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From the Editor-in-Chief

Our Special Report, Energy Conservation: Building Inflation into the Economy, sheds new light on the long term problems of structural inflation plaguing the U.S. economy. We focus in on the devastating effects of energy conservation, proving that attempts to reduce total energy throughput at a time of grossly inadequate levels of capital formation in all key manufacturing sectors leads straight to an uncontrollable inflationary crisis. We review U.S. capital formation and demonstrate that stagnating investment is being devoted increasingly to ways of achieving energy conservation and substituting labor for energy and capital in the production process, thus breaking the back of the economy's high technology potentials.

Our report was prepared by Economics Editor David Goldman, Dr. John Schoonover, and Lydia Schulman under the direction of Contributing Editor Dr. Uwe Parpart and initiates our series on the real causes of inflation. We will use our LaRouche-Riemannian econometric model to make the first truly scientific study of this crucial problem.

We note another report of special interest, The Iran Crew Targets Mexican Industrialization. Here we detail the who and why of the anti-technology "revolutionaries" in Mexico, and who is really behind them.

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