

The Empire's George Orwell Visits The United States Senate

by Barbara Boyd

April 5—Karl Marx, quoting others before him, famously wrote that when history repeats itself, the first event is tragic, the second a rotten farce. If applied to the March 30 U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee hearing seeking to prove that Russia fixed the 2016 Presidential elections, it would be more precise to say, a rotten, murderous farce.

The Senate hearing was nothing less than a completely British-orchestrated effort to re-ignite the march toward war with Russia by the British Liberal Imperialists (Blimps)—a march interrupted by the defeat of Hillary Clinton and the election of Donald Trump. The hearing's method was a freak show display of 1950s Cold War McCarthyism, with such levels of irrationality, hysteria, and pure incompetence as to subject it to ridicule by anyone with a brain. The terrifying fact is that the Senators involved sat there with perfectly straight faces, discussing how to stop such “attacks” in

the future by seriously censoring all U.S. political debate. During this discussion, one of the selected witnesses, Dr. Thomas Rid, actually claimed, seriously, that you know it's not “fake news” manufactured by the clever Russkies *only if it is published in the New York Times or Washington Post*. Small wonder that he hails from the London college which trains the British intelligence services.

The next day, April Fool's Day, the Russians appropriately mocked the proceedings by recording a message for their embassy's call-in lines stating: “You have reached the Russian Embassy, your call is very important to us. To arrange a call from a Russian diplomat to your political opponent, press 1; To use the services of Russian hackers, press 2; To request election interference, press 3.”

Award-winning journalist Robert Parry was similarly struck by the absurdity of the four-hour Senate



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The March 30, 2017 Senate Intelligence Committee hearing.

event. He wrote: “It’s almost comical how everything that happens in the United States gets blamed on Russia! Russia! Russia! And if any American points out the absurdity of this argument, he or she must be a ‘Moscow stooge’ or a ‘Putin Puppet.’ ... When Hillary Clinton boots a presidential election that was literally hers to lose, you might have thought that she lost because she insisted on channeling her State Department emails through a private server that endangered national security, that she gave paid speeches to Wall Street and then tried to hide the content from voters, that she called half of Donald Trump’s supporters ‘deplorables,’ that she was an establishment candidate in an anti-establishment year. ... As we should all know in our properly restructured memory banks and our rearranged sense of reality, it was all Russia’s fault! Russia did it by undermining our democratic process through the clever means of releasing truthful information via *Wikileaks* that provided evidence of how the Democratic National Committee rigged the nomination process against Senator Bernie Sanders, revealed the contents of Clinton’s hidden Wall Street speeches, and exposed pay-to-play features of the Clinton Foundation in its dealings with foreign entities.”

Parry goes on mocking similar inanities from the hearing itself. But, this farce has deadly potential consequences. In the hearing itself, Senator Mark Warner, in a fit of pique, alluded to recent street demonstrations against corruption in Moscow in such a way as to invite the conclusion that they were set into motion by the United States in retaliation for the wildly alleged and completely unproven Russian hack. Warner said that Premier Medvedev’s computers were hacked, resulting in release of information about his corruption and demonstrations in the streets of Moscow. Warner’s disclosures, at the end of the hearing, were in response to veiled criticism by witnesses of tit-for-tat warfare where the United States is the far more vulnerable party. Remember, that Barack Obama warned in December that he was setting into a motion a series of undisclosed retaliatory measures. This week, a suicide bomber killed fourteen people in the St. Petersburg subway and injured many others while President Putin was in the city. As this article goes to press, on April 5, a chemical weapons attack is claimed to have taken place in Syria, and the Assad government is being blamed, along with Barack Obama, by the Trump Administration, at least at this point, for the attack. The attack, in an area controlled by al-Qaeda, followed the announcement on

March 31 that the Trump Administration was no longer pursuing the overthrow of Assad.

Helpful Events Outside the Zoo

This anti-Russia Trumpgate insurrection has started to fall apart, as the actual treasonous and unconstitutional conspiracy against Trump—and against the U.S. Constitution—is now beginning to come to light. Here is a counterintelligence reminder: When someone like House Intelligence Committee Chair Devin Nunes is pilloried for weeks by the main street media and bobbleheads like Adam Schiff, it generally means they are holding cards which are very dangerous to the Blimp establishment. In Nunes’ case, the cards involve documents and source reports showing that the Obama Administration was spying on candidate Trump and his transition team, as far back as 2015 and leaking classified information to the news media in an effort to seal Trump’s electoral defeat, or, following the election, cause his removal from office.

The *Weekly Caller*, relying on multiple sources, said on April 4, that Obama’s National Security Advisor Susan Rice had been systematically unmasking names of Trump associates in signals intelligence reports since 2015 and discussing them with a circle of Obama officials including her deputy Ben Rhodes, others on Obama’s National Security Council, James Clapper, Obama’s Director of National Intelligence, CIA Director John Brennan, and Defense Department officials. Other published and source reports this week put Brennan and Clapper at the center of a surveillance and leak conspiracy aimed initially at defeating Trump and subsequently at ousting him from office by any means necessary.

It now is provable that this chain of events was wholly instigated by British intelligence beginning in 2015, when the Brits became “concerned” about Trump’s statements proposing détente with Putin’s Russia, and set out to discredit him. That “concern” was shared by their American agents, such as Obama, Susan Rice, Evelyn Farkas, Brennan, etc., but not really acted upon because of the belief that Hillary Clinton would win the election in a cake walk and Trump would discredit himself. When Trump won the election, the present efforts to mount a coup began in earnest.

On March 29, Robert Parry reported that Christopher Steele, the British intelligence author of the “cash for trash” dodgy dossier on Trump began working for Hillary Clinton’s campaign in June 2016, but had been

hired previously by Trump's Republican opponents, and had been an FBI informant concerning events in Ukraine and Russia from 2013-2016. He also was well-known to the FBI from his work heading the MI6 Russia desk. All of Steele's reports were read by Obama's intelligence team and investigated by them, but they were unable to corroborate the hearsay trash in his reports with actual evidence. Nonetheless they deemed Steele a credible source and Steele's reports were leaked to the news media by the Clinton campaign and others, coincident with his debriefing by the FBI in October 2016. According to the BBC, Steele believed that his reports "could swing the election."

The investigation of Steele's utterly bogus claims produced multiple levels of surveillance under E.O. 12333, FISA, and by Britain's GCHQ, of Trump and his associates from the instigation of the investigation forward. These efforts were stepped up when Trump won the Republican nomination, hence the dating of Comey's FBI investigation from July 2016 forward. It is the oldest trick in the Anglo-American intelligence playbook—produce salacious and fabricated claims against a target to create an investigation, use whatever dirt you can find, and use the news media to produce a popular conviction without trial while boxing the target into a pacified, "neutralized" position.

According to Parry, Steele produced 17 reports for Clinton from June 2016 through Dec. 13, 2016 at an estimated cost of over \$1,000,000. A deal by the FBI to continue to pay Steele to investigate, reportedly fell apart. The House Intelligence Committee Democrats base all of their claims on Steele's dodgy dossier. The FBI's investigation is based on Steele's reports. It is now also clear that Steele's trash reports are at the heart of the Senate's bizarre March 30 hearing on "Active Measures" and its investigation as well.

Robert Parry reports that Steele's Sept. 14, 2016 report, for example, claimed that Putin devised an active measures campaign to push candidate Clinton away from Obama's trade deals and other Obama policies. In other words, according to Britain's Steele, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Donald Trump were all tricked by the ever clever Kremlin to oppose controversial trade deals widely opposed by an American public. According to the BBC report, Steele and the Obama Administration concocted the crazed claim that there was a three headed operation by the Russians and Trump.

- First, steal the emails of Democratic Party officials.
- Then push stories based on the hacked information to Twitter and Facebook using bots and the Russian language publications *RT* and *Sputnik*, as well as right wing websites such as *Infowars*, *Breitbart* and *Fox*, from whence the main-stream media becomes an unwitting accomplice.
- Third, use the voter roles for micro-targeting these fake news messages to key contested precincts in swing states, a job which required, according to the Brits and Obama, cooperation by the Trump team. *Voila!* The Russians actually stole the election.

On March 1, 2017, the *New York Times* revealed that Obama and his national security colleagues had spent the months after the election dropping a trail of "leads" in official documents and leaking information, in the effort to destroy Trump and to continue their policies against Russia and China. Elizabeth Farkas confirmed this in an interview with MSNBC on March 3. She was the most senior authority on Russia at the Defense Department and left the Obama Administration in 2015 because she wanted to provide lethal weaponry to Ukraine, and Obama would not do so. She became a key advisor on Russia to Hillary Clinton and is now at the NATO megaphone called the Atlantic Council, which also features CrowdStrike's Dmitri Alperovitch.

According to a March 31, 2017, NBC News report, the document numbers of classified documents resulting from Obama's espionage campaign against Trump were hand-carried by Obama's people to none other than the Senate Intelligence Committee in order to fuel their investigation. And Devin Nunes did what, now? Met with a source in the Executive Office Building due to security concerns? The hubris of Obama's people is truly amazing.

Thankfully, at least some on the House Intelligence side are on the right track and probably now hold the keys to turning the investigation on its appropriate targets, including, specifically, the British. On the Senate side, Senator Grassley, whose Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over the FBI, is also demanding answers about the relationships between the FBI, Christopher Steele, and the Clinton campaign, citing the unprecedented and illegal nature of the witchhunt against Trump. The House Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee must also take into account the latest re-



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Senator Richard Burr at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing, March 30, 2017.



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Senator Mark Warner questioning a witness at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing, March 30, 2017.



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Dr. Roy Godson testifying on alleged Russian active measures and campaigns of influence, March 30, 2017.

lease from *Wikileaks* demonstrating that the CIA and its Five Eyes partners all have the ability to hack political targets and to disguise these attacks as coming from other state actors, such as Russia. This produces yet further evidence that no Russian hack of the DNC or Podesta in fact occurred, let alone that the products of the hack were shared with *Wikileaks*—creating a complete hole in the “Russia did it” scenario which even Barack Obama has acknowledged.

Inside the Senate Event Itself—Spacebugs?

To understand how something as bizarre as the March 30 event could occur, you have to know something about the Senate Intelligence Committee itself. This is a Committee which has never really challenged the burgeoning police state which arose in the wake of 9/11. The one substantial challenge it made, in its report of CIA torture and other crimes committed in the Bush Administration, was sabotaged by CIA officials, led by John Brennan, using tactics which should have landed Brennan and friends in jail. Long story short: the CIA hacked the Senate investigators’ computers, an outrageous and illegal act, and Barack Obama backed Brennan up, and tried to suppress the Committee’s entire report. Diane Feinstein, standing alone on the Senate floor and arguing for a severely redacted version of the facts because she had to launch a rear guard defense of her staffers while maintaining her own “credibility” with her colleagues, tells you everything about who is in charge here.

The current leadership of the Committee is com-

posed of Senator Mark Warner, a stooge for Wall Street with pretenses, and Richard Burr, a former appliance salesman from North Carolina who probably got hit in the head too many times playing football. Warner and Burr are involved in a “bromance” which consists of them appearing frequently in front of television cameras to fawn all over one another, declare how much they trust each other, and solemnly pronounce that they will go “where the facts” lead. Hardly a daring intellectual endeavor since they have already been fed all of the “facts” they are to produce.

The first hearing in the morning consisted of Roy Godson of Georgetown University and the Foreign Policy Research Institute of Robert Strausz-Hupé, and Clinton Watts, a former FBI Agent also associated with FRPI and the George Washington University’s Center for Cyber and Homeland Security. The third morning panelist was Dr. Eugene Rumer of the Carnegie Endowment and Obama’s National Intelligence chair for Russia and Eurasia. You know you have entered the twilight zone when Obama’s guy actually appears to be the only sane person in the room.

We can provide detailed testimony showing that Godson is an Anglo-American practitioner of the very black arts that he ascribes to the Russians, and which are now being employed against Donald Trump. In the 1970s, Godson, who was well known to the FBI as a British intelligence/CIA pedigreed snot, went to the FBI with a fabricated report that Lyndon LaRouche was a Russian agent about to engage in terroristic violence throughout the United States. He was joined by Tom



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Clinton Watts testifying at the March 30, 2017 Senate Intelligence Committee hearing.

Kahn, head of the AFL-CIOs international department, which was the home of the CIA's Jay Lovestone, Irving Brown, and Godson's father, Joseph Godson who worked for NATO and the CIA out of the U.S. Embassy in London. These bogus allegations led to a full-scale continuing FBI investigation of LaRouche and his associates.

When that investigation ended because there was absolutely no evidence to support it, Godson played a key role slandering LaRouche inside the Reagan Administration after LaRouche collaborated with President Reagan on the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). He went on to participate in planning the propaganda assault against LaRouche during meetings run by George H.W. Bush's CIA and CCF crony, John Train at Freedom House during 1983-84. These meetings involved a huge network of journalists who ran the coordinated media defamations that set the climate for LaRouche's bogus federal prosecutions.

We are not the only ones who believe Godson is a lying overrated scumbag. Iran/Contra Special Counsel Lawrence Walsh nailed Godson as a key person in Ollie North's Iran/Contra money-laundering schemes to the drug trafficking Contras. Walsh alleged that Godson employed the Heritage Foundation for this purpose. You would have thought that Walsh's Report would have disqualified Godson as an expert witness to anything, but, after all, this is Washington.

At any rate, Roy gave a wandering and rambling presentation about how the Soviets (he couldn't really

get himself out of the Cold War in his testimony and kept correcting his repeated use of the Soviet Union to, er, Russia) have historically used propaganda to "punch above their weight." He claimed that the Soviets or Russians have continuously employed 10,000 to 15,000 people burrowing into the minds of the American public with the idea of actually dictating public opinion on essential issues. While there was a slight lull in this ceaseless activity during the 1990s (when Russia, was, of course, flat on its back and being mercilessly looted by the West), it went back to full throttle under Putin. When asked about what countermeasures might be taken, he lauded his work in black propaganda operations under NSDD 77 during the Reagan Administration and the National Endowment (NED) for Democracy, the agency he helped

create during the Reagan Administration which has supplemented the CIA in overthrowing democratically elected governments throughout the world. Godson is a frequent collaborator with the NED apparatus currently.

Godson was overshadowed, however, by the insane presentation made by Clint Watts—a true reds-under-every-bed freak show. Watts looks and acts like Don Knotts playing Barney Fife, with the addition of some sort of steroid. He implied that Marco Rubio's defeat in the election somehow was the product of Russian election hacking and that current attacks on Paul Ryan's absolute incompetence in the healthcare debacle were also a Russian active measures feat. Disregard the fact that Rubio was a completely flawed candidate whose robotic repetition of his script during the debates effectively destroyed his candidacy on national television, or that everyone in America hated Ryan's bill. He also said that Donald Trump was an unwitting or witting Russian tool and that he was in fear of his life because the United States did not have an adversarial posture toward Russia. Watts' testimony was largely a repeat of his *War on the Rocks* article called, "Trolling for Trump: How Russia is Trying to Destroy our Democracy." If you want to explore his craziness further you can read it there. Echoing Christopher Steele, both Godson and Watts claimed that the Russian Active Measures campaign involving Trump actually began in 2009 and was carried forward into 2016.

The fake methodology being employed was obvi-

ous from the opening of the panel. The methodology assumes that grievances in the United States only exist because of Putin's propaganda techniques. The methodology admits that United States has genuine social problems: it has the problem of race, it has the problem of a depressed economy, it has the problem of massive drug use and suicide, it has the problem of endlessly engaging in genocidal wars for British geopolitical purposes and lying to its population about sacrificing its young in these endeavors. The best propaganda involves elements of truth. Hence, the fact that a normally passive and confused population actually cared about these issues in the last election must be a Soviet plot.

The panel's afternoon session began with a reading by Mark Warner of the three-headed-monster scenario about fake news put forward by Christopher Steele and the Obama Administration. Warner's entire thesis was almost immediately disproved by Colonel Pat Lang in an article at *Sic Semper Tyrannis* published that day, March 30. Warner claimed that if you googled election hacking in the period leading up to the election you would get four or five stories that were Russian propaganda rather than reliable news sources. Pat Lang googled election hacking during that period as Warner suggested and found stories from *Politico*, *Esquire*, *USA Today*, *Bloomberg*, and *CNN*, and not a single Russian source. Warner claimed that stories about the DNC hacks and the Podesta hacks dominated Clinton's news coverage. Again, the evidence shows that the contents of the hacks were almost entirely ignored by the mainstream media who attacked Trump mercilessly while praising Clinton, with only an occasional focus on Clinton's email scandal. Lang concludes: "The claim that Russian propaganda entities—*RT* and *Sputnik News*, along with paid internet trolls—undermined Hillary Clinton ... requires you suspend all intelligent thought, develop Alzheimer's disease, and refuse to look at any facts. Ignore the fact that Hillary Clinton did not spend much time or money in places like Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Ignore the dissembling that Hillary engaged in ... Ignore her shrill voice and robotic appearance. Ignore her passing out on 11 September 2016. Ignore all this and just blame the Russians for the Democratic debacle."

The afternoon session otherwise featured Dr. Thomas Rid of the War Studies Department, King's

College London. The Department brags on its website that it is a truly unique institution in the world featuring established relations with British institutions like Chatham House and IISS—and Whitehall being only a five minute walk away. It also featured Keith Alexander, the former head of the NSA, who attacked Edward Snowden as a Russian agent, and Kevin Mandia of the cybersecurity firm FireEye.

The panel completely dispensed early on with any serious inquiry into facts by asking each one of these witnesses whether they believed that Russia was involved in an attempt to influence the 2016 elections—garnering the simple response, "yes," without much further ado. The Russian objectives in this campaign, according to the panel, were to drive wedges between and within U.S. political parties, drive wedges between the United States and NATO, destroy the European Union, and within NATO, to drive wedges between various countries, including influencing upcoming elections in France and Germany. Again, this conclusion ignores the very real economic depression afflicting the West and assumes real grievances only persist because of Putin's propaganda techniques.

Dr. Rid echoed Clint Watts' wildman role from the morning, claiming that between March 2015 and May 2016 the Russkies targeted more than 2,000 individuals, including the full-time staff of the Clinton campaign, and that the Russians used *Wikileaks*, *Twitter*, and overeager journalists compelled by the demands of the news cycle, to spread propaganda against Hillary Clinton. He more or less demanded that *RT's* license to operate in the United States be pulled and stated that the only true news in the United States was in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

Alexander and Rid then engaged in a series of exchanges with the Senators regarding what to do about this. According to both, private internet companies must fully cooperate with the U.S. government in anti-Russian cyberops, fully integrating with the NSA, FBI, and like agencies. In essence, in soothing tones, the panelists are proposing a full-scale Orwellian surveillance state, even worse than our compromised semi-Constitutional state of today. As Senator Susan Collins pointed out, the framework for this is already provided in Section 501 of the Intelligence Authorization Bill for 2017, setting up a private/public partnership committee to counter Russian Active Measures (none of which, of course, have really even been proven).