

For an Economic Recovery: Think Like MacArthur!

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And what we have to understand, we have to go back and say, “we once had a great United States. It was led by Alexander Hamilton.” He was the great genius who made the creation of the United States possible. There were many other people who participated, but it was a teamwork which centered around him, Hamilton. Which typifies what makes a nation work, which makes a nation successful.

And therefore, we have to focus, not on this thing, or that thing, or this thing; you have to think about, how do you bring the forces of an entire nation, and among nations, into a kind of cooperation which more or less smoothly moves people upward, in terms of their own morals, and their intellectual levels and so forth. That’s what the issue is.

After you get that thing, now you can sit back and say, “well, what are we talking about?” and let the people who are interested sit down and tell each other, what they were talking about.

—Lyndon LaRouche,
National Fireside Chat, Feb. 25, 2016

March 3—The present economic, social, and moral crisis confronting both the United States and Western Europe is deadly. It is all-encompassing. So far, virtually all proposals and initiatives which have emanated from elected U.S. leaders on how to deal with this crisis have been pathetic and represent a failure of both thinking and judgment. Many Americans have made piecemeal or pragmatic proposals to deal with various aspects of this crisis. Oftentimes, this takes the form of pointing to specific initiatives from the past as solutions to today’s problems. None of this will work. There is only one path out of this crisis, and it will require a dramatic strategic reorientation of the United States and a determination to break the power of the British Empire permanently. What is required is not a “financial reform” approach but rather, a fundamental change in both U.S. strategy and the thinking of the American people.

This offering will hopefully shed light on this necessary approach, this necessary quality of thinking which is required if we are to overcome the onrushing economic breakdown crisis and concurrent escalation toward world war—if we are to act in time to save both the people of our nation and the rest of the world. To provide for our beleaguered citizens hope, opportunity, and a better future.

To clarify: Many people view the worsening crisis in the trans-Atlantic region as one of a financial/monetary bankruptcy. This view has the tail wagging the dog. The crisis is fundamentally and foremost one of a profound decline and breakdown of the physical productive capabilities of Europe and the Americas, and the effect that breakdown has had on the minds and morality of the population. It is not a domestic American crisis; it is a strategic crisis. That grasp of the true nature of the problem is why, in this report, we will leave the question of U.S. monetary reform to the end. It is the least important and the easiest to solve.

A second distinguishing aspect to this report involves the insight that no recipe, no fixed program for economic recovery, can possibly work. Nor will any attempt to simply resurrect specific measures from the past be successful. As Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized, the first critical action which must be taken is to shut down Wall Street. This means wiping out the values of the quadrillions of dollars of speculative debt which now exist, without compensation, and shutting down the institutions which engage in such gambling activity. While certain past weapons in defense of the nation which have proven their devastating effectiveness—such as Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall legislation—are needed today to exterminate the cancer known as Wall Street, upon more serious reflection, it should be understood that the most urgent necessity is not to be found in the specifics of this or that program, but in a recognition that since the death of Franklin Roosevelt, the United States has increasingly become



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In the Korean War, despite violent opposition and outright sabotage, Gen. Douglas MacArthur executed a surprise landing behind enemy lines at Inchon, which led to the rout of the North Korean army. Here, MacArthur (seated) observes the shelling of Inchon from the U.S.S. Mount McKinley on the day of the landing, Sept. 15, 1950.

subservient to and integrated with the practices of the British Empire.

Our current President is a British puppet, and Wall Street is nothing but an extension of the British imperial financial system. Our current culture is entirely a trans-Atlantic culture, a culture defined by the practices, immorality, and outlook of the British Empire. A culture which is dying, which is murdering itself. The only path to an American economic recovery is to end the current trans-Atlantic relationship and to wipe out all vestiges of the British Empire, including such disgusting British marcher-lords as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Muslim Brotherhood government of Turkey.

The three American Presidents who accomplished the greatest advances in the productive economic development of the nation were George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt. Washington, with the benefit of Alexander Hamilton's genius, created our system of political economy and national public credit. Lincoln, under wartime conditions, did things which Hamilton had never attempted. Roosevelt crushed his Wall Street opponents and uplifted the condition of the entire nation through a series of revolutionary measures. What was common to all of them was a guiding principle of future-orientation, the advancement of productivity and creative human potential, combined with a fierce opposition to the outlook and practices of the British Empire.

Although his Presidency was aborted by the bullet of a British assassin, John Kennedy also demonstrated the same qualities in his Rice University speech and his creation of the Apollo space mission. These men were all different. They did not copy programmatic recipes from the past; they invented, they created, they adopted new approaches to achieve results that were coherent with their underlying intent and principles. Such is the outlook that is needed today.

I. Taking the Military Approach

On March 3, 1864 Lincoln promoted Ulysses Grant to Lieutenant General, giving him command of all Union Armies. At that time, despite the Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, most of the Southern territory was still under Confederate control. Union military operations were stalled, and treasonous efforts were well-advanced in the North to remove Lincoln as President in the upcoming November elections.

In the Summer of 1950, Douglas MacArthur was placed in command of all United Nations forces in Korea. The military situation was desperate. South Korean and United Nations forces had been driven back



The Inchon landing in 1950 and its dramatic aftermath. The boundary in the southeast corner labeled 9/15 (the Pusan Pocket) shows the position of MacArthur's troops on Sept. 15. The large arrow shows the Inchon landing that day. The boundary near the top, labeled 10/24, shows the position of troops on Oct. 24, just five weeks later.

to a small region, the Pusan Pocket, in the southeastern corner of the Korean peninsula. The North Korean army was a hair's breadth away from total victory.

In the case of Grant, in the Spring of 1864, in consultation with Abraham Lincoln and William Sherman, he devised a war-winning strategy and deployed his forces for victory. On May 4, 1864 Grant's army crossed the Rapidan River in Virginia, moving into the Wilderness, thus initiating the Overland Campaign that would end in the capture of Richmond and the surrender of Robert E. Lee. Three days later, on May 7, 1864, Sherman's army left Chattanooga, Tennessee, heading toward Atlanta. Eleven months later the war was won.

In July of 1950, facing almost certain defeat in Korea, Douglas MacArthur put forward his plan for a surprise amphibious landing behind enemy lines. Due to violent opposition and outright sabotage by other military commanders, as well as top officials within the Truman Administration, the plan was delayed,— but the final realization of the Inchon Landing, on Sept. 15, 1950, led to the complete rout of the North Korean army and the occupation of almost the entirety of the Korean peninsula by UN forces in mid-October.

Wartime Operations

The lesson to be learned from Grant and MacArthur is one of strategic leadership. It is imperative that Americans recognize that we are currently under war-time conditions, and thus, we must act accordingly. Trying to deal with the reality of the current strategic crisis and meltdown of the trans-Atlantic financial system by simply proposing a package of financial reform legislation, or proposing a series of recipes that will “solve all the problems,” will not work. What is required is to think, so to speak, “through the mind” of a creative military commander.

The first prerequisite is to comprehend the nature of



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Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at his Cold Harbor, Va., headquarters. In the spring of 1864, in consultation with President Lincoln and Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, he devised a war-winning strategy. Eleven months after deployment, the war was won.

the battlefield on which you are fighting. What defines the essence of the war? What constitutes victory, i.e., winning the peace? The choosing of allies, based upon agreement on commonly shared principles, is also essential. Lastly, success is not possible without a determined, single-minded commitment to victory.

No wars, whether military, economic, or cultural, are ever identical to those of the past. To succeed today it is essential to recognize what is different, what has changed, from the challenges confronted by Washington, Hamilton, Lincoln, and Roosevelt. We are not fighting the battles of 1789, 1861, or 1933. We must fully appreciate the precise nature of the battlefield in 2016.

The most profound change from those earlier times, a change whose implications are still greatly underappreciated, is that America is no longer alone. In the time of Washington, Lincoln, and the Roosevelt of 1933, the United States existed in a world economic and financial environment controlled by the British empire. London-centered economic and strategic attacks against the United States were incessant. In those past times there did not exist any global combination of forces able to overthrow London's world hegemony.

This is no longer true. The economic power, and the new economic directionality, already exhibited in the BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and China's One Belt, One Road policy have already transformed and is continuing to transform the potentials for mankind's development. Strategically, the great economic might wielded by the nations working with Russia and China already dwarfs that of the trans-Atlantic community. Simply put, America does not need to create from scratch a new world economic dynamic; we simply need to join one that is already in existence. If the United States allies with Russia, China, and India the power will exist to end the British Empire. London's power can be broken suddenly, irrevocably—and *now!*



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The new economic directionality exhibited in the BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and China's One Belt, One Road policy is transforming the potentials for mankind's development. Shown here is La Viva, a part of Tieling New Town, one of many completely new cities recently built in China. China projects outward its impulse to build for humanity by means of the One Belt, One Road policy and the related institutions.

The policies and practices of the British Empire can be eradicated from the Earth.

A second, equally critical change in the battlefield is to recognize that the America of today is not the America of 1789, 1861, or 1933. Since the death of Franklin Roosevelt, the United States, step-by-step, has merged its identity and its policies with those of the trans-Atlantic system, i.e., the outlook and culture of the British Empire. The enemies of America have repealed or nullified the policies and philosophy of the Roosevelt Administration. The United States today has joined and is allied with precisely those very forces which must be crushed.

Therefore, in the mind of a military commander, considering the nature of the present battlefield, the following conditions need to be taken into account:

- 1) A war-winning coalition of forces, a coalition which can agree to a basic set of principles, already exists.
- 2) America must replace its allegiance to the British-controlled trans-Atlantic system and reorient to Asia. This can only be done by removing Obama from the Presidency and shutting down Wall Street.
- 3) It is urgent that the United States return to

the economic outlook of Alexander Hamilton. Nothing can be accomplished without taking that step. In accordance with this approach, all aspects of new proposed U.S. policy must reflect those sentiments expressed in the First Inaugural, and the First and Second Fireside Chats—all by Franklin Roosevelt.

4) A combination of leading persons within the United States, i.e., the equivalent of a military General Staff, must come together to effect a radical shift in U.S. strategic thinking. America's economic and strategic future is in Asia.

5) Pre-emptive actions must be taken now; such actions can not wait until 2017. The escalating danger of all-out global military conflict must be pre-empted by a change in U.S. policy.

There can be no compromise on this approach, no compromise on the full annihilation of the British Empire. Total victory is achievable. What will undermine and destroy that potential for victory is political prostitution, such as settling for superficial "practical" reforms. What will ensure defeat is acquiescence to the power of London and Wall Street.

II. Saving the People and Creating the Future

The social and economic situation within the United States is horrific. Most of the nation's industrial base is gone. Infrastructure is rotting away. Almost 100 million Americans are now classified as "not in the labor force," which is simply an Orwellian euphemism for saying

that they are unemployed. Skill levels have collapsed. Millions are homeless. Tens of millions of youth are uneducated and unskilled. Drug consumption and deaths by overdose are epidemic.

Where To Start and What To Prioritize?

The first requirement, as in Roosevelt's case and as in Lincoln's case, is to demonstrate to the people of the nation an unshakable moral commitment to their future. The leaders of the nation must make clear, as Roosevelt did, that the President and the elected representatives of the people will act on behalf of the people and for the future of the nation. This must be done, and it must be honest. The pessimism, the cynicism, the hopelessness must end.

A plan of attack must be formulated, and it must pursue several different goals simultaneously. The attack must start at once and it must be aggressively pursued. Prior to any action, however, a change in thinking must occur. It will be necessary to adopt a standard upon which all economic decisions will be based. That standard, as it was for Alexander Hamilton, is a recognition of the fundamental distinction between human beings and beasts. All economic, as well as other "social" policy must be intended to revive and promote a truly human outlook within the population. All policy initiatives should be aimed at promoting and enhancing the creative potentials within the population. An economic recovery is not about "making more money;" it is about advancing the condi-



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First, rescue Americans facing poverty, hopelessness, even death. Here, Camden, N.J., in 2009, one of the poorest U.S. cities.

tion of our species within the Universe and enhancing those creative abilities which make us truly human.

The immediate necessary economic initiatives will fall generally into three categories.

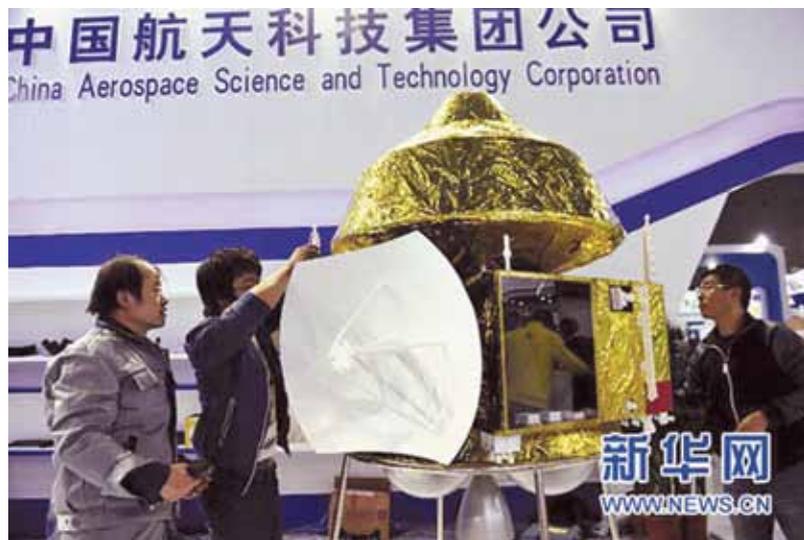
First, the government must act, and act forcefully, to rescue those Americans now facing poverty, hopelessness, even death. The most vulnerable—children, the elderly, the sick, veterans, the abject poor—must be defended for the duration of the crisis. This will require direct immediate government action, including food, housing, adequate pensions, and medical care. Whatever needs to be spent must be spent. This will require a

Happiness Lies in the Thrill of Creative Effort

Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits. These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men.

Recognition of the falsity of material wealth as the standard of success goes hand in hand with the abandonment of the false belief that public office and high political position are to be valued only by the standards of pride of place and personal profit; and there must be an end to a conduct in banking and in business which too often has given to a sacred trust the likeness of callous and selfish wrongdoing. Small wonder that confidence languishes, for it thrives only on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection, on unselfish performance; without them it cannot live.

—from Franklin Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address



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Second, we must act on the future. The wondrous Chinese space initiatives, together with those of Russia, India, and many other nations, are moving rapidly forward. All we have to do is join them in friendship and cooperation. Here, a model of China's Mars probe, planned to land on Mars in 2021.

Harry Hopkins-style, hands-on day-to-day commitment. Over time, under conditions of sustained economic recovery, many of these conditions will be ameliorated, but for now, no government that honors the profound personal morality of Abraham Lincoln can tolerate throwing tens of millions of fellow Americans on the scrap heap.

Second, we must act on the future. We are not simply trying to recover what has been lost. Revolutionary challenges and vision are what will move us into the future. There is a term called a “Science Driver,” but that term is often used banally to simply reflect such things as spin-off technologies from scientific research. It actually signifies something more profound. Today, LaRouche PAC leader Kesha Rogers has called for an immediate return to the full Kennedy-era agenda for the space program. That is a Science Driver. Nothing else comes close to striking at the heart of the human potential, to unleashing both an infusion of national cultural optimism as well as the necessary challenges in science and frontier human investigation. This represents mankind’s future, while at the same time it defines for the entire population what the nature of a true human identity is.

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there is to it. Simply, make the decision to join with these other nations in this effort. They are waiting for us—with open arms—to do just that. Given America’s space expertise and experience, if we collaborate with China and her friends, the results will quickly surpass anything that was accomplished in the 1960s. The exploration of our Solar system and the Galaxy beyond will define the new human identity.

What we do in space and what we discover there will pose new revolutionary questions and problems for the human species. For example, nothing will be successful unless the nations of the world recognize the discovery of the principle of the back side of the Moon. When we find out what is behind the Moon, which is being worked on by the Chinese, new insights and never-before recognized principles

which govern our Solar system and our Galaxy will begin to emerge. These will then define a new set of challenges.

It is this orientation, a future orientation, which has been snuffed out by U.S. subservience to the British Empire.

The **third** area of economic action which will be required is to rebuild the physical economic potential of the nation. This will require a broad review of manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, infrastructure, education, health care, and other key areas. The government must act to prevent any further erosion in these areas, and begin a process, involving the national government, state governments, and the private sector, to begin to develop new capabilities coherent with national goals, e.g., high-speed rail, nuclear power, and water desalinization. This will take time, but it must be started at once. China’s example, in this regard, is noteworthy.

There is also the question of national youth unemployment, now over 50%. Again, one can not simply copy the example of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and it should not be the intention to channel unemployed youth into primarily unskilled labor. Rather, new educational methods will be needed, not simply for “job-training,” but for improving the cognition, the skills, and the potentials of young Americans. We have to re-awaken in the minds and souls of our young people



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Third, we must rebuild the physical economic potential of the nation, applying the American System of Alexander Hamilton. Is China's President Xi more American than today's Americans? Here, Xi with his old American friends in Muscatine, Iowa. In 1985 he was part of a Chinese delegation studying American agriculture, and stayed with an American family in Muscatine.

the desire to make discoveries. As national goals for rebuilding cities and infrastructure are defined, together with opportunities in even more advanced scientific work, millions of youth will be provided with the chance for a productive future.

Allies in War

If America had to do all of this on her own, the potential for ultimate success were dubious. But we don't. The world is currently gripped by a deadly strategic confrontation, as the British Empire desperately attempts to preserve its existence. If the United States joins with Russia and China, that Empire can be eradicated. Then many things become possible.

The question of economic recovery or economic policy for the United States is not a domestic issue. This is a strategic battle. Lyndon LaRouche located this reality in the following way during his Feb. 27, 2016 Dialogue with the Manhattan Project:

On the other hand you have the Russian mode and the Chinese mode and other things related to the same which are on the upscale. So, obviously, there's not a complementarity of voices,

but rather a conflict, a very significant conflict. Do you want to live or die? That's the difference. If you want to follow Obama, if you want to work with the British royal family, then you're doomed. If you want to get a succession for a new world system and you're able to do it, together with Russia, China, India and so forth, this is a different voice. The one voice, the old voice, is the evil voice. It's the evil voice of stupidity and corruption. That's the voice of Obama and the British.

On the other hand what Putin represents and what China represents, right now, and now India coming in, in a very significant way, in a resurrection kind of way, and these things are going to develop.

The trans-Atlantic alliance, which was created at the moment that Franklin Roosevelt was placed in his grave, has been an horrendous historic failure. It represents the greatest crime against the American Republic since its founding. That British Empire/trans-Atlantic system is now doomed. If, at this historic moment, America remains locked into the trans-Atlantic world and fails to adopt a Pacific orientation, then the people of the United States are doomed. No legislation, no "program," no "reform" will change that.

We must make a shift toward Asia. Under conditions of an alliance with China, India, and Putin's Russia, an economic recovery becomes possible. Look at the projects being planned or built by the BRICS and the SCO. Look at the projects proposed in the North American extension of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, including the proposed Bering Strait connection. We must join that process. Abandon the dying trans-Atlantic system and join with Asia. New industries, infrastructure, and a shutting down of narcotics trafficking then become possible. But nothing will work without the strategic reorientation. Nothing will work until the power of the British Empire is destroyed.

III. Dealing with Money

The trans-Atlantic London/Wall Street financial system, a system of unbridled financial gambling, is dead, merely awaiting the faint breeze which will topple it. However, it will not go quietly, and it will not surrender. Pre-emptive action is urgently required now.

This is not an academic discussion. The entire financial house of cards could blow apart at any moment, with financial defaults ranging into the hundreds of trillions of dollars, generating a tsunami of panic, bankruptcy, and social upheaval. Courageous action must be taken now to shut down Wall Street's operations. This does not have to await the outcome of endless legislative debates

Presidential authority, i.e., Executive Power to act in defense of the population, already exists within the constitutional office of the Presidency. As Roosevelt did, on March 6, 1933, when he declared a national bank holiday, a President can act today to shutter all of the financial gambling houses. This can be done with one stroke. There will be screams, gnashing of teeth and many vacant office buildings in lower Manhattan as the con-artists are sent to the unemployment lines. But the core of the commercial banking system, which will need to be broken up, reorganized and re-regulated, can and will be saved.

This action will then make possible additional moves to root out and crush all of the other practices of the British imperial financial system. Speculation, derivatives, and the like can be wiped out of existence. Many additional steps will have to be taken. For example, the New York stock markets will need to be radically changed, in the direction of returning them to the performance of a useful function, i.e., the capitalizing of companies to carry out productive expansion and research and development, rather than as the playground for get-rich-quick shysters. The details of how all of this is to be done are not important here. The absolute key to success is a ruthless war-time approach to victory. The Confederacy was defeated the day that Grant led his army across the Rapidan River.

It is also unnecessary here to discuss a detailed plan on what to do about the Federal Reserve System or what might replace it. The Federal Reserve has become so incestuously and pornographically intertwined with the practices of the bankrupt Wall Street speculators that its continued survival seems very unlikely. Obviously, some type of powerful national credit generating

procedure must be established. Projects associated with a revived Space Program and U.S. participation in the World Land-Bridge must be given the highest priority in financing. We might need a national bank; there might also be several tiers of institutions for specific purposes, such as the specific role that the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank plays today, that the *Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* played in Germany, or that both the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Export-Import Bank played under FDR.

In truth, however, a rigid plan for financial "reform," down to specific details, is a criminally wrong focus. Only stupid people are preoccupied with such things. There is no mathematical formula for economic recovery. It comes down to human creative intervention. It comes down to willful intent. As stated above, in war, the first thing to do is to define your war-winning goals. That is the invariable.

Our goal is to crush the British Empire and to strategically reorient the United States from a trans-Atlantic orientation into partnership with the nations of Asia around commonly-held principles as to what is desirable for the future of humanity. That is the task.

If that is accomplished, in the context of the United States beginning full participation in the projects of the World Land-Bridge, while also establishing a partnership with China and other nations in space exploration, these actions will then define the necessary credit requirements and the nature of whatever needs to be created to fund these efforts. Simply figure out what we need to build, what we need to fund, and establish the institutions to accomplish that. It is only necessary that, whatever is done, it should cohere with the principles defined by Alexander Hamilton in his Four Reports.

Too much fuss is made about money. It is only money, a dead thing. The strategic re-orientation is what is indispensable. We must jettison all ties to the policies and practices of the London trans-Atlantic system. We must destroy the British Empire. We must join with the projects and mission that are coming out of Asia. Thus, we may save the American people, provide them with productive employment, and give them hope for the future.

To be crystal clear: If America fails to take these steps, we are doomed. We will go down with London and the rest of the trans-Atlantic system. Nothing will save us. Global war will become a likely certainty, sooner rather than later. The shift toward Asia must occur now.

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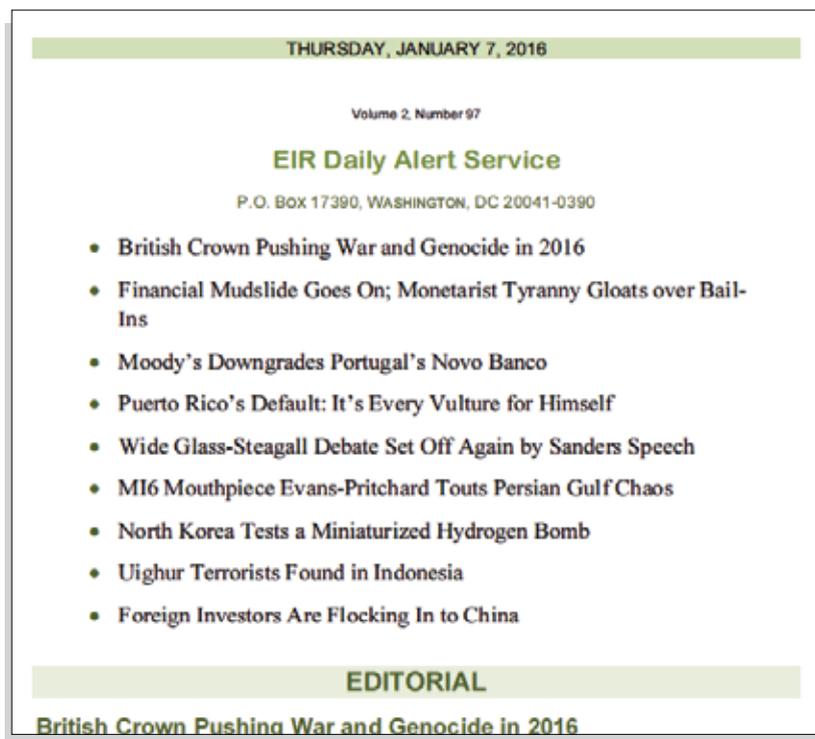
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