



# Trump Escalates Moon-Mars Mission

Liberated from the shackles of Russiagate, President Trump has already announced two initiatives — a "reckoning" with the criminals in the Bush/Obama intelligence community, in the Congress, and in the press, who served the foreign power which interfered in the 2016 election to stop his election, and, when that failed, conspired to drive him from office. Trump has already identified that foreign power as the historic enemy of the United States — the British Empire — whose "Great Game" provokes wars and subverts governments in order to sustain the power of the Empire.

Yesterday, Trump launched a second initiative — to restore American excellence in space exploration. The White House outlined several new Space Policy Directives: "The United States will seek to land on the Moon's South Pole by 2024 [the previous timetable was for 2028—ed.], establish a sustainable human presence on the Moon by 2028, and chart a future path for Mars exploration." NASA, Trump announced, will "create a Moon-to-Mars Mission Directorate" to achieve this objective, and will "lead an innovative space program with commercial and international partners."

It is good to recall the famous words of President Jack Kennedy to the Congress, on May 25, 1961: "Now it is time to take longer strides—time for a great new American enterprise—time for this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievement, which in many ways may hold the key to our future on Earth. I believe we possess all the resources and talents necessary. But the facts of the matter are that we have never made the national decisions or marshaled the national resources required for such leadership. We have never specified long-range goals on an urgent time schedule, or managed our resources and our time so as to insure their fulfillment.... We go into space because whatever mankind must undertake, free men must fully share.... I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Later, Kennedy said: "We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win, and the others, too."

Lyndon LaRouche authored a 1985 article in EIR titled "Private initiative for colonizing the Moon and Mars," issued

a few weeks after the Krafft Ehrlicke Memorial Conference sponsored by the Schiller Institute and the Fusion Energy Foundation, which begins:

"It can be safely estimated, that during the coming fifty years or longer, all scientific and technological progress will be shaped primarily by the interrelationship among three presently well-defined frontiers of scientific research: 1) controlled thermonuclear fusion, 2) coherently directed electromagnetic impulses, and 3) optical biophysics.... Interplanetary colonization draws upon virtually all of the potentialities of these interrelated technologies, as no other foreseeable choice of application does so to approximately the same degree."

International cooperation in such a project is not only necessary for its success, but also represents the foundation of the human condition — developments at the frontiers of human knowledge define in the most profound way the common reality for the future of all mankind.

With Russiagate exposed, dumped into the historical garbage heap, it is now both possible and necessary for President Trump to be liberated from the remnants of the British imperial mentality which surrounds him and fills the institutions of the western nations. This means establishing friendly relations with Russia — as Russia is prepared to do as well. It means achieving the agreement with China, which Trump is confident is within reach, just as European nations are finally acknowledging that their future lies in cooperation with the Belt and Road Initiative.

Yet, the assets of the Empire are frantic to prevent this. The neocons are trying to drag the President into a regime change war in Venezuela, while the remnants of the "Committee to Blow Up the World," otherwise known as the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD), on Monday reconstituted themselves with the new name: CPD-China. China, they claim, is the new danger to America's status as the "world's only superpower" — an imagined status which is in fact an anti-American psychosis aimed at preventing Trump from ending the British "Great Game" of divide and conquer.

This is the moment for America to follow the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche — achieving his exoneration will bring that reality into the center of the now unfolding fight for a new paradigm, for a community of a shared future for mankind.