



"AS OUR CASE IS NEW, SO WE MUST THINK ANEW, AND ACT ANEW." —LINCOLN

January 5, 2017—The growing national power of the Manhattan Project, along with the new circumstances created worldwide by Putin and China, and Donald Trump's election, will allow us to deepen and broaden a mobilization for passage of Glass-Steagall as the way forward to LaRouche's Four Laws as a whole, and to bringing the U.S. into collaboration with other nations such as Russia and China.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche is launching initiatives under the headings of flat-out mobilization for Glass-Steagall and the Four Laws, and under much broader headings, which will begin to re-echo over the coming hours and days.

In a related development, New York's Senator Chuck Schumer, the Senate minority leader, attacked the President-Elect Jan. 3 as being "really dumb" for challenging heads of U.S. intelligence agencies. "Let me tell you, you take on the intelligence community, they have six ways from Sunday for getting back at you," the Senator said on the Rachel Maddow show. "So even for a practical, supposedly hard-nosed businessman, he's being really dumb to do this." Schumer said that he understands intelligence officials are "very upset with how [Trump] has treated them and talked about them."

Lyndon LaRouche said that that the intelligence community has been corrupted; that we have to dump all this corruption, and that Schumer's criticism of Trump was not worth supporting.

Trump's remark which had so upset the intelligence honchos was a Tuesday tweet, which said, "The 'intelligence' briefing on so-called 'Russian hacking' was delayed until Friday, perhaps more time needed to build a case. Very strange!" But not only was he right: DNI James Clapper and the others still need more time; it became clear today that they won't be able to get their case together until next week—and they still don't know what day next week.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 4, the Wall Street Journal reported from sources familiar with Trump's planning, that he would restructure and pare back the Office of the Director of National Intelligence now headed by Clapper, which he believes is bloated and politicized. (Just look at Clapper...) He will restructure CIA, cutting back staffing at the Virginia headquarters and pushing people out into field posts. "The view from the Trump team is the intelligence

world has become completely politicized. They need to be slimmed down." Trump's incoming National Security Advisor Gen. Michael Flynn, fired by Obama as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, is in the middle of the planned reorganization.

Clapper was called to testify on "Russian hacking of the election" before Lindsey Graham's and John McCain's Senate Armed Services Committee today, but he said that until his memo was ready, he was unwilling to say more than he had already said. When that memo is available on some unspecified day next week, Clapper said that he will testify on it before four committees of the House and the Senate, then before the entire House and Senate, and finally release an unclassified version to the whole country.

The memos Obama has had produced so far on supposed Russian hacking have been pretty laughable—computer security professionals of every political tendency have labelled them a botched job. The most recent version, released Dec. 29 by the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, carries this warning across the top. "DISCLAIMER: This report is provided 'as is' for informational purposes only. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not provide any warranties of any kind regarding any information contained within." Intelligence veterans William Binney and Ray McGovern expose Clapper as a serial liar in an op-ed in the Baltimore Sun today. On March 12, 2013, he gave false testimony to Congress regarding the extent of NSA collection of data on Americans, as he admitted four months later, after the Edward Snowden revelations. Earlier, he had helped Donald Rumsfeld maintain the lie about supposed WMD in Iraq.

None of these charges against Russia will hold water,—and so the concluding segment of a Jan. 3 radio show with NYU Professor Emeritus Stephen F. Cohen, raised the question of whether "Obama might undertake an even more radical step during his remaining days..." Lyndon LaRouche considered that a worthwhile and significant warning.

LaRouche also advised letting the President-Elect play a leading role on Glass-Steagall. Give Donald Trump more legitimate latitude. Get a friendly approach to the incoming Presidency as such. Recognize that he has a tough job to begin with, and therefore we have to give him a certain encouragement. Open the whole matter that way, and don't get into fine points.