Goldberg, by all public accounts, solicited Tripp to begin illegally taping her telephone conversations with Monica Lewinsky, and later was instrumental in steering Tripp into the waiting "comfort zone" of Kenneth Starr.

LaRouche declares war

Lyndon LaRouche, in a radio interview with "EIR Talks" on Jan. 28, addressed the assault on the Presidency (see *Documentation*). He, in effect, issued a declaration of war against the entire apparatus now deployed to destroy the Clinton Presidency. As LaRouche emphasized, the attack on President Clinton "is intended, by those who do it, to destabilize the ability of the government of the United States to play a key, effective role in making policy with respect to both the Middle East crisis, secondarily, but primarily, the international financial crisis."

Few people are in a better position than LaRouche, to clearly grasp the character of the "Get Clinton" mob. During 1982-89, LaRouche was the target of a prosecution that former Attorney General Ramsey Clark described as having employed "a broader range of deliberate cunning and systematic misconduct, over a longer period of time, utilizing the power of the Federal government, than any other prosecution by the U.S. government, in my time or to my knowledge." Indeed,

some of the very players now center stage in the assault upon the President, were deeply involved in the 1980s "Get LaRouche" task force, including, most notably, Richard Mellon Scaife and the *Wall Street Journal*.

LaRouche's announced all-out defense of the institution of the Presidency against this latest made-in-London assault, came at a moment when there were already growing indications that, this time, the British monarchy and its assets and dupes in the United States may have severely underestimated the willingness of President Clinton to fight back, as well as the support that such a counterattack could mobilize among an American citizenry grown suspect of the relentless flood of Clintongate scandals and sensational headlines.

Indeed, in the week leading up to the Monica Lewinsky "eruption," there was a flurry of highly publicized activity on a number of "Get Clinton" fronts: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was depositioned by Kenneth Starr's office. The Justice Department Criminal Division announced that it was opening a probe into allegations of kickbacks by Labor Secretary and former White House aide Alexis Herman. A key witness in the special prosecutor's case against former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros agreed to cooperate with the special counsel as part of a plea agreement. The judge in the independent counsel probe of former Agriculture Secretary

Hillary Clinton comes out swinging

In an interview with the NBC Today Show on Jan. 27, Hillary Rodham Clinton attacked the "right-wing conspiracy" behind the attacks on her husband. Here are excerpts:

I think as this matter unfolds, the entire country will have more information. But we're right in the middle of a rather vigorous feeding frenzy right now, and people are saying all kinds of things and putting out rumor and innuendo. And I have learned over the last many years, being involved in politics, and especially since my husband first started running for President, that the best thing to do in these cases is just to be patient, take a deep breath, and the truth will come out. But there's nothing we can do to fight this firestorm of allegations that are out there. . . .

It's not being numb, so much as just being very experienced in the unfortunate mean-spirited give-and-take of American politics right now. So having seen so many of these accusations come and go, having seen people profit, you know, like Jerry Falwell with videos accusing my husband of murder, of drug-running, seeing some of the things that are written and said about him, my attitude is, you know, we've been there before. We have seen this before. And I am just going to wait patiently until the truth comes out. . . .

It's just a very unfortunate turn of events that we are using the criminal justice system to try to achieve political ends in this country.

And, you know, when I'm here today, I'm not only here because I love and believe my husband. I'm also here because I love and believe in my country. And if I were just a citizen out there, maybe because I know about the law and I have some idea of some of the motivations here, I would be very disturbed by this turn of events....

I do believe that this is a battle. I mean, look at the very people who are involved in this. They have popped up in other settings.

This is—The great story here for anybody willing to find it and write about it and explain it, is this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for President. A few journalists have kind of caught on to it and explained it, but it has not yet been fully revealed to the American public. And actually, you know, in a bizarre sort of way, this may do it. . . .

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