'No Alternative to Total Victory'— Over the British Empire

July 18— Only weeks after Barack Obama was sworn in as President of the United States, he announced a new U.S. policy for Afghanistan on March 27, 2009. With the American generals fighting the war in Afghanistan standing by, Obama said, "The situation is increasingly perilous." He noted that it had been more than seven years, yet war was raging on, and attacks had risen steadily. Given that, "2008 was the deadliest year of the war for American forces," people who have sacrificed, "have a simple question: What is our purpose in Afghanistan? After so many years, they ask, why do our men and women still fight and die there? And they deserve a straightforward answer."

And what was that answer? Why, to fight terrorism, of course. Therefore, Obama said, we will continue to do exactly what we have been doing, which had failed utterly, only more so. He ordered 17,000 additional troops to be deployed to Afghanistan, promising that would solve the seven years of failure.

Lyndon LaRouche responded to the madness with the truth, which has been so totally ignored over the past 20 years of blood and destruction in Afghanistan, saying in the summer of 2009, "The British have lured us into this trap, and they want us to stay there until we have failed altogether." He noted that, since the time of the Seven Years War (1757-1763), when the British Empire first emerged in its current form, the British have pursued a policy of inducing targeted nations to destroy themselves, by being trapped into wars they have no business fighting.

LaRouche elaborated:

The British manipulate the United States from the outside—not through some little conspiratorial cabal. Look at the case of Vietnam: When President John F. Kennedy accepted the wise advice of top American retired generals, including Douglas MacArthur and Dwight Eisenhower, that the United States should never get caught in a land-war in Asia, and began plans to withdraw U.S. forces from Indochina, the British assassinated him. After that, as Lyndon John-

son candidly admitted in his final interview before his death, JFK's successor plunged headlong into Vietnam—out of fear of the assassins' bullets that took down Kennedy.

Now, we are once again being lured into a land war in Asia. It is Vietnam all over again, and the British are pushing us in, deeper and deeper. The enemy is not, fundamentally, the Taliban and al-Qaeda. The real enemy, the real threat, comes from the British Empire. If you don't have a top-down understanding of the role of the British, and the specific kinds of manipulations they run—like Tony Blair's "sexed-up" Iraq disinformation dossiers in 2002—you will almost invariably fall into the trap.

Every war, since the middle of the 18th Century, that has erupted, anywhere on the planet, has been manipulated by the British. That is how they operate. They exploit the ideological blinders, the petty hatreds, and induce nations to self-destruct. Often, they take actions that appear to jeopardize Britain itself, to win their objectives. This is what the Harold Wilson government did in 1967-68, when they wrecked the pound sterling. They did it to induce the United States to abandon the Bretton Woods System altogether—which is exactly what Richard Nixon, under the sway of George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, did in 1971.

In 1992, again, the British had their little Nazi-collaborator puppet, George Soros, run a \$2 billion attack on the pound sterling, which busted up the quasi-fixed-exchange European Rate Mechanism. The breakup of the ERM was the pivotal event, that opened up continental Europe for self-destruction, under the Maastricht Treaty.

This is how the British Empire operates. And unless some people around the White House wise up soon, the United States is going to be dragged even deeper into a catastrophic failure in Afghanistan. There is no alternative to victory—victory over the British Empire.