From below, the LEEA and Ford Foundation ghetto counterinsurgency apparatus—the same apparatus that was last mobilized to carry out the massive November 2, 1976 vote fraud that imposed Jimmy Carter in the White House—carried out an organized "loot and burn" action in a dozen targeted ghetto areas almost immediately after the blackout. Reports from police and other observers of groups of vans and cars driving into these targeted shopping districts and initiating the looting conform precisely to the modus operandi employed by "left CIA" provocateur networks in the Detroit riots of 1968 and represent crucial evidence that the triggering of the looting was the result of conscious, organized preplanned deployments.

With few exceptions, the national media, the New York press corp, led by Cyrus Vance's New York Times and Rupert Murdoch's New York Post, played the most glaring agent provocateur role—feeding out a stream of black propaganda aimed at spreading the violence and severely undercutting the leadership provided by the Beame administration in the crisis.

It was in fact the strong leadership role played by Beame — with the support of Police Commissioner Codd, the PBA, the fire and sanitation departments, Herman Badillo, Paul O'Dwyer and the Black Muslims — that proved to be the determining force in stabilizing at least temporarily the situation in New York.

## LaRouche Commends Mayor Beame, Other NYC Officials On Handling Of Power Crisis

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the 1980 U.S. Labor Party candidate for President of the United States, issued the following statement July 15 through his New York headquarters:

"I wish to personally commend Mayor Beame, Police Commissioner Codd, City Council President O'Dwyer, and the New York City Police, Fire and Sanitation Departments for their leadership and professional handling of the crisis brought on by the past 26 hours' Consolidated Edison power blackout, which prevented the escalation of a murderous preplanned riot scenario and brought the situation promptly back under control.

"The Mayor, the police, and others performed an extraordinary job under the most trying of circumstances, and it is no exaggeration to say that the command they exercised over the situation averted a far more serious crisis for New York City and its citizens.

"Among those individuals and organizations who deserve special praise for their collaboration with the mayor and city officials in the effort to restore normal functioning to the city, I wish to single out in particular the Nation of Islam, the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, and Congressman Herman Badillo.

"The mayor and others' success in restoring normalcy is the more worthy of note as they faced a veritable conspiracy by a powerful coalition of leading individuals and organizations linked to the New York banks whose actions in and proposals for dealing with the crisis were calculated to magnify it beyond any possible control by the forces of law, and serve as a model for Carter's energy dictatorship. These include: Emergency

Financial Control Board head Stephen Berger; Governor Carey; Con Edison Chairman Luce, who was a participant in last fall's Carter Administration secret conference to plan an energy crisis at Saratoga Springs; Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton; Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams; New York Times Editorial Board member Roger Starr, who advocates eliminating 2 million of New York City's citizens; the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, which controls networks of youth gangs and zombie looters; and Leslie Campbell of the Brooklyn "antipoverty" apparatus, who openly promoted race riots during the crisis.

"I further offer my full endorsement to the efforts of the blue ribbon commission appointed by the mayor to determine the causes of the crisis, and wish personally to extend to Mayor Beame and the commission members whatever assistance and professional expertise I and my organization can provide toward that end. I would go so far as to recommend a national investigation in coordination with Mayor Beame, so as to prevent the spreading of this riot scenario to a national scale.

"Later this evening I will be issuing a full statement on the crisis, including a chronology of events, which will significantly help to shed a clearer light on the deeper causes of the crisis, and correct intentionally false accounts of the situation which are presently being circulated by the likes of AP, UPI, and the New York Times.

"It is eminently possible that Mayor Beame's success in halting the New York City chaos scenario will give us the leverage we need to mop up Carter's dirty LEAA operatives nationwide. And after this, who can deny the need for the development of nuclear fission and fusion power?"