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LaRouche associates to subpoena top GOP'ers

Jeffrey Hoffman, a defense attorney for four associates of Lyndon LaRouche on trial for trumped-up fraud and conspiracy charges in New York state, "plans to subpoena a who's who of Republican politics, including former FBI chief William Webster, Henry Kissinger, Richard Secord, and Ollie North," according to an article in the April 26 *Daily News* of New York City.

According to the *Daily News*, Hoffman "admits his clients solicited loans for a LaRouche publishing outfit. But he said the loans were never repaid because the 'government conspired' to force the LaRouche network into bankruptcy.

"The evidence is in government documents, Hoffman said. Among them: The now-infamous Ollie North notebooks and a memo to Webster from Kissinger when he was the President's National Security Adviser."

Presiding Judge Stephen Crane has pursued a bizarre "unique experiment" in jury selection, racing among pools of prospective jurors with defense attorneys and prosecutors in tow, trying to quickly complete jury selection. Both the defense and prosecution have objected to the procedure.

Roe v. Wade used to promote euthanasia

Nat Hentoff, a writer for the liberal New York *Village Voice*, took exception with the use of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, to justify euthanasia.

Appearing on CBS's "This Morning" show on April 26, Hentoff related how a Providence, Rhode Island court cited the abortion ruling as proof of a woman's right to privacy. The judge then turned around and granted the husband of an unconscious woman the right to starve his wife to death.

The ruling argued that since the woman could not enforce her "right"—her husband could.

It is exactly that "right to privacy" issue which Missouri's Supreme Court refused to accept when it became the first in the nation in 1988 to refuse a family's "right to die" petition for their daughter based on a constitutional right to privacy argument.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments April 26 on the Missouri case, which may lead to reconsideration of *Roe v. Wade*.

Top FBI official: Satanism doesn't exist!

The FBI's chief expert on sex crimes against children, Kenneth V. Lanning, has publicly denied that Satanism is a growing factor in child abuse and ritual murders.

On April 6-7, just one week before the story of the Matamoros killings became national news, the *Richmond Times Leader* ran a two-part article quoting survivors of Satanic cults, on the occurrence of Satanic murders. The article is entitled, "Experts Say Tales Are Bunk, Rumors Abound But Nothing Proves That Cults Exist."

The newspaper quotes Lanning, saying that he is aware of claims of Satanic sacrifice in the Richmond area, but that he knows of no *bona fide* Satanic cult sacrifice in central Virginia or anywhere else in the nation, for that matter.

One individual quoted in the article claimed to have witnessed 50-70 ritual human sacrifices by Satanists in the Richmond area. Lanning dismissed this: "It's unlikely that a group of individuals could come together, commit 50 to 70 human sacrifices, and no one finds any evidence, no mother of a [sacrificed] child ever has second thoughts . . . nobody ever makes a mistake. . . . Far more crimes have been committed and far more children abused in the name of God and Jesus than in the name of Satan."

Lanning is seconded by Dr. Park Dietz, a California psychiatrist and former University of Virginia faculty member, who maintains, "The true cult is the people who believe in this."

Lawrence Hake of the Richmond police and private investigator Patricia Pulling are quoted supporting the claims of survivors. "People are saying the same thing all over the country and those people are totally unrelated to one another, but what they say is consistent. To me that is a degree of credibility," said Hake.

LaRouche: FBI violated constitutional rights

Evidence of illegal FBI operations directed against Lyndon LaRouche and associates throughout the 1980s is contained in legal papers filed in New York federal court April 25, which are part of a motion in *LaRouche v. Webster*, a civil suit filed in 1975. Some observers reviewing the evidence have concluded that the LaRouche case is the best documented case of ongoing FBI Cointelpro operations they have yet seen.

Filed on behalf of plaintiffs LaRouche, Edward Spannaus, the National Caucus of Labor Committees, and others, the motion seeks to compel full government disclosure and production of documents before Judge Mary Johnson Lowe rules on a government motion for dismissal. New evidence which has come to light since 1985, includes:

- An FBI memorandum sent from FBI Assistant Director Buck Revell to FBI Director William Webster in February 1985 which is labeled "Do Not File." The FBI has claimed that it discontinued use of "Do Not File" files during the 1970s, after congressional committees discovered that these secret files were used to hide illegal or improper FBI activities.

- A telex message found in Oliver North's safe at the National Security Council, which discussed "collecting info against LaRouche." Other FBI documents which came to light in 1987 after the disclosure of the North telex, revealed that the FBI and CIA had requested a couple of freelance soldiers of fortune to "penetrate" the LaRouche Group.

- A Dec. 13, 1984 FBI memo concerning LaRouche and *EIR* which asks other FBI

offices to "report derogatory information" to the FBI's New York office.

● FBI documents disseminated to foreign governments which characterize the plaintiffs as "authoritarian," "anti-Semitic," "violence-oriented," and as "Soviet disinformation" agents. Examples from 1980 to 1986 are cited, including West Germany, Britain, and France.

● In November 1982, Henry Kissinger wrote to Webster and charged that "the LaRouche group" might be a "disinformation campaign supported by some foreign intelligence service." Kissinger asked Webster to investigate the funding of "this network of organizations, newsletters and newspapers." At Kissinger's instigation in January 1983, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board asked the FBI to investigate whether the LaRouche group "might be funded by hostile intelligence agencies."

Observers believe that the "Soviet disinformation" and the "foreign funding" allegations were the pretext for dirty tricks against LaRouche by the FBI and an inter-agency "Get LaRouche" task force led by Walter Raymond, a National Security Council official who directed domestic covert propaganda operations known as "public diplomacy."

Dukakis's official witch defends her trade

Laurie Cabot, appointed the "Official Witch" of Massachusetts by Gov. Michael Dukakis, has begun a letter-writing campaign against allegations that witches are Satanists.

The newspaper of the U.S. Army, *Stars and Stripes*, reported on April 20 that these allegations have swept the United States after suspects named witch Sara Villareal Aldrete as a leader to the Matamoros Satanic drug-smuggling cult. Speaking in the name of the Witches League for Self-Awareness, which she created in 1986, Cabot protests, "We are not Satanists, we do not do black magic or any evil magic. . . . We need to separate ourselves from this hateful propa-

ganda." Of the witch Aldrete, Cabot says, "It's very loose terminology. These were drug runners. What they were doing had nothing to do with witchcraft. Witchcraft has no evil gods."

The league describes itself as a "national and international anti-defamation organization which is working to protect the civil rights, dignity, and public portrayal of over 6 million Witches, Pagans, and Pantheists."

Cabot claims that she and other witches "are part of a legally recognized religion that is peaceful and devoid of the evil doings associated with witchcraft stereotypes."

Greenhouse effect a fraud, Senate told

The "greenhouse effect" is a fraud, according to scientists who testified at Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on "An International Environmental Agenda" on April 20.

Pat Michaels, professor of Environmental Science at the University of Virginia, refuted every claim that there is a global warming resulting from man-made emissions of "greenhouse gases." Michaels detailed how "a different analysis" of climate record data "finds virtually no change in continuous U.S. temperature over the last century," and "analogous studies of Canadian data, and my mean layer temperature calculations for Alaska show, that indeed the area of no significant temperature change over the last 50 years is virtually all of North America. It is doubtful that this can be accommodated by a climate model with a realistic change in trace gas concentrations in that period."

In a jab at the policies proposed by World Wildlife Fund head Russell Train and World Resources Institute head Gus Speth, who also testified, Michaels warned, "I find it risky to enact sweeping environmental policy based upon visions that are at best clouded, and at worst failing."

Michaels's testimony was ignored by news media, and virtually the entire press corps left the hearings as soon as Train and Speth finished their testimony.

● **WILLIAM REILLY**, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, warned April 24 that if global ecology is turned into a North-South issue, attempts to set an environmental agenda will collapse. Reilly told a National Academy of Sciences conference that the global meeting to ban CFCs in London in March nearly collapsed when Third World nations became upset at the radical measures that were proposed to shut down production of industrial chemicals.

● **D. ALLAN BROMLEY**, a Canadian-born particle accelerator physicist, was appointed by President Bush as White House science adviser on April 21. Bromley has been chairman of the nuclear sciences committee of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences since 1965, a director of United Nuclear Corp., and an associate editor of *Physical Review* and *Nuclear News*.

● **JAMES WATKINS**, the U.S. secretary of energy, called the recent licensing of the Shoreham, N.Y. nuclear plant by the Nuclear Regulatory System "perhaps the most important development for the nuclear industry in the United States in the past decade." In a press statement released April 20, he denounced the state of New York's plans to convert the plant to coal, saying that this would double the cost of electricity and pollute the atmosphere.

● **THE ENVIRONMENTAL** Protection Agency will ask that two widely used industrial compounds be banned, during two meetings on "saving the ozone layer" in Helsinki, Finland in early May. The two are methyl chloroform and carbon tetrachloride, which the EPA says can substitute for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), thus offsetting the ban on CFCs.