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## International Coalition to Free LaRouche Expands

On April 2, an appeal signed by 25,000 concerned citizens, and a special letter signed by close to three hundred parliamentarians and over one thousand leaders of Civil Rights, labor, religious, and ethnic organizations from around the world, were formally presented to the White House. The text of the appeal, which was originally published on Inauguration Day in the *Washington Post* and Mexico City's *Excelsior*, calls upon President Clinton to "see to it that Lyndon LaRouche is immediately set free and exonerated."

Among the prominent people who have signed the appeal as of March are: **Arturo Frondizi**, former President of Argentina, and **Manuel Solis Palma**, former President of Panama; forty-five members of the **Brazilian Congress**; ten members of the **Mexican Congress**; two members of the **Colombian Congress**; two members of the **Bolivian Congress** (using their own statement); one member of the **Peruvian Congress**; one member of the **Panamanian Congress**; seventy-four parliamentarians from **Italy**; ten from **Hungary**; seven from **Germany**; six from **Armenia**; four from **Ukraine**; two from **Spain**; two from **Great Britain**; one from **Pakistan**; one from **Denmark**; one from **Canada**; thirty members of the **Jordanian Parliament**; over a dozen municipal officials in **Colombia**; four former **U.S. Congressmen**; eighteen **U.S. state legislators**; numerous **mayors and other city and county elected officials**.

### New Initiatives

Two initiatives to gain even broader endorsement for the appeal have been undertaken. A letter to President Clinton, signed by dozens of sitting parliamentarians, was mailed to parliamentarians worldwide, asking for their endorsement. It begins: "We,



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*A VIP delegation from around the world came to Washington, D.C. in April to lobby for LaRouche's freedom. Left to right: Jorge Carillo, former Labor Minister, Colombia; William Nezowy, American Ukrainian activist; Pavlo Movchan, Member of Parliament, Ukraine; Joe Dixon, editor and publisher, Birmingham World newspaper, Alabama; Vladimir Shovoshitny, Member of Parliament, Ukraine; Ortrun Cramer, Schiller Institute, Germany.*

the undersigned, parliamentarians from several countries, request your direct intervention to free Lyndon LaRouche and to end the political persecution against his movement." After documenting the witchhunt against LaRouche and his movement, the letter concludes: "It is our understanding that throughout his public life Mr. LaRouche has been a defender of the right to sovereign development of all nations on the planet, and of the inalienable rights of all men and women. For those reasons, Mr. President, we ask you to take

prompt and resolute action to repair this injustice, by immediately freeing Lyndon LaRouche."

The second initiative is an open letter from the Rev. James Bevel and Amelia Boynton Robinson, both well-known leaders with Dr. Martin Luther King in the Civil Rights movement, documenting in detail the "Confederate justice" carried out against LaRouche and his movement, and urging those who are concerned for "our Constitution, our tradition, and our humanity" to add their names to the appeal to President Clinton.