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How John Train Targetted LaRouche

This Jan. 20, 1992 deposition was filed by EIR reporter Herbert Quinde, who conducted a thorough investigation of how banker John Train organized a defamation campaign against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, carried out through the media. It was submitted to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, in the case of United States v. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., William F. Wertz, Jr., and Edward W. Spannaus, as a Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, Correct Sentence under 28 USC section 2255. It was filed Jan 22, 1992.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOUDOUN)

HERBERT QUINDE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a reporter for *Executive Intelligence Review* and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated. As to matters which are stated upon information and belief, the basis for such statements is set forth in this Affidavit and consists of interviews I conducted personally, or documents gathered and maintained by me in files concerning John Train and the participants in meetings conducted at his residence pertaining to Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC), the political and philosophical association that Mr. LaRouche founded.
- 2. I make this Affidavit in support of petitioners' claims that the Government has suppressed exculpatory information known to it concerning defamatory and other actions conducted against petitioners in conjunction with the Government, government-coordinated attempts to "neutralize" petitioners' political influence in the United States and abroad, and other government operations against petitioners conducted under the authority of Executive Orders 12331 and 12333-34.
- 3. From March 7, 1984 to the present I have engaged in an investigation to determine who was present at a meeting at the residence of John Train, a New York financier, called to plan actions against LaRouche and the NCLC. As originally described by one participant, Michael Hudson, that meeting involved Train and 25 other journalists who planned to "coordinate national magazine stuff about you guys and [work] with federal law enforcement to deny you funding and tax exemption, is the delicate way to put it."
- 4. The results of my investigation and the sources for my information, prior to April 1989 and, most importantly, May 24, 1990, can be summarily set forth as follows:
- (a). On March 7, 1984, Sol Sanders, an individual who identified himself to me as a former editor of *Business Week* and the founder of the Committee for a Free World, a conservative social democratic organization, told me that two defamatory broadcasts against LaRouche by NBC-TV in January and March 1984 were planned at a meeting he attended at John Train's residence "about 8 months ago." The participants, according to Sanders, included Pat Lynch, the producer of the NBC-TV broadcasts, Dennis King, and about 25 other journalists. Sanders stated he abandoned any further contacts with the meeting participants after the meeting because "you can't have security with that many people." Sanders further described John Train to me as "one of the last OSS boys on Wall Street."