Collapse of Russiagate Exposes the British Hand Behind Attempted Coup in U.S.A.

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Harley Schlanger: Hello, I'm Harley Schlanger from the Schiller Institute. Welcome to our webcast with our founder and President Helga Zepp-LaRouche. Today is March 28, 2019.

There have been some really striking developments in last two weeks. We did not do a webcast last week, so we'll try to catch you up on some of them, starting with the most important: the release of the Mueller report, in which Special Counsel Robert Mueller admitted that he could find no evidence of collusion by Donald Trump or by his campaign with the Russians. Mueller refused to make a decision as to whether or not

there was obstruction [of his investigation], but at the same time, it left the lie in the report that the Russians interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

But these truthful findings—that neither President Trump nor anyone associated with his campaign colluded with Russia—opens a tremendous opportunity now to drive a stake through the heart of the British Empire. So Helga, why don't you give us your assessment of the Mueller report and its aftermath?

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: It is quite remarkable that the accusers were not even able to fabricate some evidence. Two years of what Trump characterized many times as a "witch hunt," did not lead to the result promised by his accusers. I must say that it's quite remarkable that Trump withstood all of this, and in a tweet, he said that this must never

happen again, because he would not know of many people who could handle this—and that's probably true. Because the coordinated campaign against him was international: It was media, it was intelligence services, it was establishments of other countries. He's now free of that, and in one of his tweets, he did refer to the fact that he's quite aware of the role of the British in all of this.

This is a very important development. Attorney General William Barr also said there is no evidence of obstruction of justice, and that is quite important. But the most serious argument on obstruction was given by Pat Lang, who said, given the fact that there was no Russian collusion, there was no crime—and where there was no crime, there is no obstruction of justice. That says it all.



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Devin Nunes, ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee.

A Post Mueller Report World

We now just have to see how this unfolds. This will have all kinds of immediate and medium-term ramifications. Republican Congressman Devin Nunes, the ranking member on the House Intelligence Committee, said on Tuesday that next week he will make criminal referrals to the Attorney General to investigate "bias"—political corruption—demanding that he go after what Nunes calls "dirty cops" in the FBI and in the Department of Justice. There is a chorus of people who say "now is the time for reckoning," now we have to look at who did that, who paid for it, Nunes also said that he wants to see the classified "scope memorandum," the 2017 document in which Deputy Attorney General Rod

Rosenstein laid out the parameters of Special Counsel Mueller's investigation, several months *after* he had appointed Mueller.

This will be a very interesting fight. But as much as this is a reason to be relieved, we should not let down our guard. As long as the British Empire and this apparatus which went after Trump—in what some people correctly call the biggest scandal in American history—unless this apparatus is dismantled, they will find new ways to once again disrupt everything.

President Trump is absolutely right in his desire, and actions, to end the permanent wars around the world, to withdraw U.S. troops from

Afghanistan and Syria. But meanwhile, the actions of his Vice President Mike Pence, National Security Advisor John Bolton and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in the Venezuelan situation, carry the danger of pulling Trump into regime change there.

Yesterday Pence apparently walked in with Fabiana Rosales, the wife of the self-appointed so-called "President" of Venezuela Juan Guaidó, and gave an ad hoc press conference at the White House, then Trump gave a press conference together with her. This is a story still unfolding, so I don't have a final assessment on it. Pompeo called Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov two days ago, and warned Russia not to meddle in Venezuela, that the United States would not sit idly by. Lavrov answered by warning the United States not to make a coup against the legitimate government of Venezuela, that this violates international law, the UN Charter and so forth.

But as you can see, this is an extremely dangerous situation, and one can only hope that the people who demand that a political solution is found will prevail. Gen. (ret.) Fernando Azevedo e Silva, the Brazilian Defense Minister, said that Brazil will have absolutely no participation in any military approach, but this ad hoc press conference in the White House is worrisome, because Guaidó's wife was fully saying, "children are dying," which probably is very true, but the pretext of a humanitarian intervention is really a very dangerous moment



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President Trump met with Fabiana Rosales, wife of Juan Guaidó, the self-declared President of Venezuela, sitting at his right.

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Otherwise, I think President Trump has to be lauded for having withstood this incredible Russiagate. But we have to be very attentive and give him support so that he does not fall into these kinds of scenario traps, which could very quickly bring about a confrontation with Russia.

Prosecute the Coup Makers

Schlanger: Helga, that's one of the reasons it's important not to drop the fight against the overall intent behind the Mueller investigation, which we said from the beginning was not so much about Trump, but about Trump's desire to end the geopolitical confrontation with Russia and China. And this is clear, be-

cause all the coverage of the report says that the Russian interference is still clear—even Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said we've got to watch out for Russia.

And now we see this new coalition coming together—which is not new at all, it's the old neo-cons but the "Committee on the Present Danger" has been reconstituted, this time targetting China. What can you say about that?

Zepp-LaRouche: The promise of Trump fulfilling the potential of improving relations with Russia and China was what the Mueller investigation was all about, what the Christopher Steele/British intelligence operation was all about. I think it is important to keep that up front and make sure that all the documents related to the British role in this scandal be made public. It's now the time to interview former National Security Agency Technical Director William Binney, who has given the absolute, undeniable forensic evidence that there was no Russian hacking, which had been the cornerstone of the whole "meddling" charge, and therefore, Russiagate has turned into "Muellergate." I think now is the time to investigate what William Binney has produced, because that is one of the very important proofs which have to come out.

Maria Zakharova, the spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry, has said that now that the Mueller investigation is over, that Russia will make a very thorough investigation of what happened with this anti-Russia propaganda campaign, also of those mas-



Jason Ross interviewed former NSA Technical Director Bill Binney on March 4, 2019.

querading as journalists, in reality being part of this intelligence operation, that this will be investigated very thoroughly and must be presented to the international public.

But this is a war and a half, so I can only tell people, do not be complacent: This is a battle which is not at all vet over.

Schlanger: For people who want to see what Binney said, there's an excellent interview with him by Jason Ross that's available on the LaRouche PAC site. I interviewed him yesterday, and he continued to emphasize the importance of exposing the lies that are told by the intelligence community and the role of the British in this, to disrupt a positive U.S.-Russian relationship.

China and Italy, and France, and ...

Now, the other development that's quite striking is Xi Jinping's trip to Europe, first to Italy, where a Memo of Understanding between China and Italy was signed; and then to Monaco; and finally to France. It looks as though the question of the New Silk Road, as you've always said, "is unstoppable." And people such as French President Emmanuel Macron and Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel may be realizing that. Is that your assessment of what happened this last week?

Zepp-LaRouche: Yes. Let me first say a word about the Italian part of Xi Jinping's European visit. This was truly remarkable, because there was huge pressure on



Italian Undersecretary of State Michele Geraci speaks at the BOAO Forum on March 29, 2019.

the Italian government to not sign the Memorandum of Understanding, including coming from Garrett Marquis, the spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council, saying there will be no economic advantage for Italy; it will ruin the Italian reputation forever, globally.

Italy signed the Memorandum of Understanding

anyway, with the architect of this program, Michele Geraci, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Development, saying that the deals signed in the context of Xi Jinping's visit are just the beginning. These were all agreements which were made out long, long before, and now, with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a whole new phase of economic and scientific cooperation will start.

While in Italy, Xi Jinping went to Palermo, Sicily. Everybody has been stressing the enormous potential of southern Italy and Sicily, which is very close to Africa, and therefore can become a bridge for Chinese-Italian cooperation in the industrialization of Africa. I think that is one of the most im-

portant aspects of this arrangement, because it shows the way to deal with the migrant crisis and how to, in a human way, deal with a problem which the European Union (EU) has been utterly incapable of dealing with.

This MOU was a big breakthrough. And then Xi Jinping went on to Monaco and then to Paris, where he met with Merkel, Macron, and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission. The Europeans are clearly in a dilemma because of their frictions with the United States, and unfortunately, they don't differentiate between Trump and other elements of his administration. But, as Mrs. Merkel was saying, they do not want to live in a unilateral world, but they want to build a multipolar world. And given the strategic realities, there is no way that can be done without having an alliance or some cooperation, in depth, with China.

China, after all, is still the fastest growing economy in the world. For the EU, China is the second-largest trade partner after the United States; for China, the EU is the largest trade part-

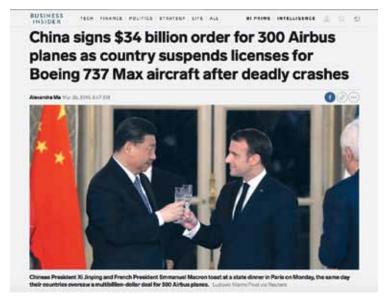
ner—so I think the dynamic is clearly going toward the integration of all of this.

Immediately after the visit of Xi Jinping, Michele Geraci went on to the March 26-29 Boao Forum for Asia, in Boao, Hainan Province, China—the Chinese equivalent of the Davos forum in Switzerland—where he gave a very upbeat interview to the *South China*



EC President Juncker (l.) and German Chancellor Merkel (r.) joined French President Macron and Chinese President Xi for talks in Paris on March 25, 2019.

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Morning Post, characterizing the critics of Italy as just jealous. He predicted that it will be just a short time before every European country will have joined, step by step, and he said, there are already two more countries already in the pipeline, ready to sign Memoranda of Understanding. So he was very optimistic.

Other people from Italy, as well as Geraci, have said that this is not directed against Italy's allies. Italy's number one ally is the United States. and Italy can play a very important role of mediation between the other European countries and China, between the United States and Europe, and between the United States and China.

So I think that Italy has a completely new self-confidence in that; and we will hear a lot more, because they also expect to come out stronger in the coming European Parliament election in May.

This has put Macron and Merkel—and Juncker for that matter—in a position where, on the one side they cannot deny the economic advantages. For example, Macron signed deals with China worth EU 40 billion. EU 20 billion of this was for European projects like China's agreement to purchase 300 Airbuses—the Airbus is a German-French-Italian-British consortium, and the sale of 300 Airbuses is not a trivial deal—but then EU20 billion more was for other deals between France and China. I think very important is a joint space agreement, under which France will now participate in the next lunar mission of China, the Chang'e-6, to bring back samples from the Moon. Also there is

nuclear cooperation and other high-technology cooperation.

A New Committee on the China 'Threat'

The power of the changing facts on the ground, so to speak, is seen in some of the changes from Macron and Merkel. It is very clear that Europe has absolutely no future without cooperation with China. And one can only hope that the efforts by the neo-cons to ruin that,— you mentioned the new version of the Committee on the Present Danger. They say that the old Committee on the Present Danger helped to defeat the Soviet Union and that now the big existential enemy is China, and therefore all efforts have to be directed against China.

This is really, really bad, because this is the old geopolitical thinking, which can only lead the world into the Thucydides trap, and you can really see who are the paid media who spout that line: On the same day that this "Committee on the Present Danger: China" (CPD) was founded, the German tabloid *Bildzeitung* devoted almost its entire page 2 to eight lies against China. Which don't hold! Nobody who has any dealings with China believes it, but the propaganda effort is absolutely unabated.

Schlanger: Your mentioning of *Bildzeitung* brings to mind this fight of two paradigms, which is increasingly in the open. One of the lies is that China is setting up a "debt trap" for the countries that work with them. But there just was a statement from the Port Director of Djibouti, who said that these accusations are "compete nonsense, as benefits generated from infrastructure construction will far exceed the investment." The ability to continue these lies is being taken on very directly by the Chinese, but it's crucial that we, as the Schiller Institute, and our supporters continue to expose the operations.

The other thing you mentioned, Helga, was the French-Chinese space cooperation. Yesterday, President Trump made a very significant announcement, committing the United States to return to the Moon. How do you see that as possibly fitting into collaboration with China, but also its importance, in contrast to the dead-end existentialism of the Green New Deal?

Defend the Earth, Reach for the Stars

Zepp-LaRouche: This is very good, because when President Trump had first announced his space plans with his Space Policy Directive 1 on December 11, 2017, it was very, very optimistic, and it just so happened that it occurred on the very same day we were having a conference commemorating and celebrating the life and work of the German-American space pioneer Krafft Ehricke. And then came into the conference, the announcement of Trump using almost exactly the same Hubble photos of the galaxies and so forth, so it really caused incredible excitement. He has now announced that the United States plans to be back on the Moon by 2024, have a sustainable presence on the Moon by 2028, looking toward Moon villages, and will create a new a Moonto-Mars Mission Directorate to "and establish a foundation for an eventual mission to Mars" and beyond.

That's exactly the kind of optimistic future orientation we need. Trump also mentioned that the United States will do this with international partners. I think that is extremely important, because obviously, the universe is so big—2 trillion galaxies have been found so far—that there really is the need for the entire human species to cooperate on these kinds of projects.

This is a very positive step in the right direction and shows how utterly stupid and incompetent the proponents of the Green New Deal are, who believe that we live in an Earth-bound system with scarce resources. But our future is not limited to Earth! With space travel, and the enormous potential to go to higher energy flux-densities, such as fusion. The entire Universe is ours. One project of the Chinese, in which the French are now participating, is bringing samples of helium-3 back from the far side of the Moon, as a potential fuel for fusion power on Earth.

That is the future, and hopefully we can move civilization as quickly as possible through that kind of international cooperation as the only basis for peace.

Schlanger: The *Baltimore Sun* of February 4 carried an <u>op-ed</u> on the danger to the Earth from asteroid collisions, saying that this is a much more serious threat that anything that the so-called "man-made climate



change" represents. It brings to my mind the importance of the proposal that your husband, Lyndon La-Rouche, made on cooperation; that we cannot just sit around and feel good by working with other countries, but that we have an immediate, urgent and common task—both to explore, but also to defend the Earth—his idea of a "Strategic Defense of Earth."

This *Baltimore Sun* article raises the question that he had in mind: How do we work as a human race to defend the Earth and expand? Helga, I'd like your thoughts on that.

Zepp-LaRouche: The author of the op-ed, Douglas MacKinnon, a White House and Pentagon space consultant, pointed to the fact that in December of last year, an asteroid exploded only 15 miles above the Earth, with an explosive force ten times that of the nuclear bomb detonated over Hiroshima, Japan in World War II. Now, from the standpoint of distances in space, 15 miles is nothing! It could have just as easily exploded much nearer, or on Earth, causing tremendous damage. He said the danger to human civilization coming from such asteroids is a zillion times bigger than climate change, but he said the political situation today is so toxic that once you question "man-made climate

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change," then you are immediately put on the list of some group as an enemy. And that's unfortunately the reality of it.

I think we should again take this warning by this asteroid explosion—like we should have taken a similar event in Chelyabinsk, Russia five years ago, in 2013—as an immediate focus and motivation, to organize serious international cooperation on the defense of our planet and ourselves against asteroids, comets, and other dangers coming from outer space. My husband, many years ago, proposed this kind of international cooperation, involving Russia, China, the United States, and India, for the cooperation with other nations—to devote our energies to the common aims of mankind. Asteroid defense is one of the many problems we have to face together.

Exoneration of LaRouche

Schlanger: And this brings us back around to what we've been discussing for the last 25 minutes, which is that there is a potential now that we can move ahead into this new paradigm of cooperation, into great power agreements to end the unipolar world, which would be a fulfillment of what Lyndon LaRouche stood for his whole life, and what our movement is going to continue the fight for.

And with the issuance of the Mueller report, and as it becomes clearer to more Americans that there are criminals in the FBI, in the Justice Department—and have been for years—it again brings up the exoneration of your husband. We are conducting a worldwide campaign, a mobilization, that one of the best ways President Trump can follow up what he's calling an exoneration from the lies of the British and the neo-cons, would be to exonerate Lyndon LaRouche. If you'd like to say something about that, Helga, I think this would be an appropriate moment.

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, it's not just that justice must be given to my husband who, despite his innocence, was prosecuted by the same apparatus as the one that has been going after Trump over the last two years—but it is the policy of war and peace. As it happened, in his final report Robert Mueller did not produce any evidence for collusion with Russia regarding the 2016 election, or even obstruction of Mueller's "investigation," which is a big defeat for them, and obviously, for all the people who hysteri-

cally pushed that line, they ended up being completely discredited.

But, if the people who conducted this operation against Lyndon LaRouche and now against Donald Trump remain in place, even if one aspect of their scenario is defeated,— But I think you will see, as you see in the Venezuela situation, they will try to come up again and again with new aspects—as a matter of fact, the Venezuela escalation, I would say, is the continuation of the coup against Trump "with other colors."

If you understand that the aim is to prevent Trump from having collaboration and good relations with Russia and China, and that the Venezuela crisis could immediately be another such crisis-point, ruining that relation, then you understand that these forces must be overcome and be replaced by a policy of cooperation for a new paradigm among all nations on this planet, if we don't want to destroy each other.

Now, my husband's name stands for the New Paradigm like no other name in present history, or the history of the past 96 years for sure! And therefore, anybody who wants to do something to maintain peace, I really appeal to you to act immediately: On the Schiller Institute's website, you will find a petition appealing to Trump that he must exonerate Mr. LaRouche, which I not only want you to sign, but ask that you help us spread this message as far as possible. Give it to your friends, colleagues, put it on your social media, get more people to sign this petition for the exoneration.

And also contact us, to help, because we plan to escalate this campaign until Lyndon LaRouche's name is cleared, because this is a precondition for more and more people being able to study his absolutely beautiful ideas, which is why he was attacked so massively—to stop that.

Please sign this petition immediately. Become a member of the Schiller Institute. Become active with us. It's one of the most important moments in history.

Schlanger: And take responsibility for making sure that people see this webcast, every single week! So, Helga, thank you very much for joining us today, and I'll see you next week.

Zepp-LaRouche: Next week;—till then.