

In FBI files obtained through the *Webster* case and through FOIA, it is documented that Henry Kissinger and members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), which is headed by Leo Cherne, demanded in 1982-83 that the FBI investigate and go after the sources of funding of NCLC activities, under the pretext that LaRouche and the NCLC were probably agents of some foreign intelligence service. Many knowledgeable observers are convinced that the FBI's "criminal" investigations of LaRouche and associated individuals and organizations were merely pretexts for running sophisticated financial warfare and counter-intelligence operations (Cointelpro) against them.

### Catch-22

Observers also note that the FBI has now created a real Catch-22 for itself. On the one hand, it has tried to cut off

discovery of evidence in the *Webster* civil rights suit by claiming that there has not been any FBI investigation of LaRouche and the NCLC for many years. But on the other hand, to cut off release of documents under the FOIA, the FBI is compelled to argue that its current investigative files are so sensitive that to release them would jeopardize the national security! In other words, in the civil rights suit the government justified withholding information on the grounds that there is *no* investigation, and in the FOIA suit the government justifies withholding information on the grounds of these (non-existent) investigations.

The plaintiffs in the *LaRouche v. Webster* case have recently cited a number of documents obtained under FOIA to attempt to reopen discovery in that case. Meanwhile, it is expected that Goldstein's attorneys will also emphasize this paradox as they file opposition papers in the FOIA suit over the coming weeks.

## LaRouche warned of Executive Order 12333

On July 2, 1987, two days after he had been indicted on the bogus charge of "conspiracy to obstruct justice" by Boston federal prosecutors, then presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued a series of documents identifying the intelligence apparatus which was being used to persecute him, and his associates. The root of the apparatus, he noted, was Executive Order 12333 issued Dec. 4, 1981.

What E.O. 12333, and its accompanying order 12334, did, LaRouche said, was to establish the bureaucratic basis for arm's-length intelligence operations, which would be run through private channels, for objectives for which the official government did not want to take responsibility.

In a July 2 statement entitled "President Reagan Is in Very Deep Trouble," LaRouche said the following:

"What these two Executive Orders did, was to create what Senator Boren has accurately described as a 'secret government' operating both inside and outside the Reagan administration. This is the crew that is guilty of every sordid thing done in cooperation with that crew of drug-runners called the Contras, and that is only the beginning. Every dirty operation run against me and my friends through the Reagan administration's Department of Justice, was planned and directed by the 'secret government' operating under the cover of Executive Order 12333.

"Worse, Executive Order 12333 is the channel through

which the Soviet KGB directly penetrates deep inside the U.S. intelligence community. The key to this Soviet spying is a branch of the U.S. Department of Justice called the Office of Special Investigation (OSI), operating under the direction of Mark Richard and Neal Sher."

In addition to operations against him and his associates, LaRouche identified E.O. 12333 as the authorizing cover for public-private intelligence operations targeted to overthrowing the Panamanian government, and to removing from the U.S. individuals which the Soviet government wished to have punished.

LaRouche issued his statement during the time when the congressional Irangate hearings were ongoing, with an eye to the fact that "secret government" operations authorized by E.O. 12333 would boomerang on the Reagan administration as well. While Reagan got out of office unscathed, so far, the very same Sword of Damocles hangs over the head of President Bush, who was intimately involved in the implementation of the secret government operations.

LaRouche's legal defense went a good distance toward identifying the nexus of private and public agencies which had targeted him, during the course of the Boston trial. Indeed, so much exculpatory material, including material on the groups working with Oliver North, was uncovered that hearings on government misconduct were held, and the trial eventually fizzled on May 4, 1987. Since then, the federal government has had the aid of the courts in covering up for the "secret government" apparatus and its "Get LaRouche" strike force. This FOIA release, however, indicates that by no means, is the pursuit of this unlawful grouping finished.