

# New British 'big lies' target Russia, Germany, and United States

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If you ever suspected that rogue elements of U.S. and other Western security services had a hand in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, then you are either “a purveyor or a dupe of Soviet KGB disinformation.” And if you ever spread the nasty word that the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was a homosexual, then once again, it’s the KGB that has tapped into your brain and steered you into character assassination of one of the great, shining heroes of the Cold War.

These are just two of the more ludicrous “revelations” about the Soviet KGB put forward by British intelligence’s trustworthy poison pen, Christopher Andrew, in his latest ghost-write of a purported “highlevel KGB defector’s personal story,” *The Sword and the Shield: The Mitrokhin Archives and the Secret History of the KGB* (Basic Books, New York, 1999). Based, purportedly, on 25,000 pages of type-written and handwritten notes composed by former KGB archivist, Col. Vasili Mitrokhin, over a ten-year period, up through his “retirement” from the KGB in 1984, the “Mitrokhin Archives” have been received with great fanfare by the British media, and by the predictable gaggle of American TV news magazinists, who are always suckers for a well-woven tale, especially when it is based on allegedly stolen or smuggled documents.

Never mind that Mitrokhin produced nary a page of actual KGB documents—merely his own notes. Never mind that, as Lyndon LaRouche reports in an accompanying statement released by his Presidential campaign committee on Sept. 21, 1999, the book is a pile of fictionalized “b.s.,” with a few scant kernels of corn to keep the starving mole-chasers coming back for seconds.

## Strategic purpose

Buried in the public fanfare that greeted the release of the 700-page psy-op, are clues that the “Mitrokhin Archives” are part of a move by factions of the British oligarchy to launch a major disruption of relations between Russia, the United States, Germany, and other nations, at the very moment when British intelligence is waging a covert war to dismember Russia, Indonesia, and, eventually, China—even if it drives the

planet to the brink of a nuclearized World War III (see article on p. 42).

On Sept. 19, the London *Sunday Telegraph*, the flagship of the British monarchy’s favorite press cartel, the Hollinger Corporation, revealed that the decision to “release” the Mitrokhin papers to the general public was made by the Conservative government back in 1996. Foreign Minister Sir Malcolm Rifkind authorized the security services, MI5 and MI6, to provide the documents to Cambridge University history department chairman Christopher Andrew, the semi-official historian of the British Secret Intelligence Service, so that he could weave the material into a book-length account of the exploits of the KGB. From the moment that Rifkind authorized the project, a standing committee of government mandarins, from the Home Office, the Foreign Office, the Cabinet Office, and MI5 and MI6, maintained tight supervision over the Andrew-Mitrokhin effort.

Given Britain’s obsession with secrecy, and given the monarchy’s direct control over the British security services, it is preposterous for a thoughtful adult to view the Mitrokhin “revelations” as anything but carefully tailored “new lies” aimed at furthering British imperial aims.

The selection of Christopher Andrew as the monarchy’s “friendly ghostwriter” offers the second clue as to the broader purposes of the exercise. Andrew’s quasi-official *Her Majesty’s Secret Service: The Making of the British Intelligence Community* assiduously covered up the existence of the Anglo-Soviet Trust, the monarchy’s longstanding collusion with factions of the Soviet leadership, through such British “triple agents” as Sidney Reilly, Bruce Lockhart, Kim Philby, et al.

Furthermore, longtime readers of *EIR* will recall that our Dec. 14, 1990, issue featured a lengthy review of an earlier disinformation book by the same Christopher Andrew, this time in cahoots with KGB defective Oleg Gordievsky. Andrew and Gordievsky have since teamed up to pen two more volumes of fractured fairy tales about the exploits of the KGB.

The 1990 volume, *KGB: The Inside Story of Its Foreign Operations From Lenin to Gorbachov* (New York: Harper

Collins) principally aimed at spreading the lie that, in the autumn of 1983, the Soviet government was moments away from launching a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the West, based on the paranoid delusion that Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) signified U.S. plans to stage a nuclear attack on Moscow at the earliest possible date.

In fact, as *EIR* had revealed, Gordievsky, a long-time British intelligence "mole" inside the London KGB station,

had been used by the government of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in 1983, to dissuade President Reagan from going aggressively forward with the SDI proposal, as devised by Lyndon LaRouche, which focussed on *U.S.-Soviet collaboration* to create a global shield against nuclear missiles and end the tyranny of Leo Szilard and Bertrand Russell's nuclear terror doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD).

## The KGB librarian hoax

*This statement was issued on Sept. 22 by Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.*

A recent book by an Oxbridge Professor, Christopher Andrew, pretends to unveil a wonderful story of Soviet spies galore, allegedly caught red-handed. The basis for this hoax is allegedly a collection of documents conduited into Britain by a former KGB librarian, one Vasili Mitrokhin. No elaborate investigation is needed to show that the Andrews book is a hoax, basically a manure-pile of frauds with a few kernels of fact included to assist in deluding the wishfully credulous.

The circumstances are sufficient to prove conclusively that the Mitrokhin legend is a British intelligence services' concocted hoax. Unfortunately, the hoax is of the type likely to be treated as fact by some American fools in the Congress or Vice-President Al Gore's cronies of the Principals Committee.

Look at the bare facts, as reported by Professor Andrew and other relevant British sources themselves. The following items are crucial for assessing the story being spread. The crucial facts are as follows:

1. According to Professor Andrew, et al., Mitrokhin, a KGB librarian, approached first U.S. and then British intelligence services, offering to defect to the NATO powers. Ostensibly, the U.S. turned down this worthless creature, but the British Foreign Office, true to its Benthamite heritage, took a different view of the matter. The Foreign Office is an expert in the business of salvaging something salable from even mere trash.

2. Mitrokhin defected as arranged. But, according to the British account, he left a treasure-chest of papers, tucked under his dacha, back in the Soviet Union. The tale continues, reporting that it was none other than British MI6's celebrated Tomlinson who retrieved that chest of papers, and brought them to Merrie Olde England.

3. The British do not claim that these papers were KGB

documents, but, rather, personal papers on which Mitrokhin made note of his knowledge of certain actual KGB documents. Immediately, the competent U.S. counterintelligence specialist begins wondering about the dating of the writing of the original note-papers which Tomlinson presumably delivered back to Merrie Olde England. Anyone wish to volunteer to pick out the kernels of corn from a stinking manure-pile? Maybe avowed manure specialist Al Gore?

4. Things then become, as Alice said, "curiouser and curiouser." "Why wasn't this reported!" screamed the British parliamentarians to the offices of MI5. "All these years?" they are reported to have pointed out.

5. It might appear that Oxbridge had suddenly revealed entire nests of Soviet spies which MI6's work had identified, and for whom MI5 had covered up all these passing years. Are you fool enough to believe any of this?

6. If you were seated at a banquet, and a British Oxbridge type, disguised as a waiter in full dress, were to deliver such a plateful of manure to your seat, might you not challenge the purported innocent waiter, at the very least, "Why you bring this crap to the table just now?"

7. Let us all suddenly grow up. The Blair monarchy, abetted by fools among both Bush Republicans and Gore Whatevers, are engaged in escalating the global strategic situation along the lines repeatedly proposed by lunatic Zbigniew Brzezinski and his political "Leperello," Samuel P. Huntington. The highly artficed Mitrokhin Flap is purely and plainly one of those hoaxes, even less believable than the Gordievsky swindle, which comes along whenever British sheep-herders take to stampeding enrageable American political sheep.

Watch carefully now! Watch to see which mass-media channels, which foaming-mouth Republicans, and which Gore cronies are going to now quote the Mitrokhin papers of Professor Andrew as authority for another anti-Russia, anti-Clinton scandal? Down the line, the possibility of actual exchanges in nuclear weapons, in the Central Asia theater, and even beyond, are waiting to greet the fools, perhaps at the Gates of Hell itself.

The hysteria in London over President Reagan's March 1983 adoption of the LaRouche plan prompted the British to activate a wide range of crown assets, such as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, to not only silence LaRouche, but to ensure that under no circumstances would the U.S.-Soviet SDI cooperation move forward. Then-Vice President George Bush and his sidekick, White House Chief of Staff James Baker III, moved mountains to subvert the President's SDI policy; a British "charm campaign" was launched into Moscow, to ensure that the Reagan-LaRouche SDI proposal was rejected.

The 1990 Andrew-Gordievsky book, in short, was part of one of the most significant British *strategic maneuvers* against the United States in the post-war period.

### The current hoax

The latest Andrew hoax, the "Mitrokhin Archive," is aimed at launching what might be called a "reverse McCarthyite witchhunt." Like Roy Cohn's alcoholic Senator of 1950s "red scare" infamy, Mitrokhin purports to be in possession of his own handwritten lists of the names of thousands of Soviet KGB "moles" who successfully operated in the West throughout the World War II and Cold War epochs. Indeed, Mitrokhin's "red-hot list" suggests that Franklin Roosevelt was virtually surrounded by Soviet spies, and was on the verge of turning the State Department and the Treasury Department over to Moscow moles. And the Bretton Woods conference in 1944 was the handiwork of Stalin's top spy in America, Harry Dexter White.

By Andrew's account, Mitrokhin was the KGB librarian with access to every file on every foreign intelligence operation launched by the Soviet secret services from the time of the early Bolshevik Cheka through Yuri Andropov and Mikhail Gorbachov. To satisfy the skeptics, the *Sunday Telegraph* informed its readers on Sept. 12 that one senior British expert on intelligence confided that Mitrokhin was more important than the head of the KGB himself: "Even if the head of the KGB had defected," the unnamed expert noted, "he would not have had as much information as Mitrokhin. The head of the KGB would not have spent 10 years in the archives copying out material. What any human being can remember is necessarily limited. But MI6 managed to get Mitrokhin and his six crates of documents out of Russia."

The "Mitrokhin Archive" has been purportedly shared, courtesy of MI6, with the relevant security services in the United States, Germany, France, Italy, etc.—and in every instance, they have provoked spy probes, implicating top-level politicians, defense contractors, and intelligence officers.

According to the Mitrokhin fibbery, the Soviet spy service was so effective that:

- they were able to dupe millions of Americans into believing that there was a conspiracy behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, orchestrated by the CIA and by right-wing oil interests. One gem, produced by KGB forgers,

was a handwritten note from Lee Harvey Oswald to former CIA case officer E. Howard Hunt. Never mind that the actual disinformation campaign, to conceal *the British hand* behind the Kennedy murder, was led by Lord Russell and senior British intelligence hand Sir Hugh Trevor-Roper.

- they were able to discredit FBI director Hoover as a homosexual who turned the Bureau into a "queer" parlor.

- they were able to steal virtually every U.S. defense-related secret and maintain nuclear weapons parity with the West strictly on the basis of their espionage prowess.

- they were able to establish networks of Soviet moles-in-place throughout the United States, who were prepared, on command, to bring the U.S. economy to its knees, by sabotaging everything from the entire electrical power grid of New York State, to the water supplies of most major American cities. Booby-trapped stockpiles of bombs and weapons, to be taken up by Bolshevik insurgents, dotted the American landscape.

For all of his 25,000 pages of personal notes and all of his tales of larger-than-life KGB successes, Mitrokhin failed to even mention such real-life KGB assets and allies in the West as the late Armand Hammer, the late Averell Harriman, and the later crop of collaborationists, including whiskey baron Edgar Bronfman, the personal distiller of the East German "Stasi," and grain cartel boss Dwayne Andreas. And, in the Mitrokhin-Andrew account, "Kim" Phily and the Cambridge Five remain true-blue Soviet communists who betrayed all things British. Pure rubbish.

One must ask Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Christopher Andrew, and the MI5 and MI6 mandarins who purportedly vetted the Mitrokhin archives: Have they established exactly when the so-called handwritten and typed notes were prepared? Was the paper purportedly retrieved from Mitrokhin's *dacha* hiding places ever tested for authenticity of the dating?

### Target: Primakov

Ghostwriter Andrew capped off the Mitrokhin fairy-tale by revisiting a theme first struck by an earlier KGB defector, Anatoli Golitsyn: The big bad KGB is alive and well, and still making trouble for anyone in the West naive enough to seek cooperation with Moscow. Indeed, cooperation with Moscow is, by its very nature, impossible, writes Andrew—not because of the Soviet matrix, but because Russia is, was, and always will be a part of the Orthodox East, deeply hostile to the outlook of the West.

And who does Andrew single out as the personification of the continuing KGB reign of terror and the Russian hostility to all things Western? Why, Former Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov, the man London fears may be elected as the next President of Russia.

The lesson to be drawn from the still-unraveling Mitrokhin hoax? Don't be fooled by cheap sensationalism—especially cheap sensationalism brought to you by the British monarchy and Her Majesty's secret services.