

Obama Gave Up on Ukraine? Towards a Plan B for Ukraine?

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On Tuesday, May 12th, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was asked at a press conference in Sochi Russia, to respond to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's recent statements promising renewed war against Donbass, which were made first on April 30th, "The war will end when Ukraine regains Donbass and Crimea," and which were repeated on May 11th, by his saying, "I have no doubt, we will free the [Donetsk] Airport, because it is our land." In other words, Poroshenko had repeatedly made clear that he plans a third invasion of Donbass, and, ultimately, also to invade and retake Crimea. (The Western press, however, had not reported any of these threats that were being made by Poroshenko.)

Kerry responded:

"I have not had a chance – I have not read the speech. I haven't seen any context. I have simply heard about it in the course of today [which would be shocking if true]. But if indeed President Poroshenko is advocating an engagement in a forceful effort at this time, we would strongly urge him to think twice not to engage in that kind of activity, that that would put Minsk in serious jeopardy. And we would be very, very concerned about what the consequences of that kind of action at this time may be."

None of this was reported by Western 'news' media. Even Russia's own Sputnik News, which was Russia's main English-language medium reporting on Kerry's comment, ignored this shocking assertion by the U.S. Secretary of State contradicting the nominal leader of the Ukrainian Government that the U.S. itself had installed in February 2014.

The Obama Administration now had slammed Poroshenko down on the key issue of whether to resume the war against Ukraine's former Donbass region, and also slammed him on whether Ukraine should invade Crimea, which is Russian territory and would therefore mean a war against the Russian armed forces. America's stooge-regime in Kievwas here being publicly taken to the woodshed about the advisability of yet another Ukrainian invasion of Ukraine's former southeastern breakaway regions, Donbass and, even Crimea.

Sputnik didn't quote any of this from Kerry. Instead, they headlined, <u>"Kerry: Poroshenko-Should 'Think Twice' Before Using Force in Donbass,"</u> and they opened their news-report by saying: "Following an extensive six hour discussion between US Secretary of State John Kerry, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and President Putin, Kerry stressed that any Ukrainian efforts to seize the Donetsk Airport through force would violate the Minsk Protocol and would face strict opposition from Washington." That assertion was true, and important, but all that was quoted from Kerry was the nondescript: "What is important is to make sure that both sides are moving forward in implementing the Minsk accord in its full measure."

Even Kerry's stunning "think twice" statement, which was actually Washington's first-ever verbal slam-down of the stooge-regime the U.S. itself had installed in Ukraine in February 2014, in an extremely bloody coup, wasn't being quoted at all by Sputnik. (Only that two-word phrase was in the headline, but it — and its surrounding passage and context — were entirely absent from the report itself.) Nor was the significance of Kerry's remark there discussed, at all. Their news-report was a total botch.

Western 'news' media were far worse than a botch; they were outright dishonest. Typical was BBC, which headlined on May 12th, "Ukraine Crisis: Kerry Has 'Frank' Meeting with Putin," and their article said nothing whatsoever about Kerry's shocking slam-down of his Ukrainian stooge. To that 'news' report was also appended an "Analysis: Bridget Kendall, BBC News, Sochi," which simply blathered, and concluded, "There was no breakthrough on anything." That statement was the exact opposite of the truth.

The one good, and, really, brilliant, news-analysis on this important matter, was from the legendary specialist on "the Empire's [Washington's] War on Russia," the anonymous blogger who goes by the name, "The Saker." His was not really a news-report, because he, too, failed to quote Kerry's pathbreaking and shocking statement. He didn't even quote the insignificant squib that Sputnik itself had quoted from Kerry's remarks. Instead, he merely paraphrased Kerry, which is far less reliable than a quotation, and also far less informative than the packed shocker that Kerry actually delivered. Saker's paraphrase was far briefer than was Kerry's statement which is quoted here; it was merely:

"Kerry made a few rather interesting remarks, saying that the Minsk-2 Agreement (M2A) was the only way forward and that he would strongly caution Poroshenko against the idea of renewing military operations."

That's all there was to it. So, The Saker failed to provide a news-report on Kerry's shocker. But his news-analysis of its significance was superb, and it's extremely worth reading (it's worth clicking onto the link which will now be provided on the article's title). That analysis was dated May 13th, and it was bannered, <u>"Yet Another Huge Diplomatic Victory for Russia."</u>

But also there was just a slice of real news in The Saker's article, when he said, only in passing (as if it were insignificant, which it was not),

"Then, there was the rather interesting behavior of [Victoria] Nuland, who was with Kerry's delegation, she refused to speak to the press and left looking rather unhappy."

Nothing more than that, but that's plenty. In other words: Nuland, the agent whom President Obama had placed in charge of arranging the February 2014 coup in Ukraine, and of selecting the leader of the junta that would be imposed upon Ukraine ("Yats" Yatsenyuk), and who told the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine what to do and how to do it, was now exceedingly disturbed to find herself overridden at this late date in her Ukrainian escapade, publicly overridden by her own immediate boss, Secretary of State Kerry.

In other words: she is now sidelined. That's important news, but The Saker there merely hinted at it, and only in passing. So, as a news-report, The Saker's article was poor but

perhaps the best around; but as a news-analysis, it was excellent, and by far the best.

Nuland now knows that she has lost, and that Obama has thrown in the towel on the original plan for Ukraine, which had been for an all-out military conquest of the region, Donbass, where the people had voted over 90% for the man whom Nuland's team had overthrown on 22 February 2014, Viktor Yanukovych, and so Obama had wanted those people to be either killed or else expelled from Ukraine (so that they'd never again be able to vote in a Ukrainian national election and thus possibly restore a neutralist leadership of Ukraine, such as had existed under the man Obama deposed, Yanukovych).

Consequently, clearly, now, Obama is on-board with the "Plan B" for Ukraine, which Francois Hollande and Angela Merkel had put into place, the Minsk II Agreement, which brought about the present ceasefire, which now has become clearly the utter (even accepted by Kerry) capitulation of Obama's Plan A on Ukraine, which plan Nuland had been carrying out. Kerry's public statement there was a public slap in the face to his own #2 official on Ukraine; and it could not have been asserted by him if he were not under Obama's instruction that the previous plan, to exterminate or drive out all the residents of Donbass, was no longer worth trying, and that the Hollande-Merkel plan would be America's fall-back position.

Obama's message in this, through Kerry, to Ukraine's President Poroshenko, and indirectly also to Ukraine's Prime Minister Yatsenyuk (the leader whom Nuland herself had selected), is: we'll back you only as long as you accept that you have failed our military expectations and that we will be stricter with you in the future regarding how you spend our military money. We're getting in line now behind the Hollande-Merkel peace plan for Ukraine.

Dmitriy Yarosh, and the other outright nazis who had been threatening to overthrow Poroshenko if he doesn't renew the war against Donbass and seize Crimea; Dmitriy Yarosh, who was the man who had led the Ukrainian coup for the U.S., and whose thugs had dressed as Yanukovych's security forces when gunning down both police and demonstrators in the February 2014 coup, in order for Yanukovych to become blamed for the bloodshed on that occasion; is now, in effect, being told: if you will try another coup, this time to overthrow our own stooges in Ukraine, then you're finished, Mr. Yarosh. Don't do it.

Merkel and Hollande thus won. Putin had decidedly won. Obama and the nazis he had empowered in Ukraine have now, clearly, been defeated. But the mess that Obama's people have created in Ukraine by their coup and subsequent ethnic-cleansing to eliminate the residents of Donbass, will take decades, if ever, to repair.

Western 'news' media can cover it all up, but they can't change this reality, which, increasingly as time goes by, will expose the press's failure to have even reported on this historically important U.S. coup in Ukraine and its ultimate failure. As a story *about* the press, it is about yet another system-wide press-deceit upon the public, comparable to their 'news coverage' of 'Saddam's WMD,' and other lies, in 2002 and 2003.

More and more people are coming to know what utter rot the Western press are. The news-report that you are now reading here, has been submitted to all of them, but they'll probably all reject it like they've all refused to report the truth that it and its predecessors report and reported about Obama's nazi (i.e., racist-fascist) takeover of Ukraine. How the Western press will get out of their cover-ups and outright lies, yet again, is hard to imagine. But maybe they'll just not report it at all — yet again. Obama has thrown in the towel on

Ukraine, and still the press hasn't yet reported it. But now I have, and you're reading it here, perhaps for the first time, even though Kerry's sensational remark was made a week ago.

Thus, major historical events (like Kerry's statement here) occur, in broad daylight, which never were even reported by the Western press — they were instead covered-up, not covered at all, by 'our' 'free' press.

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