

times get the feeling that the candidates—smart all of them—must know better. They must know we can't fix our economy and create jobs by isolating America from global trade. They must know that we can't fix our immigration problems with border security alone. They must know that we can't fix our schools without holding teachers, principals and parents accountable for results. They must know that fighting global warming is not a costless challenge. And they must know that we can't keep illegal guns out of the hands of criminals unless we crack down on the black market for them. . . .

“As a businessman, I never believed that either party had all the answers and, as mayor, I have seen just how true that is. . . .

“I believe that an independent approach to these issues is essential to governing our nation, and that an independent can win the presidency. I listened carefully to those who encouraged me to run, but I am not—and will not be—a candidate for president. I have watched this campaign unfold, and I am hopeful that the current campaigns can rise to the challenge by offering truly independent leadership. . . .

“If a candidate takes an independent, nonpartisan approach, and embraces practical solutions that challenge party orthodoxy, I'll join others in helping that candidate win the White House.”

Republican Party strategist Richard Whalen, “Obama and the Billionaire,” *Congressional Quarterly's* online political newsletter, Feb. 28.

“A new headache for Senator Obama has surfaced that could have devastating impact on his presidential campaign. According to *The Times* of London a British-Iraqi billionaire lent millions of dollars to Obama's fundraising effort only weeks before an imprudent land deal.” After quoting extensively from the Feb. 26 *Times* of London story, and noting the pro-Obama bias of the U.S. media coverage of Obama's duel with Hillary Clinton, Whalen concludes, “We know less about Barack Obama and his political connections than we have known about any other candidate for the presidency in the past half century. . . . Obama's media honeymoon may be over. A veteran journalist who covers Obama regularly provided this snapshot: ‘He's not at all as he appears on television. He's cold, distant, and tightly wound. But when the red light goes on the TV cameras, he's all charm, and self-discipline in his choice of words.’

“This story is not going away. The Rezko-Auchi connection is sure to trigger overdue press scrutiny when Rezko's trial begins on March 3. Obama's name could figure in the trial although he is not accused of any wrongdoing.”

LaRouche Said Giuliani Was Set Up for Bloomberg

Lyndon LaRouche released a statement on Nov. 10, 2007, forecasting that New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg would be run as a “surprise” Presidential candidate, saying: “The build-up of former New York Mayor Giuliani as a ‘hot prospect’ for the man to beat Hillary Clinton in the coming U.S. Presidential election, was a crafted set-up, designed . . . for the present New York Mayor to emerge, as if ‘miraculously,’ as Senator Hillary Clinton's really intended Republican challenger.

“All of the relevant Republican king-makers had known fully in advance of the scandal which would bring Mafia creation Giuliani down, using the case-in-preparation against Bernard Kerik to spring the trap being set against Giuliani. To make Mayor Michael Bloomberg a serious contender, Giuliani had to be brought down, but only after



Former New York Mayor Rudolf Giuliani

. . . Giuliani's brief trip to euphoria had cleared the deck. . . . [Bloomberg would be] a ‘man on a white horse’ . . . ‘People's Choice’ . . . a politically saleable product under the presently shattered reputations of both the Republican Party, and a Pelosi-discredited Democratic pack.

“Giuliani must be built up to the degree that his sudden, disastrous fall into a political ‘Black Sox’ scandal, would wreck [and] . . . discredit both Giuliani and all his leading current rivals for the Republican nomination. That is exactly what has been done, as (obviously) pre-scripted.

“The standard, expert method for bringing a dictator, such as Mussolini or Hitler, to power by popular acceptance

of a duped electorate, is to stun that electorate with a shocking scandal against the leading, existing party systems.”

On Nov. 23, 2007, *EIR* published “The Rudy Bomb, Defused,” exposing the financiers' intention to dump Giuliani's candidacy in favor of Bloomberg, and noting, “We intend to help make such an outcome impossible, by reporting, ‘prematurely,’ what would have inevitably come before the general public.”