

## FBI nabs LaRouche foes for kidnaping plot

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Donald Moore, one of the pivotal figures in the judicial frameup that imprisoned independent presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and numbers of his associates, has landed behind bars himself—and could end up there for the rest of his life. He was arrested by the FBI on charges that he conspired to kidnap a 36-year-old heir to the du Pont family fortune, Lewis du Pont Smith. According to the FBI, the arrests followed a three-month-long, four-state-wide investigation, and Smith's wife, Andrea Diano Smith, may also have been targeted for abduction.

The paymaster of the alleged plot was the victim's father, E. Newbold Smith, a 66-year-old millionaire socialite from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. He was arraigned on Oct. 1 at the Federal Courthouse in Philadelphia and released on \$250,000 bond. Smith has collaborated for several years with the Cult Awareness Network, Henry Kissinger, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and others in federal state and local governments in an effort to impede the movement founded by LaRouche.

Indicted along with the elder Smith was government operative Donald L. Moore, 45, of Lovettsville, Virginia, a former deputy of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office who was instrumental in the October 1986 "Get LaRouche" task force raid on the headquarters of the LaRouche movement in Leesburg. Also indicted were Galen Kelly, 45, of Esopus, New York, who claims powers to "deprogram" people, and Robert Point, 38, of South Amboy, New Jersey, known as "Biker Bob."

The federal charges of conspiracy to kidnap could carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The criminal complaint says that Donald Moore told an FBI cooperating witness that he and others involved in the kidnaping plan are associated with the Cult Awareness Network (CAN), which has been active in planting slanders against the LaRouche movement throughout the media and in pressuring supporters to withdraw their support. According to a Virginia paper, *Leesburg Today*, which ran banner front-page coverage of the arrests, "The FBI is reportedly continuing an investigation of other individuals turned up during the Smith probe. That probe includes attempts to piece together the layers in a suspected abduction-for-hire network in which Kelly was allegedly a participant."

### 'Not surprised'

Lewis du Pont Smith, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche and former candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania, said in a brief statement on Sept. 30, "I am appalled, but not surprised, by this indictment. I was aware of similar considerations in the past. Perhaps now, the full truth will come to light. For a complex of reasons, any further statement at this time would be inappropriate."

At the first court appearance of Kelly and Moore in Alexandria, Virginia on Oct. 1, the government argued that both should be held without bond because they represent a threat to the community and risk of flight.

Moore, according to an affidavit filed with the criminal complaint, had carried out another kidnaping of a Washington, D.C. woman last spring for "deprogramming" purposes, and would have been arrested then, had he not already been targeted by the investigation leading to the current complaint. The court ordered that Moore could be released on Oct. 5 if he posted \$250,000 bond, paid for his own electronic monitoring, and met other travel and reporting restrictions.

Newbold Smith, who was ordered to surrender his passport, must appear in Alexandria, before the very same court that convicted LaRouche, on Oct. 6, 1992—the sixth anniversary of the infamous raid against LaRouche.

An FBI release of Sept. 30 quoted Robert M. Bryant, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Washington Metropolitan Field Office: "Lewis DuPont Smith was believed to be under the influence of a 'cult' and the purpose of the abduction was to transport him and his wife to a yacht owned by Smith's father, Edgar Newbold Smith of Radnor, Pennsylvania. The yacht would be waiting off the East Coast of the United States where Lewis Smith would be 'deprogrammed' by Galen Kelly." The scheme entailed luring the 36-year-old man into a hotel room from a bar and then sedating him.

A key cooperating witness for the FBI was former Loudoun County sheriff's deputy Doug Poppa. Poppa said that he was approached by Don Moore and offered a chance to make money by taking part in the plot. He took the information to the FBI, and then agreed to help the investigation.

Moore had planned to run for sheriff himself. Poppa told the Washington, D.C. CBS affiliate in a television interview Oct. 1, "Moore would tell me how he was going to run the department after he was elected, and in the next sentence saying he was going to kidnap someone. Can you imagine what would have happened if he had been elected?"

Eight years ago, Lewis du Pont Smith had given a political contribution in the range of \$212,000 to a company close to LaRouche. Newbold Smith then initiated competency proceedings against his son to get control of his trust fund, which derives from the du Pont chemical fortune. Declared incompetent by a rigged Pennsylvania court, Lewis was forbidden to marry in Virginia. But he married Andrea Diano in a religious ceremony in Rome, Italy in 1985. Lyndon LaRouche acted as the best man.