the President, statements by close associates and relatives, spanning nearly the entirety of George W. Bush's lifetime—presents a compelling case that Mr. Bush is in need of medical assistance.

As Dr. Frank summarized the case in his opening chapter, "If one of my patients frequently said one thing and did another, I would want to know why. If I found that he often used words that hid their true meaning and affected a persona that obscured the nature of his actions, I would grow more concerned. If he presented an inflexible worldview characterized by an oversimplified distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, allies and enemies, I would question his ability to grasp reality. And if his actions revealed an unacknowledged—even sadistic—indifference to human suffering, wrapped in pious claims of compassion, I would worry about the safety of the people whose lives he touched. For the past three years, I have observed with increasing alarm the inconsistencies and denials of such an individual. But he is not one of my patients. He is our President."

In his 219-page clinical diagnosis of the President's mental condition, Dr. Frank concluded that Mr. Bush suffers from a range of serious, albeit curable conditions. These include: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); untreated and uncured alcoholism (what is frequently referred to in lay terms as "dry drunk"); an omnipotence complex; paranoia; an Oedipal Complex; sadism; a mild form of Tourette's Syndrome; and a diminished capacity to distin-

guish between reality and fantasy.

These diagnosed mental disorders cannot be swept under the rug. The future of the United States and the world is going to be determined by the outcome of the Nov. 2, 2004 U.S. Presidential elections. I urge all Americans to read Dr. Frank's alarming findings. I also call on those responsible for the upcoming Presidential debates, including the candidates themselves, to accept the fact that no serious policy dialogue can take place, until this issue has been addressed, squarely and publicly. The American people have the right to know that the incumbent President, seeking re-election, is plagued by a number of debilitating mental disorders that have already impacted, gravely, on American national security, and have severely damaged some of our most important international partnerships.

In their wisdom, the Members of the U.S. Congress proposed and ratified the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which established the procedures for the President to be removed from office if it is determined that "he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." In the case of the current President, George W. Bush, we have the advantage of a Presidential election, just weeks away. It would be a grave crime of omission to cover over this admittedly sensitive Constitutional issue, and leave the matter in the hands of a Vice President Dick Cheney, were there to be a Bush-Cheney re-election and a subsequent, inevitable mental breakdown crisis.

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Released by LaRouche PAC on Sept. 30, the day of the first Presidential candidates' debate, under the heading, "More Evidence: 'W' Is Mentally Ill."

The absurd conditions which U.S. President George W. Bush's representatives have imposed upon rival Presidential candidate Senator John Kerry, are typical of new evidence which indicates that the incumbent President's mental health is in even far worse condition today than when psychiatrist Justin A. Frank's HarperCollins book, *Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President*, went to print, earlier this year.

For example, under the Bush team's terms of the agreement for the debate, the two candidates are each forbidden to address questions to one another, or extract pledges from the other. Such terms are not only without precedent in U.S. history of leading political debates since Lincoln-Douglas; they include conditions which imply that, in the opinion of President Bush's handlers, the President is so

near the cracking-point, that any direct exchange between him and the Senator might produce a Bush W. crack-up now, this time before the television screens of the world.

The worst side of this is that Doctor Frank points to an included streak of megalomania among the numerous pathological traits of the President. This suggests an historic parallel to the Göring-Hitler connection, in the puppeteer Cheney's relationship to the infinitely mean-spirited, carpet-chewing puppet, and former Torquemada of Texas, Bush. The difference is, that the evil Adolf Hitler knew what he was doing, whereas there is evidence from his own published patter which prompts one to wonder whether W is now in a mental state like that of a driver drunken with his own delusions, who no longer has a grip on even simple sensual reality.

This is no mere U.S. scandal. With such a President on stage, it is civilization as a whole which is in danger, as long as W's looney finger is in the vicinity of the celebrated "button." If that President could not take the pressure of even a direct statement to him from Senator Kerry, is that Bush a man for which any sane American could actually vote in good conscience, under today's skyrocketting economic and strategic crises?—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

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