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DIALOGUE WITH THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

Morale, Morality: Hamilton, Mozart— We Catalyze Our Fellow Americans

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Jeffrey Steinberg: It's a pleasure to be here, even if only by Google Hangouts. I just want to say at the beginning that it's imperative that coming out of this discussion today, everyone has a very clear strategic focus on our priority tasks. There's an enormous amount of distraction and literally a willful campaign to demoralize the American people by turning this year's Presidential elections into a pornographic TV reality show. There's a reason why major forces within the Establishment are trying to do that. We're at a point of grave crisis; the entire trans-Atlantic financial system is hanging by a thread. You could literally pick up the paper Monday morning, and find out that we're going through a Lehman Brothers shock, but a hundred times worse. Deutsche Bank is a major international bank; it's actually a City of London bank, it no longer has anything to do with Germany or with the prior tradition of Alfred Herrhausen and classical Rhineland German banking, industrial banking.

We also face the reality that President Obama, on behalf of the British and their Saudi allies, is attempting to provoke Russia, provoke President Putin through, again, a gutter propaganda campaign of lies with the intent of goading the Russians into taking a strategic step that would prove to be a blunder. That is not about to happen; Putin is far too smart

for that. The Obama forces, the British, the Saudis, are still reeling from the strategic defeat that they suffered, which all of you played a very critical role in, in the passage of JASTA; and then the overriding of President Obama's veto by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in both Houses of Congress. I can assure you that this is not something that has been accepted and minimized on the part of the Obama circles, the British, and the Saudis. After the override of the veto, the Saudis began doubling the amount of money that they're spending in trying to buy off and corrupt the Congress; so they know that this is simply the beginning of the end of their entire global terror empire operation.

More than Glass-Steagall

So, what are our priorities? In the discussion with Lyn and Helga earlier today, there were two things that became crystal clear. Number one, that we have got to



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continue the drive for Obama’s removal from office. If you simply consider the fact that he continues to conduct these Tuesday kill sessions in which extra-judicial assassinations are mapped out and signed on to by the President—including extra-judicial assassinations of American citizens; it should be very clear why it is that the very principles of our Constitution are jeopardized if this kind of behavior is in any way, shape, or form tolerated. Of course, by keeping up the heat, by forcing people to remember what the actual legacy of this President is, we go a long way towards making sure that he is denied any opportunity to blow things up even worse in his final three months in office. So, the removal of Obama, the demand that Constitutional principles be revived and this guy is removed, even in the very little time left in his Presidency, is something that carries a very powerful message.

Secondly, we’ve got to make sure that our strategic efforts are focussed on effectively establishing the same kind of emergency measures that were adopted by President Franklin Roosevelt in the first 100 days of his Presidency. And of course, as all of you know, the immediate reinstatement of Glass-Steagall is an essential element of that effort. But alone, Glass-Steagall doesn’t do the job; it’s a necessary first step, but we’ve got to insist on something much more than that. Namely, a full-scale Hamiltonian revival. Now, that’s exactly what the legislative package that Franklin Roosevelt pushed through in his first 100 days in office accomplished; and we know the history of Roosevelt’s own deep studies of Alexander Hamilton, going back to his own family legacy. One of his relatives was one of the closest partners and allies of Hamilton during the formative years of the republic after the Constitution. So, we’ve got that same task.

Keep the Laser-Like Focus

When Lyn wrote his Four Cardinal Laws more than two years ago, he was basically—as he has emphasized this week—putting forward a framework for applying Hamilton’s core principles to the current circumstances that the United States faces. And of course, the situation globally, if you step back and look at the Earth as a whole, has shifted, so that a major center of gravity of real growth, of scientific and technological progress, is in Asia, extending into Eurasia. Western Europe, including Germany, is bankrupt; the United States is an economic basket case with a collapse of infrastructure. And now many of you have perhaps directly received word that Obamacare is in a state of disintegration. One of



“Who will be our allies in this fight to revive Hamiltonian principles, starting with Glass-Steagall?” Here, Alexander Hamilton.

our colleagues in Maryland received a letter which is typical of the letters received by over 1.5 million people just in the last several weeks, saying that the cost of their Obamacare health care is going to increase by 61% this year, and with a dramatic reduction in actual services provided. So, this is just typical of the general directionality of the collapse of our real economy.

So, it’s this policy agenda that is vital to everything that we’re doing. In all likelihood, there will be another President; and as we know very clearly, the next President is going to be problematic in the same way that the last two Presidents were very problematic, and worse. So, we’ve got to keep the perspective that the kind of laser-focussed mobilization that we accomplished that led to the victory in the JASTA fight, has to be carried forward. And the singular focus of that effort has to be on the implementation of a Hamiltonian recovery for the United States.

We Can Achieve a Major Breakthrough

Now, we’re not starting from Ground Zero by any means. Both political parties have adopted Glass-Steagall in their platforms; and that was not just some minor thing. This was noted by Wall Street in a real reaction of

panic, because of the implications of Glass-Steagall plus the other measures that Lyn has clearly laid out. So, that's the task before us. And one of the first challenges is to make sure that everybody's head is absolutely clear that the distractions that abound are not a diversion away from forcing people to face the reality that, unless we can succeed in implementing these kinds of major changes in policy direction, the country is doomed and future generations are going to be in very big trouble. And of course, the war danger is a byproduct of the desperation of those who are trying to hold together a system that's already dead.

What we've got to clearly put on the table as a definition of leadership, which you're not getting from Clinton, you're not getting from Trump, you're not getting from anywhere else. We've got to define the policy agenda that must be adopted and implemented in the immediate period ahead. That is an underlying reality that basically has to be the driver for all of our work, because we can achieve a major breakthrough. The American people are hungry and desperate for the kinds of policies that we're putting forward. When we present these policies in a way that they understand what the historic roots are, that this is a restoration of the core principles upon which the American republic was founded, that we fought a revolution against a British Empire that is still the center of evil in the world today—we can make miracles happen.

So, Dennis, Diane, why don't we just throw things open now?

Putin Has Outflanked Them All

Dennis Speed: OK, let's go to the first question.

Question: This is J— from Brooklyn. I'm hearing what you're saying, and everyone in the room is getting,— you feel that tension from energizing ourselves to get ready for this fight. As a teacher, I noticed last week that in our mailboxes, there were *Time* magazines; the magazines are pushing this propaganda against Putin. We are supposed to be presenting these



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Putin has outflanked all Middle East operations of the war party. The Syrian Arab Army, shown here, fighting further into Aleppo from multiple directions, is near to victory in retaking the strategically crucial city.

kinds of things in the classroom. Concerning Syria, it's saying that the Russians are preventing us from actually fighting ISIS. Yeah; how about that? And that Putin is trying to intervene in our elections. It's just crazy stuff! We *are* ready for this fight. I just want you to comment further on the strategy that we need, because the propaganda is outrageous; it's just everywhere. Where do we start and what needs to be done to intertwine impeaching Obama and getting Glass-Steagall?

Steinberg: I think there's a good reason why you have this effort at demonization of Putin; because with limited resources, Putin has successfully outflanked all of the war party operations around the Middle East. We're at a point right now in Syria where the Syrian government forces—with strong support from Russia—have completely cut off and isolated what's called the Aleppo pocket. This is the area of eastern Aleppo that's been in the hands of al-Qaeda; which is really the mother organization of the Nusra Front, no matter how many times they change their name.

Al-Qaeda has a last, remaining stronghold in that city; it's encircled, it's under siege, it's collapsing neighborhood by neighborhood. Everyone who thought that Putin was stupid, thought that the Russians would be drawn into Syria in a way that would make it another Afghanistan kind of trap. Putin has outflanked them all; it has now become clear that anyone looking for peace and stability in the Middle East—or frankly, anywhere throughout Eurasia—has to deal with Russia, has to work with Putin.

Ask Them, Do You Want Nuclear War?

You're going to see an even further round of hysteria coming out by the early part of next week, because what you're going to hear about is that the BRICS heads of state meeting has taken place over this weekend. Already today, there have been extremely important, bilateral heads of state meetings between Putin and Modi, between Putin and Xi Jinping, and between Modi and Xi Jinping.

That's just for starters. There have been massive agreements—both security agreements and vital economic agreements—expanding on the One Belt, One Road program, that are coming out of that whole discussion. There's actually, ironically, a piece in the *New York Times* today that begrudgingly admits that with a very small expenditure of resources, Putin has succeeded in having Russia re-emerge as a major global player. Last week, Putin was meeting with President Erdogan in Turkey, consolidating another major piece of their economic agreements, which are now part of an integrated Russia-China/One Belt One Road/Eurasian Economic Union process.

The propaganda you are referring to is all bluff and lies; and we've got to basically just dismiss it as exactly that. I think the question to pose to people when they raise all of this insanity about Putin, is to ask them, do they really want to start a nuclear Third World War? Because this kind of activity is leading in exactly that direction.

China Has Invited U.S. Participation

The fact of the matter is that Eurasia is organizing itself around Hamiltonian principles. At the very end of the 19th Century, the foreign policy of the United States was to build what today is called the Eurasian Land-Bridge. What Lyn and Helga called the Eurasian Land-Bridge, beginning at the moment that the whole Warsaw Pact and Soviet Union collapsed.

In the 19th Century, American military engineers were in Russia, building the Trans-Siberian Railroad with the Russians. Friends of the United States in the circles of Bismarck were building rail links from Berlin to Baghdad. In France, the American System faction around Sadi Carnot and Gabriel Hanotaux was building rail links from Paris to Vladivostok. So Eurasia had an American System concept back then that's now been revived by China, by Russia, by India. So the question is, why is it that the United States has abandoned its own concept of how to organize both our own economy and the economy of the rest of the world?

I think all of these things go hand-in-glove, and we're at a real inflection point moment right now, where people have to understand that it's really a choice between war and peace. In this case, peace means the kind of economic development that we're seeing emerging out of Asia in particular, but which can and must be integrated here in the United States. Remember when Xi Jinping initiated the development program and announced the launching of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), he made it clear; he made it clear to President Obama face to face, that China absolutely wants full engagement and participation by the United States in these efforts. That's simply an international corollary of what we've got to do in terms of a complete overhaul of our economic and financial policy at home.

A Brief History of *Time* Magazine

I know the second half of today's meeting is going to begin a detailed review of the major papers that Alexander Hamilton wrote as reports to the Congress. Those principles, as you read through them and look at Lyn's Four Cardinal Laws from that context, you'll see: Everything is there in conceptual outline for how to carry out a complete revival of the U.S. economy. And for the United States to join what used to be historically American foreign policy: Namely, encouraging the building up of infrastructure everywhere around the globe; the cooperation in scientific advancement; the things that are going on in Asia that used to be the cornerstones of why everybody around the world looked to the United States for leadership.

So, there's reference points for what we've got to do that I think are understandable to an overwhelming majority of our citizens. We've got to get people excited and engaged in thinking about ideas, rather than this process of dragging people down into the gutter, which is what the whole character of this Presidential campaign and the debates has been. And *Time* magazine—look, remember that *Time* magazine is the legacy of the Luce family. They put Adolf Hitler and Mussolini on the cover of *Time* magazine as world leaders to be emulated throughout the 1930s. So it's a scandal that *Time* magazine is being used once again to put propaganda together on behalf of war.

Our Years of Work in Congress

Question: Hello, Jeff. I'm Hans F—. I have a question which is actually two interconnected questions. There was obviously some strong relationship between



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the success of the passing of the JASTA bill and the choral process, the musical process going on here in New York—for me, specifically the four concerts that were done in connection with the 9/11 fifteenth anniversary. This relationship for me is not totally clear. It’s clear that it’s strong, but exactly how it works is not totally clear for me. That’s my first question. My second question is, how would you apply that same process to get Glass-Steagall through and get Obama out?

Steinberg: On the first part of the question, there are details that some of us know about how the whole 28 pages and then JASTA fight played out. Some of it probably shouldn’t be discussed publicly. From nine months before the 9/11 attacks—when Lyn gave testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the confirmation of John Ashcroft as Attorney General—Lyn opposed Ashcroft, because of the emerging character of the Bush administration. He said, this is a government that will look for the first opportunity to stage a Reichstag Fire to go for dictatorship. So, nine months before 9/11, Lyn was forecasting on the basis of the

shape of that administration that was just coming into office, that this would be the nature of what it would be like and what they would try to do. And of course, Lyn was being interviewed live when the 9/11 attacks took place, and again, it’s another part of the history.

Our campaign for justice and getting at the full truth behind 9/11 had been going on for 15 years. The work that we did with Congress—I can just tell you—created the conditions for this to happen. People understood that Lyn was prescient in a way that no other living human being was about what was going to happen; what the Bush administration was like. And every single warning that we issued was absolutely born out—unfortunately—by the events that followed. So we developed an enormous amount of recognized credibility on that issue. Nobody could challenge us on the question of 9/11; why it happened, the elements that were involved in it.

They Saw the Way We Fight

Members of Congress, based on our work, literally, decided that this was a critical flank that had to be developed. We drove that flank through the mobilization around the 28 pages, around the JASTA fight. After Obama lied for seven and a half years that he would release the 28 pages, he was finally forced to release them, at the point that members of Congress said, we’re ready to drop the “Gravel bomb” [former Senator Mike Gravel read the *Pentagon Papers* into the record from the floor of the Senate]: We’re ready to just make it public on our own; and so, certain of Obama’s aides said it’s going to come out anyway, so why should you, who’s obsessed and desperate for a legacy, be the demon in this story.

And of course, the buildup for the concert series, and the fact that it came off as effectively and as profoundly as it did, was a vital factor in the victory around the JASTA battle. Those concerts inspired many, many institutions—the firefighters, the police, the families, people who were fighting this fight for 15 years, and thought that it was a lost cause. They suddenly found that because of our commitment and the way that we carried out that fight, that something that they thought was impossible, was now suddenly possible.

And by introducing the intervention into the 15th anniversary of 9/11 through that series of concerts—that had a critical impact on everyone involved. You know, from being there, how much people were inspired. And since the question of willingness to fight is always a question of morale and morality, it should be clear that the miracle that we pulled off around those concerts, the quality of the performances, the impact

that it had, was another factor that very much shaped the developments that ultimately led to that victory.

Americans Will Grasp the Four Laws

I think the larger lesson to be learned is that when Lyn launched the Manhattan Project back in October 2014, what he understood was that there was a certain quality of the population of the New York City area that was unique and could be a kind of a moral anchor for mobilizing the population of the country as a whole, and for impacting members of Congress who are under constant pressure to go along to get along. And today the kinds of despicable things you have to do to go along have gotten worse than ever.

So the fact that Congress, through an overwhelming, bipartisan majority, stood up to Obama, the British, and the Saudis, is a clear indication of what can be accomplished. But it requires all of those elements that we bring into the equation that nobody else brings into it. And so there have been two issues which, for the last number of years, have been the absolute, priority flanks that Lyn has wanted us to concentrate everything on: One was the Saudi fight, the 28 pages/JASTA, but really, it was a flanking assault against the entire Anglo-Saudi empire which controls this Obama Presidency and controlled the Bush Presidency before it.

So that was a critical flank and, as I say, they're more hysterical now than they were going into the JASTA vote, because they saw that Saudi money,— and I said this to some of the family members, "Saudi money can't buy shit anymore in Washington, D.C.," if it's held up against the kind of mobilization that we conducted, with Manhattan being a centerpiece of that effort.

We were able to assemble a combination of forces that reached way beyond our own immediate means, around a critical strategic flank that was in the interest of everybody. And that's exactly what we've got to do on the issue of Glass-Steagall, and the Four Laws and a revival of Hamiltonianism. This is an even bigger interest for the American people at large, because far more people understand that their conditions of life have disintegrated over the last 15, 16 years, than understand the details of 9/11.

Our Power Lies in Catalyzing Larger Forces

So if anything, we've got a broader constituency to reach out to on this issue, and we've got to be very attentive to the issue of morale and morality, in the same way that that was a driving factor in how we cumulatively created the conditions for victory on the issue of

the 28 pages and JASTA. Because it's a much bigger victory. It was a punch in the nose to the entire British-Saudi empire, and it ain't over. You know, the 20th of this month is the first scheduled court appearance where the Saudis should be reinstated into the lawsuit by the families. There is a massive amount of evidence yet to be made public.

There are things that are going to follow on that. But we've got to make sure that we achieve an identical victory, using the same principles and methods. Who are going to be our allies in this fight around a revival of the Hamiltonian principles, starting with Glass-Steagall? You know, there are many, many institutions, and I'll tell you right now, in Washington, we are known from the standpoint of the two issues that we've strategically focussed on.

Every member of Congress knows that we created the conditions, with a number of individual members who adopted a responsibility to behave in a way that goes way beyond what they previously or normally did. Remember, Walter Jones was the guy who was so angry at the French when they wouldn't support the Iraq War that he renamed "French fries" to "freedom fries." And now he says that the two worst mistakes that he made as a member of Congress were supporting the Iraq War and supporting the repeal of Glass-Steagall.

So we've got to be the moral compass from which we create the combination of forces—we have the ability, Lyn has always emphasized this—to be the catalytic factor that activates and moralizes forces that go well beyond our immediate, direct reach and resources.

'Force People to Think in that Elevated Way'

So it really requires a certain amount of thinking on all of your parts, on what are the opportunities, where are the flanks, how can we broaden it, how can more and more people be brought into the fight around these core Hamiltonian-LaRouchean principles starting with the Glass-Steagall issue, which is before both Houses of Congress: There are bills in the House, there are bills in the Senate. Everything that we've done on these policy issues has been uniquely bipartisan, because these are issues that are in the interest of the entire nation, and this is where partisanship breaks down. Go back and read Washington's Farewell Address, in which he not only warns about foreign entanglements, but says the greatest internal danger to the United States is the emergence of parties and factions.

So we've got to be above that and force people to think in that elevated way.