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the GUARDIAN OFFICE

of the Church
of Scientology



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The Guardian Office

GUARDIAN:

n. 1. One who guards, preserves, or secures; one who protects, cares for, or defends another person, property, etc., custodian.

In 1960 a Department of Government Affairs was established within the Church of Scientology. This proved to be the beginning of what became the Office of the Guardian. The Department of Government Affairs was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that Churches and Missions of Scientology would not have to involve themselves with secular matters, but could concentrate instead solely on their Church work with parishioners.

Thus, the Department of Government Affairs handled legal and tax matters, media queries, and any other secular business which arose.

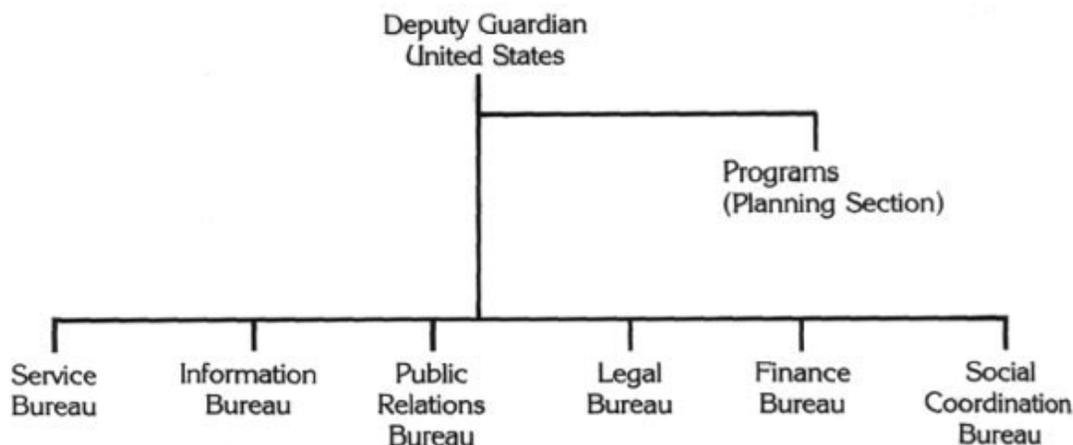
In 1966, the Office of the Guardian was established. The purpose of the Guardian Office was to help enforce and issue policy to safeguard Scientology Churches, Scientologists and Scientology, and to engage in long term promotion.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GUARDIAN OFFICE

Each continental and national Church is autonomous, with its own corporate identity.

They all subscribe to the Creed of the Church and its policies.

The WorldWide church organization acts as a distribution point to the national churches, and in an advisory capacity.



The functions have evolved to a degree since 1966, as one can see from the present organization of the Guardian Office. The purpose has also evolved. Although most of the work done right after the formation of the Guardian Office was handling the secular matters for the Church, the Office quickly became involved in social reform work in society. This occurred because Scientologists believe, as part of their religious philosophy, that each individual's survival is inexorably linked to the condition of his fellow man. Thus, he should work towards correcting the social ills which threaten the survival of all.

The Guardian Office became the branch of the Church directly involved in social reform.



GUARDIAN OFFICE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUNCTIONS

The Service Bureau

SERVICE BUREAU: This bureau services the staff of the Guardian Office. It cares for the well-being of the staff by providing pastoral counseling. Training of all staff to help them become more proficient at their work and to move to executive positions is also provided. The Service Bureau also hires personnel for the Guardian Office, and establishes and maintains the communication lines of the organization.

The achievements of the Service Bureau are mainly of an internal nature — smooth communication lines, or a newly trained executive. This Bureau takes pride, however, in servicing the Guardian Office staff who are achieving goals which enhance various aspects of our society.

The Information Bureau

INFORMATION BUREAU: This Bureau gathers information and evaluates the data obtained, which leads to predictions of occurrences and which is useful in forecasting events. It thus assists in planning and in handling matters arising from events.

The Information Bureau also assists in locating information which exposes areas of society in need of reform. This bureau does investigative reporting for the Church's national newspaper, FREEDOM, and maintains investigative files.

The Information Bureau also provides the service of research and investigation for the Guardian Office Legal Bureau. Just as Perry Mason needed the assistance of Paul Drake — so the Legal Bureau relies on the help of the Information Bureau.

The Information Bureau has an additional responsibility of protecting the sanctity of the Church so that counseling and other Church work with parishioners can continue in privacy and without interruptions.

This was found to be necessary over the years as Church officials discovered plants and agents provocateurs who had been sent into Scientology Churches by various government agencies. An FDA agent was sent into the Church of Scientology in 1963 (later discovered by the Church through government documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act). This agent received pastoral counselling under cover, as well as filing reports on his observation of counselling done with others. The Church also discovered an undercover agent of the FDA who had been sent into the Miami Church, in 1968. Other numerous examples of infiltration by government agencies have been found.

The Information Bureau protects Church parishioners and staff against such invasions of privacy and works to ensure that Church activities are not disrupted.

The Public Relations Bureau

PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU: The Public Relations Bureau began by simply handling all media queries about the Church of Scientology, and this is still a function of this Bureau. Its responsibilities have grown, however, to the point that it is now the Bureau which contacts proper officials and media with information discovered or obtained regarding areas of society which need reform.

Staff in this Bureau publish the Church's national newspaper, FREEDOM, which has a circulation of 350,000 and is published on a bi-monthly basis.

The Public Relations Bureau also publishes a number of books which cover such topics as:

- * Church bona fides
- * Prayer Day and the Church-sponsored International Conference for World Peace and Social Reform.
- * Use of the Freedom of Information Act
- * Government agency harassment

Other booklets are published by the Church as a public service, and deal with such topics as:

- * Abuses perpetrated by the FBI
- * Use of agents provocateurs by government agencies
- * Justice Department abuses
- * IRS abuses
- * Other government agencies abuses of individual and constitutional rights
- * Police Dossier systems
- * Exposéés on Interpol, the private international police organization
- * Psychiatric abuses
- * Social reform needs in our society

The Public Relations Bureau of the Guardian Office also sponsors major Church events such as the Human Rights Prayer Day and International Conference for World Peace and Social Reform. Other events including symposiums, Church Open Houses and special educational seminars, are also coordinated by this Bureau.

Of course, there is also the very basic public relations function of actually meeting with the media as Church representatives, which this Bureau does.

Frequent press, radio and television coverage results from the Public Relations contacts with the media.

The Bureau of Public Relations has founded and operates the National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice. This group has achieved major steps toward the reform of police dossier systems and computer abuse, and exposure of Interpol abuse and harassment of citizens.

Members of the Guardian Office Public Relations Bureau have been active in directly speaking out for social reform in needed areas such as the IRS, drug abuse, and psychiatric abuses.

Additionally, these members have been directly involved in programs to alleviate abuses and correct areas in need of social reform.

There is a unit in the Public Relations Bureau that is responsible solely for the

documentation and correction of false reports on the Church of Scientology. Thousands of false reports on the Church have been located and corrected to date.

One of the most famous to date is the "Foley Memorandum." This false report was originated by Shirley Foley, an investigator for the Labor Department, who did an "investigation" on the Church consisting of a phone call to the IRS during which he was told that Scientologists made "ritual use of LSD and electric shock" and "shot" people "but did not kill them." This single report was circulated widely among government agency files and was the document responsible for the denial of entry to the United States of foreign Scientology ministers who wished to come to America as ministers-in-training.

Through documentation and correction of this false "Foley Memorandum" the Church ministers were finally granted entry to the U.S., and the government files containing this report were corrected.

The action of documentation and correction of false reports — and their subsequent effects — has occurred thousands of times. The Public Relations Bureau is responsible for this success.

The Legal Bureau

LEGAL BUREAU: The function of the Legal Bureau is to handle all legal matters. These include maintaining the corporate status and legal safety of the Church. All matters pertaining to Church incorporation, taxes, trademarks and patents are the concern of this Bureau. Any suits involving the Church are handled by the Legal Bureau also.

This Bureau has pioneered the use of the Freedom of Information Act and has won numerous FOIA suits. Through use of the FOIA and suits to force government agencies into compliance with this Act, the Church has been able to document extensively the harassment it has experienced from various government agencies for the past 27 years.

The book published by the Guardian Office, **AMERICAN INQUISITION**, details the government harassment. James Kilpatrick described the intense government activity against the church in a column written in 1977. It is largely through the efforts of the Legal Bureau that the Church has been able to conclusively document instances of government harassment.

The Finance Bureau

FINANCE BUREAU: The Finance Bureau ensures that the Church of Scientology is viable, that the income of the Church is greater than disbursements of funds, and that finances of the Church are correctly spent to assist in Church expansion. This bureau also supervises the maintenance of Church financial records so that precise, accurate accounts of all Church transactions exist.

The Church of Scientology does not invest its funds in outside interests or property but simply uses its funds directly for the growth of the Church. Recent examples of Church expansion through use of its fund include the purchase of buildings for the Church in Clearwater, Florida and the purchase of the Cedars of Lebanon complex in Los Angeles. The Florida buildings are used for advanced parishioner counseling and the building complex in Los Angeles is being used by several area Scientology Churches in a move to consolidate their services for Los Angeles parishioners.

The Social Coordination Bureau

SOCIAL COORDINATION BUREAU: This bureau serves as a consultant for all non-Church of Scientology groups who are utilizing portions of L. Ron Hubbard's technology. The Bureau assists these groups by helping them to correctly apply the technologies being used. Groups assisted by the consultants in this manner exist in the fields of education, drug rehabilitation, and various social reform arenas.

One of the most active of the reform groups that the Social Coordination Bureau acts as a consultant for is the Citizens Commission on Human Rights. CCHR is dedicated to correcting the many abuses and denials of basic human rights in the field of psychiatry that have come to the attention of Scientologists over the years. CCHR groups combat abuses which include permanent involuntary commitment, violations of patients' rights to legal counsel, forced heavy drugging, and violent psychiatric treatments such as electro-shock and psychosurgery, which occur in psychiatric institutions throughout the country.

CCHR groups using the consultant services of the Social Coordination Bureau are active in over 16 major cities in the United States.

Achievements of CCHR include:

- * Work resulting in the passage of a bill before the California legislature in 1976 which established a requirement of 'informed consent' from patients prior to the administration of any electro-shock or psychosurgery.
- * Work toward the establishment of stricter guidelines for involuntary confinement and the termination of heavy drugging.
- * Investigations into alleged abuses occurring in mental hospitals in New York, Missouri and California, among other states.
- * Raising an outcry against the use of cattle prods on mental patients in Washington State, resulting in the banning of cattle prods for human use by the Department of Social Health Services in that state.

Other social reform groups which use the consultant services of this bureau are chapters of The Gerus Society which works to obtain dignity for our aged, the Task Force on Mental Retardation which has the purpose of educating the public about the problems and needs of the retarded and bringing about reform for them, and the Committee to Reinvolvement Ex-Offenders (CREO) which has the purpose of actually bringing about correction and eradication of prison abuses — and working towards true rehabilitation of criminals in our society.

The Committee on Public Health and Safety is another social reform group, active in several areas of the U.S., which has been active in investigating soaring health care costs as well as surgery needlessly performed, drug misuse and other health abuses.

The Delphian Foundation also uses the consultant service of the Social Coordination Bureau. This Foundation is located near Sheridan, Oregon in a large building complex which was originally a Catholic novitiate.

The Foundation includes a school and is working towards becoming a full University. One fundamental principle of the Foundation is to develop a fully self-sufficient community which provides its own energy, food, and other needs.

Applied Scholastics, Inc. is a non-profit supplementary education organization which also uses the consultant services of the Social Coordination Bureau. This educational group has assisted thousands of children and older students to advance more quickly in their studies, and to more fully comprehend their school materials.

Testing is administered by Applied Scholastics to the children taking their study courses, in order to determine the benefits of the courses received. California Achievement Tests were the tests used on one group of children — between the ages of six and seven. Total test scores of the children showed marked rises in vocabulary and comprehension, from 0.6 to 2.2, and 1.8 to 2.5 as examples. Children who have taken these courses say that they are fun. They feel better about study and parents note improvements in their child's

ability to learn.

Several business consultant firms that assist client companies in applying L. Ron Hubbard's business technology in their organizations, also use the consultant services of the Social Coordination Bureau.

Such companies provide client companies with tools and systems for:

- * Handling executive overwork
- * Getting full production from personnel
- * Improving solvency through better financial planning and actions
- * Understanding and improving ethics
- * Expansion programs

Narconon, an international non-profit organization dedicated to both the prevention of drug abuse and crime, and the rehabilitation of those who have become dependent on them, also uses the consultant services of the Social Coordination Bureau. Narconon uses the data and technology discovered by L. Ron Hubbard, and offers a program which covers the individual needs of both addict and criminal.

Statistical evaluation of one of Narconon's prison rehabilitation programs demonstrated an 85% success rate — more than 85% of the individuals involved in the Narconon program did not become involved in the criminal justice system again.

Two recent evaluations of Narconon residential drug rehabilitation programs showed that more than 80% of the participants no longer used drugs after having completed the program.

This program has been operating successfully in many countries around the world, including England, Sweden, Germany, Mexico and in over twenty-five cities in the U.S. and prisons.

CONCLUSION

Guardian Office staff have discovered over the years that there is much to be done in society — and that social reform work done is not always appreciated by one and all. Vested interests, bureaucrats and others are often more eager to maintain a status quo than to allow changes — even when these changes will bring about reduced crime and violence, and a higher level of sanity and understanding in various areas of society.

Despite disinterest, lack of cooperation or downright opposition from some areas, Guardian Office staff have maintained their belief that Man is basically good, and that diligent and persistent efforts can overcome the wrongs which confront one in the environment.

