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Administration sources have confirmed that the White House has sent out orders to the State Department and the Pentagon, putting all other foreign policy initiatives on hold—while the “reset button” is activated on the incredible shrinking Obama Presidency.

Henceforth, the President will be forgoing the stage-managed town hall meetings and media appearances, in favor of well-scripted speeches, the Administration sources report.

LBJ’s Vietnam Redux

If the President’s well-scripted speech on Aug. 17, before the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Phoenix, Ariz., is any indication of the new White House campaign strategy, then things are going to get far worse. Addressing an audience of 5,500 veterans and family members, Obama signaled that the United States is about to plunge even deeper into the war in Afghanistan. The President called the war “fundamental to the defense of our people,” telling the veterans that, “The insurgency in Afghanistan didn’t happen overnight. And we won’t defeat it overnight. This will not be quick. This will not be easy. But we must never forget, this is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity.” Sounding a favorite theme of former Vice President Dick Cheney, and, in a mocking parody of President John F. Kennedy’s announcement of the manned Moon landing objective, the President concluded, “Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again.” It is that British puppet, President Obama, who is doing this to us, on British imperial orders.

The President’s VFW speech anticipated the long-awaited Afghanistan War review by the new U.S. commander, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, which is due any day now. News leaks indicate that McChrystal will ask the President to send 20,000 additional troops to Afghanistan, right away, as part of a “new” counterinsurgency strategy, aimed at defeating the Taliban and al-Qaeda in the field of battle, while securing the Afghan countryside, village-by-village.

If this “new” strategy sounds remarkably similar to the U.S. plunge, deeper and deeper into the quagmire in Indochina, following the assassination of President Kennedy, it is because it is a near-perfect replay of that Lyndon Johnson Vietnam disaster.

If the President, as anticipated, goes along with the Afghan troop “surge,” the revolt of the American

people, triggered by the bailout of bankrupt banks, the foreclosures, the job losses, and the health-care swindle, will be the real surge.

‘Over His Dead Body’

A senior Democratic Party strategist warned this week, in discussions with *EIR*, about another looming White House miscalculation. With the death of Sen. Edward Kennedy, White House strategists plan to try to revive their euthanasia policy, by invoking the late Senator’s name. While such a transparent “bait-and-switch” manipulation may win a few votes in the Senate, where Kennedy championed genuine health-care reform for decades, such efforts will have no impact whatsoever on the American people, who are in no mood to be flim-flammed by a President they no longer trust, and by a Congress they despise.

“The single biggest factor that killed ‘Obamacare’ is the end of life provisions—from the Medicare-funded counseling, to the planned cuts in vital life-prolonging care for the elderly,” the source emphasized. “Every poll shows that it is this issue that defeated the President’s scheme, and the White House has the same polling data as every other leading Democrat and Republican.

“They can’t admit it publicly, because it means that LaRouche won the fight. The vast majority of Americans are convinced that the White House policy is to cut off care—that is, euthanasia.”

LaRouche’s Alternative

On July 16, President Barack Obama called for anyone who might have an alternative to his (Hitlerian) health-care reform, to come forward. On July 17, the following day, Lyndon LaRouche produced a video, posted on the LaRouche PAC website (<http://larouchepac.com/lpactv>), and outlined his three-point program:

1. Abolish the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) system;
2. Revive the principles and implementation of the 1946 Hill-Burton Act;
3. Implement the Single-Payer plan (Medicare for all), as the key means of financing adequate health care for all.