Russia did it. I think this reaction is very telling, because it shows the degree of British control in NATO, and in part of the European Union. Fortunately, about half of the European Union members did not agree. It also demonstrated the incredible, Orwellian character of the present Western democracies of the so-called "liberal"



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*Helga Zepp-LaRouche addressing the April 7, 2018 Schiller Institute conference via video, in New York City.*

Western system. Because the fact that these nations immediately abandoned the principle of *in dubio pro reo*, of innocence until proven guilty, and that truth was replaced by a consensus among countries, is quite telling. If that is the principle of international policy, then we are all in very bad shape.

The immediate danger is that this will not just lead to mass expulsions of diplomats. The United States expelled 60 diplomats, the British expelled a similar number, and Germany four. There were about 23 diplomats expelled from the other European countries. The danger is that this could lead to a broader escalation of confrontation with Russia and possibly even war. This is prewar propaganda.

## Labour Says It Seems Boris Johnson "Misled" The Public Over The Skripal Nerve Agent

The foreign secretary is under fire from Labour and his Russian counterpart after both he and a now-deleted Foreign Office tweet said that scientists had confirmed the nerve agent used to poison Sergei Skripal and his daughter originated in Russia.

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UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson.

First of all, it is noteworthy that the two Skripals fortunately seem to be in much better condition. That raises a whole bunch of questions because if it was Novichok nerve gas, then the question is: How did the British so quickly provide an antidote such that the two victims are now happily surviving? Or, maybe it was not Novichok. How could they so quickly come to the conclusion that it was Russia, when Scotland Yard said it would take several weeks to find out what really was the nerve gas agent used in this attack?

As for the timing, the Skripal affair took place at precisely the point at which—in the United States—the whole focus of congressional investigations by the House Intelligence Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, similar committees in the Senate, was on the role of the British empire in the Russiagate affair, or the Trumpgate, or the Muellergate, depending on what you want to call it. This focus, by several committees,

started to really put into the limelight the role of Christopher Steele, the so-called “former” MI6 agent, and therefore the role of the British government, and the collusion of Mueller with the British, in the attempt to organize a coup against President Trump.

So the timing of the Skripal affair was very convenient, because all of a sudden, the Russia issue was again dominant. Before the Skripal affair, you could say that the days of Theresa May seemed to be numbered, because she was in such an unstable position.

### *Cui Bono?*

Now, *cui bono*? Who has the motive? In whose interest would such an affair be? Well, Russia really has no motive; why would this occur just weeks before the presidential election in Russia? Would Putin really want to have such notoriety just before the election, and just before the Soccer World Cup? In addition, Russia also would have had many opportunities to kill Skripal; he spent many years in a Russian jail. He also lived for many years in Great Britain without any problem. Nevertheless, despite that, Merkel and Macron, and half of the EU immediately came out saying, “No, the only plausible explanation is that it was Russia.”

Boris Johnson, the Foreign Secretary, gave an interview to a German radio broadcaster, *Deutsche Welle*, in which he said that he had absolute, scientific proof from the scientists of the Porton Down laboratory, who had said that they definitely had 100% proof that it was Russia. In the meantime, the scientists refused to provide the after-the-fact evidence, and the head of the lab, Mr. Gary Aitkenhead, said that they could identify that it was Novichok, but that they could not identify the source or the origin of this poison gas. This was a very lamentable situation, so the Foreign Office immediately deleted the tweet in which this was stated, which leaves Boris Johnson standing there as a liar. That does not prevent the Theresa May government from continuing to push the lie that Russia did it.

Many officials in Russia, such as Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria

Zakharova, and Sergey Naryshkin, the head of foreign intelligence,

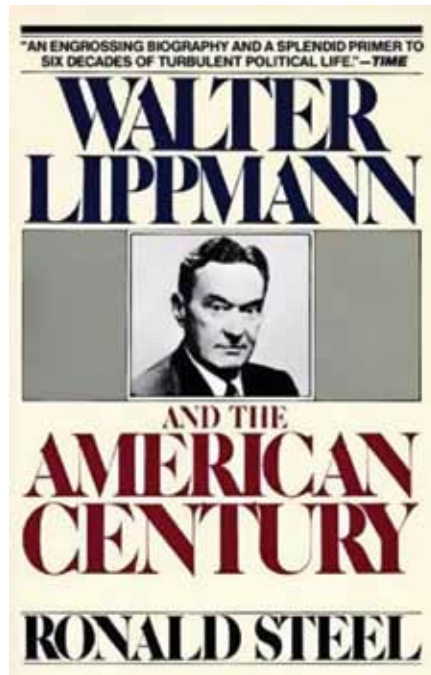
all raised the question of *cui bono*, asking who has the capacity and motive to do this. It all points to British intelligence. This operation—and this was pointed out by many experts and commentators—parallels what the British did in the Iraq case in 2003.

At that time, MI6 produced a dossier that supposedly proved that Saddam Hussein was in the possession of weapons of mass destruction that could reach any city around the globe within 45 minutes, and that Saddam Hussein had connections with al-Qaeda, a claim that was a blatant lie. Saddam Hussein had been locking up the al-Qaeda terrorists. But that dossier was then used as a pretext. Secretary of State Colin Powell gave his infamous speech in the United Nations motivating U.S. participation in the Iraq War. Then, the war against Iraq occurred, with many hundreds of thousands of people losing their lives as a result.

This is what some people in Russia are calling “Goebbels” propaganda. Why is there such a demonization of Russia? Why is there a demonization of President Putin coming essentially from the same people who are also demonizing President Trump and President Xi Jinping? This is the same foolishness which led to the Second World War, and which could easily trigger a Third World War. There is an imminent danger that these war-mongers will repeat the same methodologically stupid mistake which led to two world wars.

### **The Collapse of the Anglo-Dutch Empire**

What is motivating this war-mongering is the desperation of the financial powers of the City of London and their Wall Street backers and collaborators, who see clearly that their system is failing. They fear that this could lead to a complete loss of their political and financial power. But they are also obsessed with the idea that their schemes will ultimately work, and if only they had just enough containment and escalation, then their system will be proven superior. They are confronted with their system not succeeding, but failing.



They don't have their intended unipolar world, but are instead confronted with the emergence of a completely New Paradigm in the world.

If you want to understand why Russia is such a focus,— of Rus-sophobia right now, you have to go back to the time of the end of the Soviet Union. At the point when the Soviet Union started to disintegrate, the possibility existed for a peaceful world order for the 21st Century.

However, the consolidation of the neocons led to the revival of the American Century doctrine, which originally was formulated by Walter Lippmann in 1943. He published a book with that name, which then became the basis for the post-war

order: the legitimacy of NATO and the Cold War. It was the idea to revive that with the project for a new American Century and the idea that you would replace the two superpower system with a unipolar world based on the Anglo-American special relationship, and a neo-liberal monetarist system. This was essentially a continuation of the idea that you would control the developing countries, keep them in relative backwardness, and deregulate the financial system in order to bring back the power of Wall Street and the City of London, and control the world that way.

In 1989, when Germany was reunified, reunification was combined with the promise that NATO would never expand eastward. You have to remember that the Soviet Union agreed to the dissolution of the German Democratic Republic and to German reunification without the use of force. You could say, in light of the history of the Second World War—in which the people of the Soviet Union suffered tremendous loss of life and still have a very terrible memory of Nazi Germany—that it was extremely generous of the Soviet Union to agree to it. The promise was clearly given not to expand NATO eastward; this was emphasized many times by the former American ambassador in Moscow at that time, John Matlock. In recent publications from the archives of George Washington University, it was also clear that this promise was, indeed, made.





Jack Matlock, Jr.

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Manfred Wörner, Secretary General of NATO.

## Promises Not Kept

In 1990, the Secretary General of NATO at that time, Manfred Wörner, made a speech in Brussels which is worth remembering. At that time he said, “The goal for the next decade is the creation of a European security structure, including the Soviet Union and the states of the Warsaw Pact,” and that the Soviet Union would play an important role in the construction of such a security system, and that he could understand the wish of the Soviet Union not to be excluded from Europe.

“The West cannot answer to the erosion of the Warsaw Pact with a weakening or dissolution of [NATO],” and therefore, “the only answer is the creation of a security framework which includes both alliances” and which brings the “Soviet Union into a cooperating Europe.... The very fact that we are ready not to deploy NATO troops beyond the territory of the Federal Republic [of Germany] gives the Soviet Union firm security guarantees,” Wörner said.

This is all proven by the new documents that have been published. The neocons and their British partners were clearly promoting a different policy and making false promises. On the surface, the offer to the Soviet

Union continued. Still in 1994, President Clinton said the NATO expansion is not anti-Russian; it means inclusion instead of exclusion. But then, things became more dramatic.

In 1999, there was the famous Tony Blair speech in Chicago. He called for the definite elimination of whatever relic of the Peace of Westphalia system existed; and by that, also the elimination of the principles of the UN Charter, namely, guaranteeing the sovereignty of every country. This was clearly a foreshadowing of what Blair did later in 2003 to ignite the Iraq War. The idea of “humanitarian” interventions replaced the idea of respect for the sovereignty of countries. Then in 2001, the September 11 attack was a complete assault on all civil liberties and civil rights which had been fought for, for decades. And it imposed an international regime with the pretext of the war against terrorism.

## Regime Change Is Imperial Aggression

The policies that followed were regime change and color revolution. You had the Orange Revolution in 2004 in Ukraine; you had the Rose Revolution in Georgia. In the meantime, both the Russian and Chinese militaries respectively stated that they regarded color revolution as a form of warfare. The Maidan coup against the Ukraine government belongs in this chain.

In 2002, the United States had unilaterally abandoned the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, and proceeded to build up a global ABM system. Russia immediately said it could not tolerate Phase 3 and Phase 4 of this plan to be implemented, because it would completely undermine strategic stability and would therefore be a threat to the security interests of Russia.

In the 16 years of Bush, Jr.



Tony Blair

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*Chinese financed and built high speed rail in Kenya.*

and Obama, these interventionist wars continued. Bush declared the existence of an “Axis of Evil,” and the various wars in the Middle East and northern Africa started to eliminate governments which were not agreeable to this idea of a unipolar world. The world was slowly and steadily going deeper into Hell, with more refugee crises, more misery, and millions of people dying in the Middle East and northern Africa.

### **2013: A New Option for Mankind**

Then, in 2013, the world suddenly changed for the better. President Xi Jinping announced a new model of international relationships in Kazakhstan: He announced the New Silk Road, in the tradition of the ancient Silk Road, which was an incredible exchange not only of goods, technologies, cultures, and ideas, but also laid the foundation for a dialogue among nations. This New Silk Road undertook a development that is unprecedented, I think, in all of history. In the last four-and-a-half years, this new Spirit of the New Silk Road has started to catch on, so that now more than 140 countries are cooperating in Asia, in Latin America, in Africa, even in Europe, with the New Silk Road.

You have a tremendous sense of optimism in Latin America, where practically all Latin American countries are now building and planning to build bi-oceanic projects; a bi-oceanic railway between Brazil and Peru,

bi-oceanic tunnels between Argentina and Chile, and many other projects. So, the Spirit of the New Silk Road has definitely caught on in the Caribbean and Latin American countries. It is certainly the case in the Asian countries, and many corridors are being built. Africa has completely changed with the building of railways from Djibouti to Addis Ababa, all along the eastern African countries, the western African countries. If you look at the map of Chinese investments in railway systems and industry parks and hydropower and many other, agricultural projects, there is a completely new spirit and self confidence among the Africa nations that they can now overcome poverty and under-development for the first time, in the near future.

The New Silk Road Spirit has even caught on in Europe, despite the efforts of the the EU to block cooperation with China. The 16+1 Eastern and Central European countries and the Balkan countries are actively part of the New Silk Road. Italy is now engaged, together with China, in a major project called Transaqua, which will change the lives of the people in 12 African nations and bring industrialization into the heart of Africa. But also, Portugal and Spain want to be hubs, not only for the western end of the Eurasian part of the New Silk Road, but to be also a hub for the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa and Asia and Latin America. Switzerland, Austria, and even Hol-

land, Belgium, and some of the Scandinavian countries are now, early in the game, seeking cooperation with China. So, the New Silk Road Spirit is on the agenda.

### Win-Win Cooperation— The Three Presidents

It is based on the idea of win-win cooperation, of respect for the sovereignty of other countries, and respect for other countries' social systems. This has been an incredible development. It's already twelve times larger than the Marshall Plan was, but the amazing thing is that during the last four-and-a-half years of enormous progress in this project, the Western mainstream media and Western politicians have virtually ignored it; they have not reported it. Only in the recent period have they suddenly realized it is unstoppable. What is now occurring is a flood of attacks from the main think tanks, saying this is just an authoritarian effort by the Chinese to replace the Anglo-American imperialism with a Chinese one, and that China wants to take over the world. It was quite a sudden change in the coverage and in the comments.

They got a similar shock when they realized that Russia was not merely a regional power, as Obama had claimed, but that it was about to become, under the leadership of President Putin, a major power again. So therefore, when Trump suddenly won the election, the same apparatus that is now behind the Skripal affair—British intelligence in collusion with the intelligence heads of the Obama Administration—started a policy of a coup against President Trump.

There was an article in January 2017 in the British magazine, *The Spectator*, which said that President Trump would be gotten out of the White House through a coup, impeachment, or an assassination attempt. That was the policy which these people followed, and the aim



clearly was to prevent President Trump—who had promised in the election campaign to improve relations with Russia and restore relations to a stable, positive basis—from doing so. His opponents basically said: “If you dare to speak to President Putin, that just proves you are a Russian agent.” In fact, it took until the G-20 meeting in Hamburg last year, before Putin and Trump had a personal meeting, during which they hit it off very well.

### Trump Wants Good Relations with China and Russia

President Trump and President Xi Jinping also got along very well in their first meetings, despite China-bashing language from Trump during the 2016 election campaign. President Trump received President Xi Jinping in April last year at his private residence in Mar-a-Lago. They established a very good, positive relationship. Then, when President Trump went to Beijing for a visit in October last year, President Xi Jinping returned this welcome, and gave Trump what China called a “state visit plus.” President Xi Jinping had the Forbidden City closed down to visitors for an entire day, and

gave a long lecture on Chinese history to President Trump and his wife. They established and deepened their relationship.

In the meantime, Russia and China also established the deepest strategic partnership in their history. Putin gave a speech on March 3, 2018 to the Federal Assembly, in which he announced new weapons systems, including a long-range missile which does not follow the ballistic curve, but is highly maneuverable. Then also, a nuclear-powered cruise missile which the West does not have, and a nuclear-powered underwater drone which is quicker than above-water ships, and, in addition, laser weapons. The





combination of these and other weapons means that all of sudden, the entire global ABM system the United States had proceeded to build is obsolete.

President Putin noted that the West had refused to even respond to all the offers to negotiate made by Russia since 2002, but now, they have to respond. It is quite amazing that, except for the demand of four American ambassadors, the West has not yet responded. Western media have tended to belittle these new weapons systems, or ignore them for the most part.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and the Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe have just attended the very large Seventh Moscow International Security Conference, which was attended by 900 guests and 700 media. Wang Yi said that Russia can pursue its own interests and play a larger role on the international and regional stages. Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe said he came in order to send a signal to Washington that the Russian-Chinese alliance is the strongest and that there is a very close cooperation between the Russian and the Chinese armed forces.

All of these things have to be seen as a dynamic process. We are now also on the verge of a full-fledged trade war. Admittedly, the trade deficit the United States has with China is untenable.

### **China and the U.S.A. Can Work Together**

But when President Trump said that he wants to impose tariffs first on \$60 billion of Chinese imports, and then on another \$100 billion of Chinese goods, this was met by an unusually sharp response from the Chinese. *Global Times* wrote yesterday that China will not submit to U.S. trade intimidation; that China is prepared to react with a full list of its own tariffs on American imports; that the trade war will cause pain for China, but Chinese society will rally and unite around the government and the Party; and that they will also present a detailed plan to respond, and then Americans will have to choose whether they back their President's actions, or whether they hold him accountable for the consequences. *China Daily* even mentioned that the Chinese countermeasures could include the dumping of U.S. Treasuries, of which they have \$1.4 trillion.

All of this comes at a moment at which, at any moment, we could have a new financial crash much



*President Trump (left) greeting President Putin at the APEC Summit, November 2017.*

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worse than that of 2008, because all of the central banks have done nothing to remove the root causes of the 2008 crisis. They just did quantitative easing, zero interest rates, and many corporations took that gratis money to buy back their own stocks, so that their stock exchange values would go up, but the corporate debt would increase. Now, as the Federal Reserve is trying to increase the interest rate, the blow-out of these corporate debt situations could trigger a complete systemic collapse. That is just one of the many facets of this crisis.

An insider in the banking system, a well-placed one, told us very recently that it is possible that some of the financial forces would deliberately trigger a crash, which they know is inevitably coming, to pull the rug out from under President Trump, so as to bring back the neocons, and in that way solve the problem which they did not solve with the failed Russiagate coup attempt. One thing is very clear. If that were to happen and the neocons were to fully return to power in the United States, World War III would be certain.

In the middle of this Skripal affair, President Trump and President Putin talked by telephone. President Trump refused to send out tweets on this affair or otherwise join in the present Russia bashing.

I want to make the strong point that there is a solution to all of the problems I have just mentioned. That is, that there are many possibilities. For example, when Presidents Trump and Putin have a summit in the near future, they could discuss this. Also, the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Keqiang, has recently pointed to the fact that there is another way to solve the trade deficit, namely, by massively increasing mutual trade. Presi-



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*China President Xi Jinping (R), meeting U.S. President Donald Trump in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, April 6, 2017.*

dent Xi Jinping has offered cooperation with the Belt and Road Initiative to the whole world, including all the European nations and the United States. China could decide not to dump U.S. Treasuries as a punishment for the U.S. trade measures, but they could instead invest the \$1.4 trillion in U.S. Treasuries in infrastructure in the United States.

### **The U.S.A. Needs U.S. Methods with China's Participation**

Diane Sare mentioned the Manhattan subway system in her introductory remarks, and if you look at the infrastructure—not only in Manhattan, but in all of the United States—the condition of the highways, the absolute absence of a high-speed rail system, it is very clear that the United States urgently needs investment in infrastructure. President Trump had promised in the election campaign that he would invest \$1 trillion in infrastructure build-up, but so far, he has not been able to find any financing, because the private investors want an 11% to 12% return and a complete return of their capital within 10 years. Which means it is not possible to finance it through private investment. The neo-cons in the Senate and in the Congress do not want to spend it from the Federal budget. The idea to distribute the cost to the regional and state governments is just not practical.

If, on the other hand, China—which has a fantastic high-speed rail system of, I think, 25,000 km of high-speed rail, and is planning to connect every major Chinese city with a high-speed rail system and have 40,000 km of high-speed rail systems by 2020,—if China could help to build such a high-speed rail system in the United States and connect every major city with a 350 mph high-speed rail system, and in that way, completely transform the infrastructure of the United States, it would not only help to overcome the trade deficit, but would open the way for joint ventures between the United States and China in third countries, such as in Latin America where, contrary to what former Secretary of State Tillerson had said, China is not trying to build an imperial system. Instead, China and the United States could join hands in building up the industries of the Southern

Hemisphere.

Also, the same could happen in Asian countries along the Belt and Road, and also in Africa. It could happen in the reconstruction and economic build-up of the war-torn region of Southwest Asia.

This could even include Great Britain eventually, if it changes its government and if it clears up the crimes it has committed. But it absolutely requires the reform of the financial system of the United States and Western Europe.

### **Lyndon LaRouche's Four Laws**

My husband, Lyndon LaRouche, several years ago developed a [policy package](#) which would remedy the situation: The United States should go back to its original Hamiltonian banking policy, to a banking system in the tradition of Alexander Hamilton, including the Glass-Steagall banking separation introduced by Franklin D Roosevelt. The package requires a national bank, a national credit system, and a crash program for thermonuclear fusion and joint space cooperation with other countries in order to increase the productivity of the economy in a qualitative way.

What people really don't realize, or most people don't realize, is that the present Chinese model of economy and the early U.S. republic model are very similar. They're based on Hamiltonian principles.



In China, they have now made a huge effort to eliminate the speculative area, to forbid Chinese investors abroad to invest in speculation. It is very clear that China—even if it doesn't call it by that name—is very close to the American System. And it is no coincidence that the most popular economist in China is Friedrich List, the German economist who in a way was the predecessor of Henry C. Carey, and who wrote important works about the difference between the British and the American systems. Germany also has such a tradition, namely, the *Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau*, the Credit Bank for Reconstruction, which was based on Roosevelt's Reconstruction Finance Corporation and was the basis for the German economic miracle in the post-war reconstruction. So, also in Europe, you have some relevance and memory of this system.

Now after Xi Jinping announced the New Silk Road, the *Executive Intelligence Review* and the Schiller Institute published a study that we had been working on for 26 years, [The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge](#), which is a full blueprint and outline for the international economic cooperation of all nations to overcome geopolitics.

### **Moralize the American People**

Just imagine if we could mobilize the American people to exert pressure on President Trump and give him the backing he needs. He would be able to accept the offer of Xi Jinping to cooperate with the New Silk Road. Then the European countries would have no choice but to eventually recognize,— most of them are doing it already, but even the remaining ones would recognize that cooperation with Russia, with China and other nations that have already joined the Belt and Road initiative, that this would be much more in their self-interest, than the present course of the British confrontation with Russia and China.

If such an international economic cooperation could be realized, it would also be the realistic basis for a global security architecture that would include, among others, Russia and China. It would then require that we do exactly what Xi Jinping has said many times: Mankind needs to move to a new phase of international cooperation, what he calls the “shared community of the future of mankind” or a “community of common destiny.” Then we could start to focus on the real problems, the common aims of mankind. We could build a system to make nuclear weapons obsolete, a new form of the Stra-

tegic Defense Initiative (SDI), which my husband proposed at the end of the 1970s. It had been in the works for several years, and then on March 23, 1983, President Reagan announced the SDI as a way for both superpowers to cooperate to make nuclear weapons obsolete.

I think in light of the present danger of a new arms race and the already-existing arms race, and the danger that it could get out of control, we need such an approach as a new SDI, and also a new Strategic Defense of the Earth (SDE), because the planet as a whole is threatened by dangers from space, from asteroids, and from comets that could extinguish all life on this Earth.

### **Common Aims of Mankind**

We should instead concentrate on the common aims of mankind—the alleviation of poverty, the creation of a living standard for a decent life for every human being on this planet, and a system of earthquake precursor detectors and joint space research and travel. We should concentrate on space colonization as the necessary and possible next phase of the evolution of the human species. I think that if we combine that with a dialogue of cultures, in which each nation would emphasize and revive the best traditions of its own culture, and then have a dialogue among all of these nations and cultures, we could create the basis for a new Renaissance.

Skeptics would say that this is completely unrealistic. But I'm saying that the fact that you have these three presidents—President Putin, who is recognized and loved by the Russian people, and has just been re-elected with an overwhelming majority; Xi Jinping, who is an exceptional leader who is equally loved by the Chinese population—they decided to eliminate the limits to his term in office so that he can guide China in these very, very important coming years; and President Trump, who is absolutely not what the media makes of him. He has shown again and again that he has outflanked a quite difficult factional situation in his own party, and a Congress that stands as an obstruction for the most part.

If the three presidents join hands and do what they have clearly done very successfully so far in the attempt to solve the crisis of the Korean Peninsula, this is a realistic option.

However, we should not sit on our hands. We should launch an international mobilization to propose this agenda, and do everything in our means to make it possible. The life of civilization depends on it.

Thank you.