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EDITORIAL

Blaring Silence by ‘Major’ Media, but Truth Resounds: There Was No ‘Russian Hack,’ Surveillance State Exposed

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—The powerful exposé reports that there was no 2016 “Russian hack,” and related revelations which have come out in the past two weeks through press events and webinars hosted by LaRouchePAC and the Schiller Institute in the U.S., are still receiving a thunderous silence from the mainstream media (with few exceptions), despite the commanding

credentials and personalities of Roger Stone, the long-time political consultant of President Donald Trump, who commuted the sentence for Stone's wrongful prosecution last month; and William Binney, the former Technical Director of World Geopolitical and Military Analysis and Reporting section of the National Security Agency. Not surprising, of course. But the cover-up so far only attests to the sky-high stakes involved in allowing any of this information to be widely acknowledged as the truth.

The facts showing that the entire Russiagate operation was cooked up against the U.S. Presidency and President Trump, by Obama-related intelligence circles, interconnecting with the British, will blow open the U.S. 2020 election, and shake down British Empire geopolitics worldwide. It also makes clear who, how and why the frame-up operation was carried out against Lyndon LaRouche, and why LaRouche must be exonerated.

The significance of getting out this picture as far and wide—and as fast—as possible, was pointed up today by the posting on *Consortium News* of a new memorandum released Aug. 3, by the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS). Titled, “VIPS Memo to Nancy Pelosi—Did Russia Hack the DNC Emails?” the document is a thorough refutation of the lies about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which were told to justify the war against Iraq and others after 2001, as well as the lies about the 2016 supposed Russian hacking of the DNC and John Podesta's computers. The reason the VIPS addressed their work to “Madam Speaker,” is that on July 31, Pelosi had expressed frustration that no details are coming out today about how the Russians are interfering in the U.S. 2020 elections! The VIPS—which includes Bill Binney and other specialists, explained politely, that the liars involved in 2016 (and earlier), such as James Clapper, James Comey, et al., are worried about doing jail time. They have been booted out, and have reason to fear time behind bars. Therefore, Madam Speaker, “The lack of desired detail may simply betoken the absence of credible specifics on significant Russian interference, and the absence of Clapperesque officials to conjure it up. In a word, today's intelligence managers—unlike their predecessors—are not likely to find Russia-indicting evidence that ‘wasn't really there.’ ”

The backdrop to these salvos for truth, are the combined crises of the pandemic, famine, economic collapse, and conflict. Worldwide, over 18 million COVID-19 cases are officially reported, with multi-millions more in fact, creating emergencies from Australia to Europe. In the U.S. the patterns of “community spread” are creating problems and suffering across all sectors, from schooling, to food processing. The National Governors Association has appealed for a long extension of Federal support for the National Guard in all the states, now at 25,000. In the White House itself, there is now mandatory random testing for all staff, after a food worker there was found SARS-CoV-2 positive last week; and National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien was quarantined with the virus until today.

The food supply situation is worsening drastically for millions of people. In late July, World Food Program Director David Beasley travelled to Ecuador, and visited the WFP logistics hub in Panama, from which not only food, but also anti-pandemic material is shipped throughout the Americas. On July 28 he issued a warning that 16 million people now in South and Central America and the Caribbean are absolutely dependent for daily food aid, up in one year from 4.3 million. He appealed for emergency resources of \$328 million.

Finally, instead of fostering international relations of collaboration on these and domestic economic crises, the British-aligned war-hawk faction in the U.S. is in full flight forward for conflict. Among the latest moves against China, still more State and Treasury Department sanctions were announced Aug. 3, this time against Xinjiang companies and individuals, accusing them of violations of Uighur people’s human rights. A Congressional gaggle also this week issued a deadline to major U.S. colleges—Harvard, UPenn, Yale and many others, that they have until Monday, Aug. 10, to provide documentation on whether they are getting funding from “adversarial” foreign nations. The implication of these moves, whether those involved know it or not, is war. This danger was spelled out in a Russian Foreign Ministry statement today, on the first anniversary of the U.S. pulling out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. The statement warned that the U.S. expansion of land-

basing missiles against Russia and other belligerent acts, are forcing Russia into countermeasures. However, the statement reiterated that political and diplomatic relations are still the alternative.

This alternative is embodied in the proposal by Russian President Vladimir Putin, for a P5 (five permanent member nations of the U.S. Security Council) summit very soon. President Trump and Putin have spoken about its agenda. Such a leadership gathering is urgent—even before September would be important.

In furtherance of this perspective, and stopping the coup operations against Trump and the U.S. Presidency, the LaRouchePAC today posted a new document. As with the summit, there is no time to lose. No waiting until the November election! Spread the word: “[LaRouchePAC’s 2020 Terms of Battle: Secure the American Revolution, Crush the British Empire.](#)”

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

VIPS Memo to Pelosi—Did Russia Hack the DNC Emails? Look Elsewhere for the Truth

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—In a timely intervention, coming off former NSA Technical Director Bill Binney’s recent LaRouchePAC and Schiller Institute presentations providing evidence debunking the “Russian DNC hack” story, the [Veterans Intelligence Professionals for Sanity](#) (VIPS), published a detailed memo Aug. 3, addressing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s stated concern July 31 that the Trump Administration were withholding evidence of Russian election meddling.

While many Americans are unaware that the “Russia hacked the DNC” story has evaporated, the VIPS assert, it is also the case that those who most aggressively pushed it—former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, former CIA Director John Brennan, former FBI Director James Comey, et al.—are being less vociferous about it today, because they themselves are under investigation, possibly facing jail time, for their role in fabricating evidence of alleged Russian interference. These are the same

people who in 2002-2003 lied about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. They were never held to account for those lies, the VIPS point out. But today, “with bloodhounds like U.S. Attorney John Durham sniffing around, there is now the possibility of consequences for intelligence leaders who make stuff up.”

The absence of any loud mention of Russian interference, the VIPS add, may also simply be due to the fact that the intelligence chiefs appointed by President Donald Trump “lack the incentive shared by their predecessors to hyperbolize and even manufacture ‘evidence’ of Russian meddling in favor of Trump. In our view, this factor accounts largely for what you see as the lack of detail.” This contrasts with the “legacy media” which is still “hyperbolizing and manufacturing” the same old “Russia did it” lies. Keep in mind, too, the VIPS reminds Speaker Pelosi that CrowdStrike CEO Shawn Henry, testified to the House Intelligence Committee Chair Rep. Adam Schiff that his company had no evidence that data from the DNC computer was ever “exfiltrated.”

“What we suggest is the obvious: namely, that the lack of desired detail may simply betoken the absence of credible specifics on significant Russian interference, and the absence of Clapperesque officials to conjure it up,” the VIPS asserts. “Today’s intelligence managers ... are not likely to find Russia-indicting evidence that ‘wasn’t really there.’ ” The memo is signed by Bill Binney, former Virginia State Sen. Richard Black, Scott Ritter, Ed Loomis, Mike Gravel, Ray McGovern, and others.

GOP Congressmen Order Universities To Reveal Funds from ‘Adversarial States,’ Targetting China

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Republican congressmen from the Judiciary, Oversight, and Education Committees are doing their best imitation of Joe McCarthy’s House on Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) which hunted down communists in the 1950s in defense of “national security.” Now, Reps. Jim Jordan (OH), James Comer (KY) and Virginia Foxx (NC) have given an ultimatum to Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, and New York University, among others, demanding that

they hand over by Aug. 10 all documentation on their foreign funding. The three claim they want to understand “the effects of adversarial foreign direct investment in the U.S. higher education system.”

The “adversarial states” of interest are China, Russia, Qatar, Iran and Saudi Arabia, but China is clearly the primary target. The U.S. Department of Education, under Betsy DeVos, is a driving force here, having reportedly uncovered “over \$6.5 billion of previously unreported foreign donations” to U.S. universities. The *Washington Examiner* points to a May 20 Education Department briefing which warned that two unnamed universities that have contracts with the Jilin University of China, allegedly tied to the Chinese Communist Party (CPC), had publicly defended the CPC and characterized as false reports that the coronavirus was due to “negligence” at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The Education Department, which is individually investigating several universities for possible “illicit foreign ties”—Georgetown University, Texas A&M, Cornell, Rutgers, MIT, and the University of Maryland, among many others—claims it has uncovered “numerous” university contracts with Chinese government-subsidized companies and “at least one” with “direct contracts with the Chinese Communist Party itself.”

As has been reported, the Justice Department is prosecuting Chinese academics who were working as researchers at U.S. universities, charging them with concealing their ties to China’s military and committing visa fraud. Most recently, Chinese oncologist Tang Juan, who had worked at the University of California, Davis, was arrested by federal authorities and is being held without bail in a Sacramento jail, accused of being a member of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA), and committing visa fraud. According to Associated Press, Tang’s lawyer says that evidence against her was based on old photographs from when she was a medical student at a school run by the military, and documents that were translated on apps. At yesterday’s press briefing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin accused the U.S. of “monitoring, harassing and willfully detaining” Chinese students and researchers in the U.S., violating their “legitimate rights and interests ... and seriously disrupting the normal cultural and

personnel exchanges between China and the U.S. which amounts to outright political persecution.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Russia Warns U.S. Deployment of Land Missiles Would Require ‘Immediate Response’

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)— In a statement marking the anniversary of the termination of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty by the U.S. one year ago, the [Russian Foreign Ministry](#) warned that Russia will respond to any deployment of land missiles, reported TASS yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry situates the danger: “Now, there are no limitations on short- and intermediate- range missiles, whereas the threats for universal security and stability have increased manifold.... The U.S. publicly announced its intention to deploy advanced missiles as soon as possible, primarily in the Asia-Pacific Region. Deployment in Europe has not been ruled out, either,” and then warns:

“Obviously, the deployment of U.S. ground-based short- and intermediate-range missiles in various parts of the world will seriously undermine regional and global security and provoke a new and dangerous round in the arms race. Russia cannot ignore the potential risk of additional missiles adjacent to its territory, which would be of a strategic nature for us. This would require an immediate response regardless of whether these are nuclear or conventional missiles.”

The Foreign Ministry reiterated Russia’s insistence that there is still time for dialogue. “We strongly believe that the only viable step now is a joint search for settling the existing situation through political and diplomatic means. Russia remains open to equitable and constructive approaches to restoring trust and enhancing international security and strategic stability. We hope the U.S. will also display an interest in this responsible approach,” the statement concluded.

More U.S. Troops Deployed to Poland To ‘Enhance Deterrence’ against Russia

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Yesterday the Defense Department completed negotiations with Poland for the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) that will bring 1,000 American troops to that country, in addition to the 4,500 already there on a rotational basis. In a statement, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said that the EDCA “reflects the shared vision outlined in the Joint Declarations signed by Presidents Donald J. Trump and Andrzej Duda in 2019.” The EDCA “will enhance deterrence against Russia, strengthen NATO, reassure our Allies, and our forward presence in Poland on NATO’s eastern flank will improve our strategic and operational flexibility.”

While the additional 1,000 troops, including elements of the U.S. Army V Corps headquarters, a division headquarters and an Air Force drone squadron, will be rotational, they will require permanent infrastructure. Warsaw “has agreed to fund infrastructure and logistical support to U.S. forces in Poland, including the current 4,500 rotational forces and the planned increase of 1,000 additional rotational forces,” Lt. Col. Thomas Campbell, a Pentagon spokesperson told *Breaking Defense*. However, EDCA is not expected to be signed for several weeks; nor have any infrastructure improvements been started.

The Polish government is no doubt pleased with the U.S. troop deployment, but not everyone is as happy. PAP news agency reported yesterday that a Polish publication called Onet.pl wrote that the U.S. troops to be stationed in Poland under the agreement will not fall under the jurisdiction of the Polish legal system. According to a Polish site, Onet, the U.S. made the signing of the deal dependent on the special status of its soldiers in Poland, and the government approved both excluding U.S. personnel from Polish jurisdiction as well as the extraterritorial status of U.S. bases. Both Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak and U.S. Ambassador to Warsaw Georgette Mosbacher vehemently denied the report.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

World Food Program Director Beasley States COVID-Related Hunger Crisis in Americas Is Surging

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—In a trip to Ibero-America last week, David Beasley, Executive Director of the [World Food Program](#) (WFP), warned of the rapid increase in hunger throughout the region, as a result of the worsening economic and health crises triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. A July 29 release posted to the WFP website warned that “Hunger Rises as COVID-19 Cases Surge in Latin America.” WFP is particularly concerned “about vulnerable people in Haiti, the Central American Dry Corridor as well as Venezuelan migrants in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.” Conditions are made worse as the hurricane season advances.”

According to Beasley, Latin America and the Caribbean are set to see a 269% rise in the number of people facing severe food insecurity, bringing the total to 16 million people not knowing where their next meal is coming from in coming months. In 2019, that figure stood at 4.3 million.

To begin to address this need, WFP said \$328 million is needed urgently. There is food stationed in Panama, one of the permanent locations for pre-staging supplies for both the WFP and the World Health Organization. As quoted by the WFP release, Beasley warned that, “the COVID-19 pandemic has just been devastating in Latin America, where the economic storm clouds were already gathering. Families are struggling to buy basics like food and medicine, as livelihoods are destroyed and the number of people out of work in the region hits 44 million. It’s a deadly combination and we’ve got to act now, and we’ve got to be smart. You can’t just deal with COVID-19 by itself or hunger by itself. They must be dealt with together. If we do it right, we can save lives. If we don’t do it right, people will die.”

In an interview with Ecuador’s *El Comercio*, Beasley stressed that Latin America’s population is particularly vulnerable, due to the high percentage of people who work in the informal, underground, economy, deprived of services or benefits of any kind. He pointed to migratory flows—people

going from country to country seeking a stable living situation, as occurred with the hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans who left that country. On top of the economic crisis related to the COVID pandemic, you have a “perfect storm,” Beasley said. More and more people “will be pushed into poverty and hunger.”

Argentina Agree with Private Bondholders To Restructure \$66 Billion in Debt, IMF Talks Come Next

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Very early this morning, Argentina’s Finance Minister Martín Guzmán released a statement announcing that the government had reached an agreement with the three largest group of private bondholders, with which it has been negotiating for the past six months, to restructure \$66 billion in defaulted debt. Negotiations had been extremely tense during the several-month process, with predator in chief BlackRock taking a hardline position, trying to disqualify Guzmán as an interlocutor, and demanding changes to the government’s final offer.

Both Guzmán and President Alberto Fernández insisted that their final restructuring offer was the “maximum effort” the government could make and stated there would be no changes. However, according to Bloomberg, the breakthrough in talks came following an Aug. 2 phone call between Guzmán and BlackRock’s managing director Jennifer O’Neill, in which they agreed on the figure of 54.7 cents— a mid-point between Argentina’s offer to pay 53 cents on the dollar for defaulted bonds and BlackRock’s demand it pay 56 cents. The dates for interest and capital payments were moved forward by a few months, and a final date of Aug. 24 has been set for other bondholders to accept participating in the restructuring.

While all the details on the agreement remain to be released, President Fernández expressed satisfaction that “we resolved an impossible debt [situation] in the midst of the worst economic crisis in memory and in the middle of a pandemic.”

The next step will be negotiating a new standby agreement with the IMF to replace the monstrous \$44 billion one that former neoliberal President Mauricio Macri had signed in 2018. While the IMF supported Argentina’s

restructuring offer to private bondholders—Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva had told the bondholders they would have to accept “significant” losses because the IMF would not—there is no reason to believe it won’t demand that Argentina accept certain “structural” reforms (austerity) as conditionalities for a new standby. Argentina has made clear it can’t even begin to pay the IMF anything until at least 2024.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHO Mission to China Aims at Long-Term International Effort To Study Origins of SARS-CoV-2

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—At yesterday’s virtual daily press conference in Geneva, World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Director Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reported that a team of experts had returned from their three-week visit to China, as a result of which the Terms of Reference have been drafted for the work program and long-term study by a new international team, led by WHO, to identify the potential source of infection of the first COVID-19 cases.

The team will include leading Chinese and foreign scientists and researchers. Epidemiological studies will begin in Wuhan to identify the potential source of infection of early cases. Then, evidence and hypotheses generated through this work will lay the basis for further, long-term studies. Today, WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier reported that the team that visited China had “extensive discussions with Chinese counterparts, and received updates on epidemiological studies, biologic and genetic analysis and animal health research.” They also held videoconferences with Wuhan virologists and scientists, Reuters reported.

Of note are the remarks by Dr. Mike Ryan, Executive Director of the WHO’s Emergencies Program, who said yesterday that it is important to start studies on the first reported human clusters of atypical pneumonia in Wuhan, in order to systematically look for the “first signal at which the animal-human species barrier was crossed.” According to CGTN, Ryan emphasized that “one must remember that there was a specific surveillance

system in place in Wuhan for picking up clusters of atypical pneumonia. It was there for a very specific purpose. And the fact that the fire alarm was triggered, doesn't necessarily mean that that is where the disease crossed from animals into humans." A much more "extensive retrospective epidemiological study" should be done, he said, "in order to fully understand the links between the [atypical pneumonia] cases."

- Watch the [**Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger**](#) on Wednesday, August 5: Every weekday morning Harley will brief you on what you need to know to start your day. Subscribe to the LaRouchePAC YouTube channel and hit the notifications button to be notified when Harley's briefings are posted. Or you can listen to the audio file on [SoundCloud](#).