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Valued viewers, I would like to welcome you here to Augsburg, Germany. I am currently in the Fuggerei. The Fuggerei is the world's oldest social housing complex still in use. In 1521, nearly 500 years ago, it was funded by Jakob Fugger, known as “Jakob The Rich”. The Swabian merchant family Fugger have their headquarters here - in the Free Imperial City of Augsburg since 1367. This family of merchants were early capitalists - were involved in the banking business, invested in mining, trading with textiles and slaves and were even engaged in the sale of indulgences for the Catholic Church. At the 200th anniversary celebration of the city of Augsburg, the Fugger family was honoured for their former social projects. The Hans Böckler Foundation – part of the DGB (German Trade Union Confederation) found out however that this family had violated the former Anti-monopoly Act; they also manipulated the election of the emperor and did not refrain from bribery nor contract killing. In order to conceal these intrigues, they established the Fuggerei foundation. Investing 25,000 gulden, they provided housing, so that 100 of the 3,000 impoverished Augsburg families could have a home. But this was only a small amount of money for the Fuggerei! they spent 20 times more than this only to manipulate the elections of the emperor - more than 500,000 gulden. Valued viewers, back then just as today, wars are waged, murders committed, elections manipulated and atrocities are concealed under the guise of humanitarian aid – all for money and power. The only difference from the past is that today alternative media like KLa.TV reveal those things in time so that they can be changed.

Now over to my colleague from studio Nuremberg.

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they are then no longer available for the local farmers. Once again a foundation appears to serve mankind, when in reality it only supports the interests of multinational corporations.

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** BMGF: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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