

mote the contrasting, fraudulent views of the Duggan and Kelly cases leads. The British effort to continue the hoax now, will only unveil the dirty scheme of the Blair ministry the more fully, the longer the attempt is made to keep the hoax of the alleged Duggan case alive.

From all the evidence accumulated thus far, we must presume that Jeremy Duggan himself was, essentially, a well-meaning innocent, a likeable fellow, if with an awful psychological burden. He sought peace from the noises which had been dwelling within him for longer than he could continue to bear; his suicide, awful as it was as a way of dying, had earned him a decent and peaceful interment. His poor corpse should not have been sold on the open market of strategic lying, all for a political swindle in which Baroness Symons and other sullied connections of Lynne and Dick Cheney came forth to play their disgusting part.

## Baroness Symons Of Vernham Dean

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Elizabeth Symons, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean (created Life Peer by nomination of Tony Blair in 1996), is a Senior Labour Peer, director of two companies, consultant to business, and a key figure in the Jeremiah Duggan transatlantic slander operation against Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., along with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cheney.

Here is an outline of the Baroness's career.

- Born on April 14, 1951, Elizabeth Conway Symons, the daughter of Ernest Symons, who became chairman of the Her Majesty's Board of Inland Revenue, before his retirement, and Elizabeth Megan (née Jenkins).
- Educated at the Putney School for Girls, and received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from Girton College, Cambridge.
- Married Philip Bassett in 2001, shortly after Bassett received a job at Tony Blair's 10 Downing Street. She had had a son by Bassett in 1985.
- Researcher at Girton College, 1972-74.
- Administration trainee, Department of the Environment, 1974-77.
- Inland Revenue Staff Federation Assistant Secretary, 1977-78.
- Deputy General Secretary, 1978-89; then, General Secretary, Association of First Division of Civil Servants, 1989-97 (a trade union job).
- Nominated by Blair in 1996 to the House of Lords, as a Labour representative. Took her seat in 1997 as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Common-



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*Baroness Liz Symons, here in Washington, D.C. in 2001, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a \$200 billion contract for the Joint Strike Fighter, awarded to Lockheed Martin. At the time, Lynne Cheney was on the board of Lockheed Martin.*

wealth Office.

- Minister of State for Defence Procurement, Ministry of Defence, 1999-2001. It is in this position that we have our first indications of ties with Dick Cheney's Halliburton (Cheney was CEO of Halliburton, and remains infamously in close business association) and Lynne Cheney, who then served on the board of Lockheed Martin (see below).
- Became Minister of State for Trade, Foreign Trade, and Industry, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Department of Trade and Industry, 2001-03, and Minister of International Development, 2001-03.

During that time period, Symons gave advice to lawyer David Mills on the political surroundings of a proposed deal to sell 146 aircraft from British Aerospace in 2003 to the Iranian airline Mahan Air. The deal did not receive preferential treatment otherwise, and it did not go through. It was subsequently revealed that as a consequence of these dealings, Mills's estranged wife, Tessa Jowell (Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport), has been excluded from Cabinet papers and talks on Iran since 2003. Mills is currently under indictment for money-laundering and tax fraud stemming from his advice to former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on setting up a series of offshore trusts for Berlusconi's Fininvest. On March 10, 2006, prosecutors in Milan asked a judge to order Mills and Berlusconi to stand trial on corruption charges.