

Will a President Hillary Clinton Provoke World War III?

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Aug. 4—Within 24 hours of Hillary Clinton's formal nomination as the Democratic Party's 2016 presidential candidate, some of Clinton's top foreign policy and national security campaign advisers came out with blood-curdling attacks against Russia and against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Even as the Democratic Convention was underway, former CIA Director and Defense Secretary under Barack Obama, Leon Panetta, told the convention on July 27 that the key to ending the Syrian war is to overthrow President Assad. Two days later, Jeremy Bash, Panetta's former chief of staff at CIA and the Pentagon and now a top adviser to Clinton, told the *Daily Telegraph* that one of Clinton's first actions as President would be to order a top-down review of Syria policy, with the goal of putting the ouster of Assad at the top of the priorities. He argued that there is no prospect of defeating the Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra without removing Assad.

Michèle Flournoy, who is viewed as Hillary Clinton's top choice to be Secretary of Defense, told *Defense One* that a new administration must create a "no bomb zone" in the north of Syria, to safe-house rebel fighters and train and arm them to overthrow Assad, as well as to combat ISIS and



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Al-Nusra. She advocated the use of stand-off weapons—guided missiles which can be launched from sufficient distance to protect the attackers from defensive action—against the Syrian Army as another escalation in the regime-change war launched against Syria by President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton in early 2011.

Flournoy is the CEO of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), a think-tank dominated by Clinton advisers and other neoconservatives. Flournoy's interview with *Defense One* was a condensed version of a report CNAS had just produced from its ISIS Study Group, which included a collection of war-hawks and neocons who are all part of the Clinton stable: Ryan Crocker, Kimberly Kagan, Joseph Lieberman, Gen. David Petraeus, Kenneth Pollack, Andrew Tabler, and Frances Townsend.

In May, CNAS had published a blueprint for global confrontation, called "Extending American Power: Strategies to Expand American Engagement in a Com-

Left, Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is shown testifying before the House Select Committee on Benghazi. She has declared herself the "continuity" candidate from the nearly two decades of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq extending from former Vice President Dick Cheney (top) and President Obama (center).

petitive World Order,” which was co-authored by Robert Kagan, a leading neocon who prepared a similar study for the incoming Bush-Cheney Administration in 2000, the “Project for a New American Century.” Both documents advanced a unipolar world based on projection of ever-expanding U.S. military power. The PNAC study was widely seen as the game-plan that Bush and Cheney used to launch the decade of permanent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq,— a game-plan later extended by Obama and Clinton into Syria and Libya.

Following the diatribes by Panetta, Bash, and Flournoy, many astute observers concluded that the attacks on Syria, Russia, and China which were included in their combined remarks, could not have been issued without prior approval by Hillary Clinton herself.

In short, Clinton has declared herself as the “continuity” candidate from the nearly two decades of permanent war launched by Bush and Obama. Those wars have now put the world on the verge of thermonuclear war with Russia and China,— a war that will wipe out humankind.

While serving as Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton was one of the most strident advocates of war and more war in the Obama Administration. Clinton was and remains a strong promoter of the need to overthrow the Assad government in Damascus, through direct U.S. military involvement if necessary. Her demand to create a no-fly zone inside Syrian territory is a blatant violation of all principles of national sovereignty, and her role in the launching of the disastrous Libyan war— widely described as the decisive vote in the rush to regime-change—has created a permanent crisis through-

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Leon E. Panetta



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Michèle Flournoy

‘Hillary ought to be ashamed of herself for being herself’— Lyndon LaRouche

Aug. 5—In recent discussions with associates in the wake of the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, Lyndon LaRouche said of Hillary Clinton, “She is not a winning figure. Nor is he [Trump]. The only thing they can do is to cause doom. They cannot win, except by causing doom.” He went on to describe Hillary Clinton as “a professional stooge for Obama,” who is running a “swindle against the people of the United States.” He said that she is on the edge of “going down as a political figure.” LaRouche identified the starting point of that doom as the moment on July 13, 2015, when LaRouche PAC organizer Daniel Burke asked Hillary Clinton at a Manhattan event whether she would act to reinstate Glass-Steagall. “He insisted that he get an answer, and she refused. She’s just making more and more enemies,” LaRouche said.

LaRouche further emphasized that someone has to identify what caused Obama to become President of the United States, and pointed to the role of British Empire operator George Soros. He said, “Obama is an instrument of this body.” Hillary has made herself a tool of the same British Empire that runs Obama, by her decision to support him. Hillary Clinton has been identified as the instigator of the Obama Administration’s 2011 bombing of Libya, and the subsequent murder of its President Muammar Gaddafi. She later wittingly lied about the cause of the Sept. 11, 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, which resulted in the deaths of four American citizens, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

—*Diane Sare*

out the African continent, leading to mass deaths and social chaos.

It was Hillary Clinton, along with Susan Rice and Samantha Power, who pushed for the ouster of Libyan leader Qaddafi, even though it meant aligning with hard-core Al-Qaeda and related jihadist terror groups. The overthrow and assassination of Qaddafi turned Libya into an ungovernable no-man's-land, run by warring cliques of heavily armed militias, many dominated by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and subsequently by the Islamic State.

Nuland's Nazis

The weapons that were “liberated” from Libyan government stockpiles have fueled wars across the African continent, and large quantities of those “loose weapons” were smuggled into Syria, through U.S., British, Saudi Arabian, Qatari and Turkish channels, into the hands of the jihadists who have turned Syria and Iraq into a Hell on Earth. Millions of refugees from the North African, Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghan conflicts, all boosted by Obama and Clinton, have flooded into Western Europe in desperate flight for their lives, creating the biggest refugee crisis in the entire postwar period.

Hillary Clinton's four years as Secretary of State for Barack Obama, led directly to the events of Sept. 11, 2012, when jihadists from Ansar al-Sharia staged a heavily-armed assault on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, resulting in the murder of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other American officials.

As State Department documents detailed, for months prior to the Benghazi 9/11 attack, Ambassador Stevens and other U.S. diplomats in Libya had begged for increased security personnel. The State Department compiled a grid of scores of attacks on foreign diplomats and even the International Red Cross, but secu-

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Libyan rebels' photostream

Men flee as Qaddafi's tent burns behind them, Tripoli, Aug. 24, 2011.



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*US Representative to the UN
Samantha Power.*



UN/Devra Berkowitz

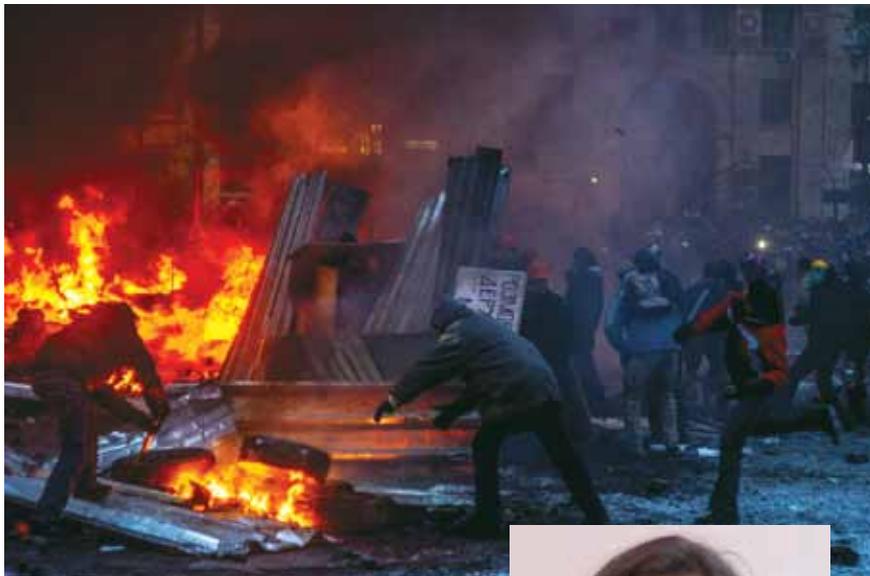
*Susan Rice, Obama
Administration National
Security Adviser.*

rity was actually stripped, rather than boosted. While State Department official Patrick Kennedy was ostensibly in charge of security arrangements for the U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya, the buck really stopped with the Secretary—Hillary Clinton.

As the Benghazi attack on 9/11/12 was unfolding, live reports from Benghazi and from the embassy in Tripoli made clear that the attack on the mission was premeditated, well-planned, heavily armed, and deadly. A Defense Intelligence Agency assessment, released within the government days after the attack, spelled out precisely how the attack was conducted.

Yet, President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton, more concerned with the upcoming November 2012 presidential elections, chose to lie to the American people and claimed that the attack in Benghazi was a “spontaneous” protest against a little-known video slandering the Prophet Mohammed—a baldfaced lie.

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Anti-government protesters at Maidan Square in Kiev, Ukraine, January 22, 2014.



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Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

That lie, worked out in a late-night phone call between President Obama and Secretary Clinton, and first issued to the public in a press release issued under Clinton's name, was maintained for days. On the Sunday after the attack, National Security Adviser Susan Rice went on a string of interview shows to peddle the "spontaneous protest gone wild" lie, first issued by Clinton.

Hillary Clinton put the re-election of Barack Obama ahead of the truth and the vital national security interests of the United States. She calculated that if she had told the truth and resigned from the Administration, Obama would have been defeated for re-election, she would have been blamed, and her own future prospects of being Presidential nominee of the Democratic Party would have been ended.

Lyndon LaRouche presented the case against Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama in an historic press conference in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club in the weeks following the Benghazi tragedy. LaRouche identified Clinton as a stooge for Obama and as a leading member of the war party, that has given the United States and the world the longest-running perpetual war, has

created the conditions for the rise of the Islamic State, and has bankrupted the U.S. economy.

Hillary Clinton not only presided over the rise of ISIS and the total destabilization of the entire Middle East/North Africa region. She, along with her trusted State Department ally, Victoria Nuland, created a total confrontation with Russia, which, at critical moments, put her in bed with outright Nazis.

Clinton promoted Nuland, the wife of neocon ideologue Robert Kagan, to top State Department posts, from spokeswoman for Secretary Clinton and the Department, to Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. From that post, Nuland presided over the "color revolution" which overthrew the Yanukovich government in Ukraine, using assets from the Banderist Nazi apparatus, which had fought side-by-side with Hitler's armies during World War II,— and then spawned several generations of avowed neo-Nazis like the Ukrainian Right Sector and Azov Brigades.

At one crucial moment in the overthrow of Yanukovich, Nuland boasted to an audience at the National Press Club in Washington that the United States had spent \$5 billion on the Ukraine "democracy" campaign since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

That 2013-2014 *coup d'état* in Kiev marked the dramatic escalation of the Obama Administration's already ongoing provocations against Russian President Vladimir Putin, actions that now include the deployment of NATO forces on the borders of Russia for the first time since the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union in World War II.

It was Obama and Clinton, joined at the hip, who destroyed the United States-Russian relationship, and have now put the world on a dangerous course towards general war, and even potentially a thermonuclear war of extinction. This is the real Obama-Clinton legacy.

Hillary Clinton detests the fact that Lyndon LaRouche has fearlessly made the truth of her record available to the American people and the world.