Letter to the editor from Crédit Suisse

Recently, *EIR* Editor-in-Chief Criton Zoakos received a communication from Mssrs. A.-L. Sugar and R. Von Reding of Credit Suisse, the large Swiss financial institution based in Zurich, dated Nov. 2, 1984:

Dear Mr. Zoakos,

Recently we received a cutting of an article (EIR Dossier) which seems to have been published in one of your magazines "Executive Intelligence Review" (EIR).

Since we have no recollection whatsoever of any relevant involvement in the [Nazi Finance Minister Hjalmar] Schacht apparatus during and after the war, we would be much obliged if you could explain yourself in this matter.

> Yours faithfully, Crédit Suisse, etc.

The Editor replies:

We are not entirely sure of what Mssrs. Sugár and von Reding consider "relevant involvement" with the Nazis. *EIR* would be happy to present its heavy documentation of the close involvement of major Swiss financial institutions including your institution with the Nazis during and after the war in any forum provided to us for this purpose, and have done so in

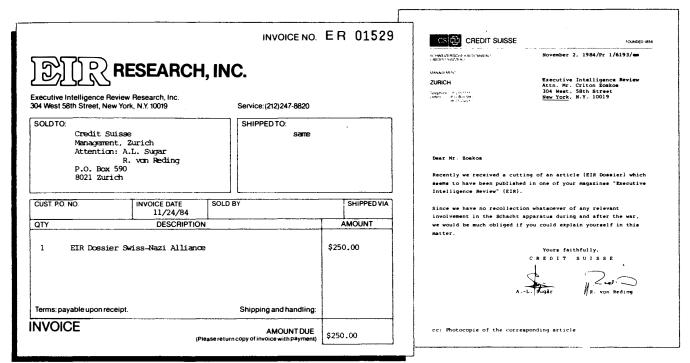
several published locations (for example, *EIR*, July 5, 1983, "The Swiss banking empire: center of the Fourth Reich").

This letter, we observe, was received by us after a monthlong period during which four known attacks on *EIR* and other organizations related to former presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche have been published in Swiss press, including press in François Genoud's Lausanne, home-base of the Nazi International. The communication also coincides with an intensive period of financial warfare against the LaRouche network, in which banks holding accounts of *EIR*, LaRouche campaign organizations, and others, have stolen more than \$200,000 from the campaign, closed or toyed with *EIR* and other LaRouche-related credit-card accounts, and otherwise attempted to drain enough funds to stamp out LaRouche's ability to exert his growing influence in world affairs.

Whether the threat implicit in your communication is part of this coordinated financial warfare remains to be determined. In the meantime, we have no record of selling said *EIR Dossier* on Swiss-Nazi connections to Crédit Suisse. Said dossier is copyrighted, and reproduction in any form—presumably the means by which Crédit Suisse obtained a copy—without our permission is illegal under copyright laws. Therefore, in the interests of recouping a small part of the funds lost to us over the recent period, we submit an invoice for said dossier, which sells at \$250.

Whatever your institution's past illegalities in connection with Hjalmar Schacht's friends may have been, permit us to bring Crédit Suisse into conformity with the law on this count.

Yours faithfully, Criton Zoakos



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