



'HOUSTON, WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM: IT'S OBAMA'

February 11th, 2016—As President, Barack Obama has driven the United States toward war with Russia and China, and has robbed its scientific identity by scrapping entirely the American mission of space exploration.

LaRouche Democrat leader Keshia Rogers today declared a new national mobilization to reverse Obama's destruction of the American space program. In 2010 and 2012, Rogers won Congressional Democratic nominating primaries in Texas around the banner, "Save NASA, Impeach Obama."

In an Internet broadcast yesterday, Rogers said: *"Obama's intention going back to that dismantling of the space program in 2010, is based on the fact that you had a complete ripping apart, of what was a visionary perspective of leadership, under President John F. Kennedy, that had been taken down under the Obama administration — which was the intention to put forth a policy of zero growth."*

"Yesterday, I attended an event called "The State of NASA." Many people saw this event, it was aired live with the NASA director, Charlie Bolden, as well as others.

*"And what was just astonishing to me, was the fact that the President **cuts** the entire budget, continuing to cut the budget to the Orion mission, the manned flight mission, continuing to dismantle the Moon mission — matter of fact, there's no Moon mission any longer; and at the same time cutting all fusion programs, cutting programs to certain universities, such*

as Rice University here in Texas. President John F. Kennedy laid out a vision, 'We go to the Moon, and we do these things not because it's easy, but because it's hard.' And where you had a real vision, an inspiration for the entire population.

"The director of the space program lays out that 'We are closer than ever to getting to the Red Planet.' I find this a paradox from the standpoint, that we've cut all missions to go back to and industrialize and actually develop the Moon.

"You have to go back and look at the history in terms of, visionary leadership started with those people who had a conception of the human mind that reached out far into the destiny of our Solar System. And it wasn't just a profit mechanism, or it wasn't just about budgets, and cutting budgets, or trying to go to space "on the cheap."

"But we did whatever was necessary — failure not an option — to make sure that the progress of mankind in space was the number-one priority. And so, visionary leadership, that is the ultimate question at hand here, and that's really what we're discussing here. That's what has been completely rejected from our society, no longer exists.

*"And I want to give a **real** example of visionary leadership: the great spirit and mind of Krafft Ehrlicke, a pioneer in space flight, rocketry, engineering; and Krafft Ehrlicke worked alongside and was a student developing the ideas of von Braun and what really made our space program and the vision that took us*



to the Moon, with Apollo 11, through the Saturn V rocket.

*"But he expressed something, again, which was a higher order of magnitude in terms of the philosophy and mindset in what, he understood, was the basis of the space program, which was, again, the defense of the human mind, and the creativity of the human mind. But he says it more beautifully himself. In Krafft Ehrlicke's **Anthropology of Astronautics**, he outlines his three fundamental laws:*

"1. Nobody and nothing under the natural laws of this universe can impose any limitations on man, except man himself.

"2. Not only the Earth, but the entire Solar System, and as much of the universe as he can reach under the laws of nature, are man's rightful field of activity.

"3. By expanding throughout the universe, man fulfills his destiny as an element of life, endowed with the power of reason and the wisdom of the moral law within himself.'

"Krafft Ehrlicke himself, as I stated before, warned that a society that turned against true progress and adopted a trajectory toward

*zero growth, limits to growth, that contradicts what he said in his first fundamental law, that "Nobody and nothing under the natural laws of this universe **can** impose any limitations on man, except man himself," then you would see a society that would cease to recognize its true human potential.*

"Ehrlicke wrote: "The conception of space travel carries with it enormous impact, because it challenges man to practically all fronts of his physical and spiritual existence. The idea of travelling to other celestial bodies reflects to the highest degree, the independence and agility of the human mind. It lends ultimate dignity to man's technical and scientific endeavors. Above all, it touches on the philosophy of every existence. As a result, the concept of space travel disregards national borders, refuses to recognize differences of historical or ethnological origin, and penetrates the fiber of one's sociological or political creed as fast as that of the next."

"And given the circumstances that we find society in right now, the continued escalation of conflict and tension among nations, what we're seeing in terms of the continued drive of warfare or the escalation against Russia, against China; it is an attack on this very conception, of the human mind."

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