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EDITORIAL

Justice Department Witchhunt in the FBI Raid on Trump Exposed: LaRouche Case Is Key

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—The narrative injected into the public discussion as to the pure motivation of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and its FBI, on how this apparatus would never think of carrying out a political witchhunt, is

traceable to an “insider’s” account released by *Newsweek* yesterday. There, *Newsweek* relies upon, as they put it, two “senior government officials ... who have direct knowledge of the FBI’s deliberations.” One is “a senior Justice Department official who is a 30-year veteran of the FBI,” and the other, a senior intelligence official who was briefed on the investigation and the operation. That narrative has the National Archives, suspecting that former President Donald Trump had “unauthorized material,” having to go to the DOJ in February to launch a criminal investigation. Then the DOJ merely follows the trail, in defense of the law and the American way.

A simple examination of the public releases of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in February puts the lie to this constructed fraud. (See NARA’s Feb. 14, 2022 “[Press Statements in Response to Media Queries About Presidential Records](#).”) Scholars and citizens familiar with the DOJ’s “Get LaRouche task force” will easily recognize the *modus operandi* of this extra-legal operation—or what one honest judge, in his ruling, termed a “constructive fraud” perpetrated upon the court by the DOJ.

First, after having received from the Trump team 15 boxes of papers in mid-January 2022, NARA includes in its January 31, 2022, report that the boxes included some pieces of paper, some torn and pasted back together, some not yet pasted back. (Trump was known to tear up work papers when he was finished with them; but his staff kept all his papers, torn or not.) Then on Feb. 7, NARA reports: “Former President Trump’s representatives have informed NARA that they are continuing to search for additional Presidential records that belong to the National Archives.” So far, a cooperative working relationship between the Trump team and NARA over the previous nine months is in place.

On Feb. 8, 2022, NARA is compelled to respond to media rumors: “Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate Presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had

located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington. NARA officials did not visit or ‘raid’ the Mar-a-Lago property.” At this point the deadly combination of government officials and their special media outlets go into full gear.

On Feb. 9, the *Washington Post*—followed by CNN and others—reports that NARA has asked the DOJ to investigate Trump. “National Archives and Records Administration has asked the Justice Department to examine Donald Trump’s handling of White House records, sparking discussions among federal law enforcement officials about whether they should investigate the former President for a possible crime, according to two people familiar with the matter.” We may never know, but it is not a stretch that *Newsweek*’s two people “who have direct knowledge of the FBI’s deliberations” and the *Washington Post*’s “two people familiar with the matter” may know each other. But with the anonymous assertion in play, it is not hard to place a query from a Congress member’s office.

Despite NARA’s Feb. 14 release recapitulating the previous two weeks of their account, within days Congress has begun pressuring NARA. On Feb. 18, David Ferriero of NARA responds to Congress: “NARA has identified items marked as classified national security information within the boxes [provided in mid-January by Trump’s team]. Because NARA identified classified information in the boxes, NARA staff has been in communication with the Department of Justice.” Given that the “two people familiar with the matter” on Feb. 9 knew about “discussions among federal law enforcement officials”—that is, not NARA—about a criminal investigation, it is a pretty good guess that it wasn’t NARA that initiated “communication” with the DOJ. But the game was afoot.

From April to June, Trump representatives were answering FBI questions; and as late as June 3, they showed four DOJ/FBI agents around the Mar-a-Lago room where Trump personal papers were kept. When they received a letter on June 8 suggesting that the room be better secured, they complied and installed a padlock.

The country has suffered for four decades from leaving the “Get LaRouche” apparatus in place. Trump would have been well served to use the LaRouche case to efficiently round up the political thought-controllers. Since Lyndon LaRouche never took a deal, but stood on principle, the evidence laid bare is quite compelling. Rather than basking in rage, citizens can add their voice to the long-overdue [exoneration of LaRouche](#).

- Watch Harley’s Updates with Harley Schlanger on Friday August 12, 2022: <https://laroucheorganization.com/HarleySchlangerReport> Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

UNITED STATES

Tuesday Primary Results Show More Support for Trump-Backed Candidates

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—If some thought that scheduling an FBI raid one day before primary voting in various states on Tuesday, Aug. 9 might panic Republican voters away from former President Donald Trump’s favored candidates, they were sorely disappointed. Primary results this week showed a continuing pattern of results in support for candidates endorsed by Trump.

In Wisconsin, Tim Michels won the gubernatorial primary (47% to 42%) in another win for Trump-backed candidates this year and a defeat of the rest of the establishment Republican Party. Michels was running against Rebecca Kleefisch, the former lieutenant governor, who was endorsed by former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Indiana Governor and former Vice President Mike Pence, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), and others from the state’s Republican and business establishment. In another race, incumbent Republican Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos narrowly escaped a shocking loss in his re-election bid against Adam Steen, a Trump-backed upstart. Vos had earned Trump’s recent disapproval when he backed off from Trump’s insistence that the 2020 election results

were fraudulent and should be decertified. Vos’s challenger, with no paid staff and a grand total of \$40,000—barely enough to send out campaign mailers—came close to overturning State Representative Vos, the longest-serving Speaker of Wisconsin’s State Assembly.

In Connecticut, Trump-backed Leora Levy won the Republican primary for Senate against Themis Klarides.

And in follow-up news on the Aug. 2 primary results, in Washington state, U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, who had voted to impeach Trump in 2021, had to concede her loss in a close contest to her Trump-backed opponent. In Washington state primaries the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, run against each other in November. The other Washington Republican who had also voted to impeach, Dan Newhouse, bucked the tide and won his district primary.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

In ‘Man Bites Dog’ Moment, Kiev Official Explains ‘Information Warfare’

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—Mykhailo Podolyak, an aide to Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, explained perhaps more than he wanted to the other day. RT reported that an Aug. 9 Podolyak interview with the BBC took a curious turn, when asked about Ukraine’s vaunted counteroffensive in the Kherson Oblast, as there has been a lot more talk than action, Podolyak first told BBC that “war is a dynamic process” that entails “a constant correction of tactical goals.” Then, when pressed on the promises of a counteroffensive, he conceded that the promises could have been meant to deceive Russia, remarking “Certainly, all public comments are part of information warfare. We need to demoralize the Russian army.”

One is left with the impression that the Presidential aide had actually made a credible public comment.

Russia's Drive for UN Security Council Hearing on Kiev's Artillery Assault on Nuclear Plants

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, Russia called for a UN Security Council emergency session, to address the artillery attacks against the six Zaporizhzhia nuclear reactors. In TASS yesterday, Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna, addressed the need for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect the facility, an inspection frustrated by the Kiev regime for months now. "In order for the visit to the Zaporizhzhia NPP to happen, proper ability to cooperate is needed on the Ukrainian part. Kiev should not create artificial obstacles and difficulties for the agency in organizing such a visit." In particular, Kiev has refused to give the IAEA even the paper assurance of security for their visit. One inspection in June was canceled for this reason. Ulyanov optimistically stated: "We are hoping that there will be no such obstacles anymore but, naturally, the Ukrainian side should ensure and guarantee the absence of threats to lives and safety of international officials who will go to the NPP." He hoped that the UN Security Council would go beyond its previous acceptance of Kiev's stalling.

At this morning's news briefing, [Russian Foreign Ministry's deputy spokesman Ivan Nechayev](#) addressed the larger picture, reporting: "Over the past few days, the Ukrainian units shelled the territory of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant several times, which constitutes an act of nuclear terrorism. These actions by the Kiev regime can lead to a disaster far worse than the one that took place at the Chernobyl station. In addition to the nearby regions in Ukraine, Russia, the D.P.R. and the L.P.R., European countries can also suffer from exposure to radiation, putting millions of lives there at risk." (It is not an attack against the nuclear plant itself, as attacks upon, e.g., the electrical supply to the cooling system, or upon other safety features.)

Sergei Glazyev, Minister in Charge of Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, was more blunt. He stated that Zelenskyy, at the direction of Washington, is blackmailing the Russian

leadership by shelling the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. The essence of blackmail was expressed by the G7 foreign ministers, who demanded that Russia return the nuclear power plant to the control of the Kiev Nazis. In fact, it is nuclear terrorism on the part of the United States and its satellites. The essence of this blackmail is: Either you hand over Energodar, the town where the nuclear complex is located, to the puppet regime, or Kiev blows up the nuclear power plant with catastrophic environmental consequences for Southeastern Europe, including Ukraine. What is this, if not nuclear terrorism? And, judging by the real shelling of the Zaporizhzhia NPP from American guns controlled by the Pentagon, such terrorism is moving into the category of crimes against humanity. That is how it should be said at the UN Security Council.

The issue is that, early in Russia's military operation in Ukraine, they apparently had concerns that the Kiev regime were intent upon a nuclear "dirty bomb," that, is a conventional bomb, but with radioactive material that would be widely dispersed with the explosion. In early March, Moscow had seized control of Zaporizhzhia, the largest nuclear energy facility in Europe. While they kept the Ukrainian staff running the facility, to producing significant amounts of energy for Ukraine homes and businesses. Then, on March 4, there was a suspicious confrontation at an adjacent facility, described as a training facility, where reportedly Ukrainian special forces were trying to destroy some records. Regardless, Russia has simply kept the electricity flowing to the Ukrainians the whole time.

Early reports indicate that, at today's UNSC emergency session, Moscow blamed the UN for the delays in deploying an inspection team, saying that it had been catering to Kiev by allowing it to continue its "provocations," and that the UN could delay no longer. In a statement today, UN Secretary General [Antonio Guterres](#) called on "the parties to provide the IAEA mission with immediate, secure and unfettered access to the site." Otherwise, he added: "I urge the parties to withdraw any military personnel and equipment from the plant and refrain from any further deployment of forces or equipment to the site. Instead, urgent agreement is

needed at a technical level on a safe perimeter of demilitarization to ensure the safety of the area.”

Ukrainian Security Services Hunting ‘Russian Collaborationists’

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—In his daily update yesterday, Gen. Mikhail Mizintsev, the director of the Russian Defense Ministry’s Joint Coordination headquarters for Humanitarian Response, charged that Ukrainian security services are now going house to house in Kharkiv and other locations, hunting for Ukrainians who are not sufficiently anti-Russian, to accuse them of collaborating with the invaders. Mizintsev announced: “It is reliably known that in the near future the Kiev regime, under the pretext of allegedly searching for adjusters of air and artillery strikes of the Russian Armed Forces, plans to send a group of SSU and other security agencies to Kharkiv to conduct another large-scale punitive operation to identify citizens loyal to Russia (expressing pro-Russian views) and subsequently accuse them of ‘collaborationism.’ ”

Mizintsev elaborated: “At the same time, SSU officers intend to use as grounds for detaining the city residents, the histories of calls and SMS messages to Russian numbers found in their phones, correspondence in messengers condemning the current Ukrainian authorities, subscriptions in social networks to Russian channels, photo or video footage of the results of defeat of Ukrainian military facilities, and information from snitching on their neighbors, friends, relatives or acquaintances. Detained citizens will be subjected to threats of physical violence against their family members, violence and torture, as has already happened in Odessa, Nikolaev, Slavyansk, Sumy, Chernigov and a number of other populated areas. We warn the international community in advance about this inhuman action being prepared by the criminal authorities in Kiev, which fully replicates the methods of the Nazis in the occupied territories during the Great Patriotic War.”

The action reported by Mizintsev comes three weeks after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy fired Ivan Bakanov, the head of the SSU security service, and Prosecutor-General Iryna Venediktova, claiming they

weren't rooting out the hundreds of employees of both agencies working for Russia in the areas liberated by Russian troops.

Latvia Declares Russia a State Sponsor of Terrorism

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—The Latvian parliament voted today to declare Russia a state sponsor of terrorism for its military operation in Ukraine. The resolution states, as reported by Reuters: “Latvia recognizes Russia’s actions in Ukraine as targeted genocide against the Ukrainian people.” Western nations should increase their military, financial, humanitarian and diplomatic backing for Ukraine and support initiatives condemning Russia’s actions, Latvia added.

This was the specific action that Ukraine’s President Zelenskyy demanded of countries, especially the United States, after he pronounced Russia guilty of the artillery shelling at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plants. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said today that he was grateful for the Latvian parliament’s resolution. “Ukraine encourages other states and organizations to follow suit,” Kuleba tweeted.

The Latvian parliament’s action came the day after U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin visited Riga for meetings with the country’s President, Prime Minister and Defense Minister, and for an appearance with some of the 600 U.S. troops stationed in the country. Austin called Russia the greatest threat to Europe and promised that, if needed, the U.S. would send even more troops to the Baltic country.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Glazyev Exposes How Seizure of Russia’s Foreign Currency Reserves Is Causing U.S. Financial Suicide

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—The incisive economic analyst Sergey Glazyev, Minister in Charge of Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, explained yesterday on “Moscow FM” radio that the United States, under its current leadership, had committed economic suicide last spring when it decided to seize Russia’s foreign currency

reserves abroad. Now, all investors in the world have realized how dealing with U.S. debt and dollars is so extremely insecure. According to Glazyev, the action has led the Federal Reserve to agree to buy U.S. debt receipts.

Such stripping away of any semblance of financial responsibility has important consequences. After the fall of the dollar's authority throughout the world, Glazyev said, the U.S. will lose its status as the world's main power, which will ultimately end in its financial collapse.

As one of the consequences, Glazyev went on, the U.S. decline will enable China to reunite peacefully with Taiwan, without a single shot some time over the next 10-15 years. Any U.S. attempt to provoke China into a direct military clash over Taiwan will be doomed to failure. The "Celestial Empire" will quietly wait for America to lose its power—which will happen with the rapid degradation of the entire U.S. financial system—and, consequently, the loss of its current positions and opportunities. Even in the near term, America will be forced to retreat into the background.

China, on the contrary, will increase its power and its economic potential. And since time is on its side, the Chinese leadership will act wisely and not unleash a war to reunite with Taiwan, affirmed Glazyev.

India Using Non-Dollar Currencies in Expansion of Trade with Russia

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—India has switched to non-dollar payments in its deals for Russian coal. A Reuters examination of India's customs documents indicates a dramatic increase of coal purchases from Russia in July, with Russia now becoming India's third-largest coal supplier. However, already in June, when only 1.7 million tons was purchased from Russia, 44% of it was paid for in non-dollar currencies. (The Chinese yuan and the Hong Kong dollar were the means of over half the non-dollar purchases.) Reuters cited two traders, saying that the share of non-dollar transactions for Russian coal will continue to increase, as banks and other parties make plans to avoid the damaging role of the Western addiction to sanctions.

Turkey's Energy Ministry Announces Some Natural Gas Payments Will Be Made in Rubles

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—Today, Turkey's Energy Ministry announced an agreement in principle on switching some payments for Russian natural gas out of dollars and into rubles. This is a follow-on from Aug. 5, when Turkey's President [Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#) met for several hours with Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Sochi, Russia. There, Erdogan agreed that Ankara would start paying for some natural gas imports from Russia in rubles. However, the currency of payment was only part of a larger arrangement, as they signed a roadmap for economic cooperation, designed to increase bilateral trade to the equivalent of \$100 billion a year.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Swiss Electricity Commissioner's Recommendations for Power Cutoffs

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—Swiss Federal Electricity Commission chairman Werner Luginbühl has raised the possibility of Switzerland having electricity cutoffs this winter, to deal with increasing energy shortfalls sweeping Europe in the wake of EU sanctions against Russia. Luginbühl provides the assurance: "Such a situation would be manageable." Yet he cautions citizens: "It is certainly advisable to have enough candles in the house. And if you have a wood stove, you should stock enough firewood."

EU's Borrell Embraces Double Standards in Policymaking

Aug. 11 (EIRNS)—The EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell added a new chapter to the "rules-based order." In an interview with Spain's *El País* today, he was challenged with the double standard of pretending great concern for the people of Ukraine, but showing no such concern for those of Palestine. Borrell admitted that conditions in Gaza were scandalous, and that Gazans were "trapped in an open-air prison"—but supporting Kiev against Moscow was a "moral imperative."

But evidently a new rule is that Western politicians no longer need be concerned about double standards. He explained: "We are often criticized

for double standards. But international politics is to a large degree about applying double standards. We do not use the same criteria for all problems.” Thereby, Borrell has clarified much of this confusing modern world.