

Independent Hearings Investigate U.S. Department of Justice Misconduct

Independent hearings, facilitated by the Schiller Institute, to investigate allegations of gross misconduct by the United States Department of Justice, were convened Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 in Northern Virginia.

The hearings were prompted by the refusal this past summer by the House Judiciary Committee probe of the incident at Waco, to hear evidence of rampant corruption inside the permanent bureaucracy at the U.S. Department of Justice. Initially, those Congressional hearings seemed to be driven by broad-based, bipartisan concern that the Waco case, along with other pertinent cases, was a predicate of a continuing pattern of behavior by certain elements attached to the Justice Department.

But, once those hearings were hijacked by a group of Republican Congressmen whose only objective was to pillory President Clinton, the result was a massive coverup of the flagrant Justice Department corruption the Congress had promised to investigate.

Members of the Panel

The independent panel, which declared that it would investigate what the House subcommittees refused to hear, included former Congressman James Mann of South Carolina (who, while in Congress, served as a prominent member of the House Judiciary Committee); Senators Robert Ford and Maggie Wallace Glover of the South Carolina State Senate; Reps. William Clark and John Hilliard of the Alabama House of Representatives; Reps. Toby Fitch and Howard Hunter of the North Carolina House of Representatives; Rep. Ulysses Jones, Jr., of the Tennessee House of Representatives; Rep. Percy Watson of the Mississippi House of Representatives; attorney J.L. Chestnut, one of the foremost Civil Rights lawyers in America today; and Msgr. Elias El Hayek, Chor Bishop of the Maronite Church



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Panel members hear witness testimony at Independent Hearings.

LaRouche Exoneration Drive Expands

As of November 15, the number of current and former U.S. and Puerto Rican state legislators who have endorsed an Open Letter to the President of the United States, calling for the exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche, has grown to five hundred and ninety-seven (597).

The Open Letter has also been signed by twenty-nine former U.S. congressmen and such leading Civil Rights activists as Amelia Boynton Robinson, Rev. Hosea L. Williams, Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Rev. James L. Bevel, Rosa L. Parks, Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Dick Gregory, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, and Mamie Till.

States in which more than ten legislators have endorsed the Open Letter include: Alabama (26), Arkansas (17), Idaho (19), Kansas (20), Kentucky (11), Louisiana (11), Michigan (20), Mississippi (36), Missouri (10), Montana (35), New Hampshire (40),

New Mexico (15), North Carolina (19), North Dakota (35), Oklahoma (14), Pennsylvania (13), Puerto Rico (15), South Carolina (22), South Dakota (22), Tennessee (31), Utah (16), Vermont (17), West Virginia (12), and Wyoming (12).

The text of the Open Letter stresses that, while Lyndon LaRouche is currently free on parole, "a terrible crime still goes unanswered. Not only was an innocent man framed, convicted, and wrongfully imprisoned for five years, but it is now clearly the case, documented by six volumes of unchallengeable evidence, consisting chiefly of government documents and admissions of government-led 'task force' officials, that the U.S. government knew at all relevant times, from 1979 to the present day, that Lyndon H. LaRouche and his co-defendants were innocent of the false charges for which they were convicted."