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The leaders of Canada, the United States and Mexico will deny issue denials but the hidden motive propelling them in creating the Security and Prosperity Partnership is to advance one step closer to the centuries-old goal of a world government --- also known as the New World Order.

Mr. Bush, Senor Calderon, and Mr. Harper may publicly claim that their goal is merely the promotion of free trade and the creation of wider cooperation amongst the three nations. But, in 2002, when former Mexican President Vicente Fox announced his desire to create “connections and institutions similar to those created by the European Union,” he boldly confirmed the long range plan. He is not alone in having made it clear that a duplicate of the EU is what is planned for the Western Hemisphere.

The European Union was sold to the people of Europe as a beneficial means of spurring trade. But it has all but cancelled independence for its 27 nations. The 2003 book by British authorities Booker and North entitled THE GREAT DECEPTION (1) shows that the European Union has become the greatest concentration of political power in the history of mankind. These two authors refer to the EU as “a slow-motion *coup d’etat*, the most spectacular *coup d’etat* in history.”

The Security and Prosperity Partnership is setting the stage for uniting the three nations of North America into a North American Union - copying the EU for the West. At a closed-door meeting of what was labeled the North American Forum held in Banff, Alberta, September 12-14, 2006, one of the items discussed was the “Demographic and Social Dimensions of North American Integration” of our three nations. After attending the secret gathering – no journalists, no press releases, no commentary for public consumption - U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Shannon told an audience here in Ottawa: “The North American Forum is a parallel structure to the Security and Prosperity Partnership” – thus admitting the existence of a link between the SPP and plans for a North American Union.

Canadian Mel Hurtig attended the Banff session and he stated that its purpose was to bring about “the integration of Canada, the United States and Mexico.” He didn’t like the idea of such a meeting being held in secrecy, and he didn’t like the plan to integrate the three nations. If there was nothing to hide, why did that meeting of high-ranking dignitaries from the three North American nations meet in secrecy?

Asked about the Security and Prosperity Partnership and the rush toward a North American Union, many members of the U.S. Congress have confessed not having a clue about these subversive plans. The reason for their ignorance is that their goal is designed to occur without any consent of the people’s representatives. Mr. Bush and his globalist advisers will not

risk the defeat of their plans by seeking input from Congress. They plan to carry out this enormous *coup d'etat* under the so-called authority of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA.

American University's Dr. Robert Pastor, a key promoter of this grand scheme, stated very clearly in *Foreign Affairs* magazine that "NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America." (2)

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez confirmed the view given by Dr. Pastor when he stated in March 2006, "The Security and Prosperity Partnership seeks to build on NAFTA." (3)

World Government has been the goal of a power-driven and self-perpetuating conspiracy for some six generations. Military conquest hasn't achieved the goal. Wars and revolutions haven't accomplished it either. So the master planners have turned to misnamed free trade and seemingly innocuous economic unions to reach their independence-cancelling design.

This is what Henry Kissinger meant when, in 1993, he called for the U.S. Congress to approve NAFTA as "the most creative step toward the new world order" and a "step toward a free-trade zone for the entire Western Hemisphere." (4) And it is what David Rockefeller meant when he simultaneously urged the U.S. Congress to approve NAFTA in order "to build a true new world in the Western Hemisphere." (5)

The John Birch Society was formed in 1958 to protect our nation's hard-won independence. In the face of this very serious threat posed by the SPP and the North American Union, our organization has launched a campaign calling on the U.S. Congress withdraw from NAFTA. If our effort is successful, the rug will be pulled out from this secret plan to merge Canada, the U.S. and Mexico via the Security and Prosperity Partnership and its companion North American Union. H. Con. Res 22 has been introduced in the House of Representatives to mandate withdrawal from NAFTA.

Nothing less than national independence is at stake. The American people don't want to tear up our Declaration of Independence. Nor do the peoples of Canada and Mexico want to cancel the independence of their nations. Roman Herzog, the former president of Germany, now realizes that Germany has essentially lost its independence to the EU bureaucrats in Brussels. We must not let the same stealth-type movement accomplish for our countries what has already happened to Europe once-independent nations.

Our first step in blocking this merger is to scuttle the NAFTA pact. Supposedly a pact designed merely to foster trade, NAFTA's 900 pages of regulations amount to oppression. And NAFTA's Chapter 11 tribunals have already demonstrated their power to supersede state and federal law. (6)

Our plan is to block the creation of a North American Union by withdrawing the U.S. completely from NAFTA. We shall continue – and increase - our efforts to expose the hidden

purpose behind the Security and Prosperity Partnership/North American Union will continue and grow. We welcome any similar efforts from the people of Canada and Mexico. .

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1. Christopher Booker and Richard North, *The Great Deception* (London and New York: Continuum, 2003; paperback version, 2005)
 2. *Foreign Affairs*, Jan./Feb. 2004
 3. Council of the Americas-U.S. Chamber of Commerce meeting, Washington, D.C., March 15, 2006. Secretary Gutierrez met with his counterparts from Mexico and Canada.
 4. *Los Angeles Times*, July 18, 1993
 5. *Wall Street Journal*, October 1, 1993
 6. *Boston Globe*, April 18, 2004; "NAFTA Tribunals Stir U.S. Worries."

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John F. McManus joined the staff of The John Birch Society in August 1966, serving originally as a field coordinator for several New England states. In 1968, he was transferred to a position at the Society's national headquarters.

In 1973, Mr. McManus accepted appointment by Robert Welch, the Society's Founder, as the organization's Director of Public Affairs. In this post, he became and remains the Society's chief media representative throughout the nation. He has appeared on hundreds of radio and television programs, including C-SPAN, the Larry King Show, and the Pat Buchanan Show. He is one of the Society's few authorized spokesmen.

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In addition to being a regular contributor of articles to *The New American* magazine, he serves as its Publisher. He is also the Publisher of the Society's monthly *Bulletin* sent to all members and subscribers. Mr. McManus was named President of The John Birch Society in 1991.

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