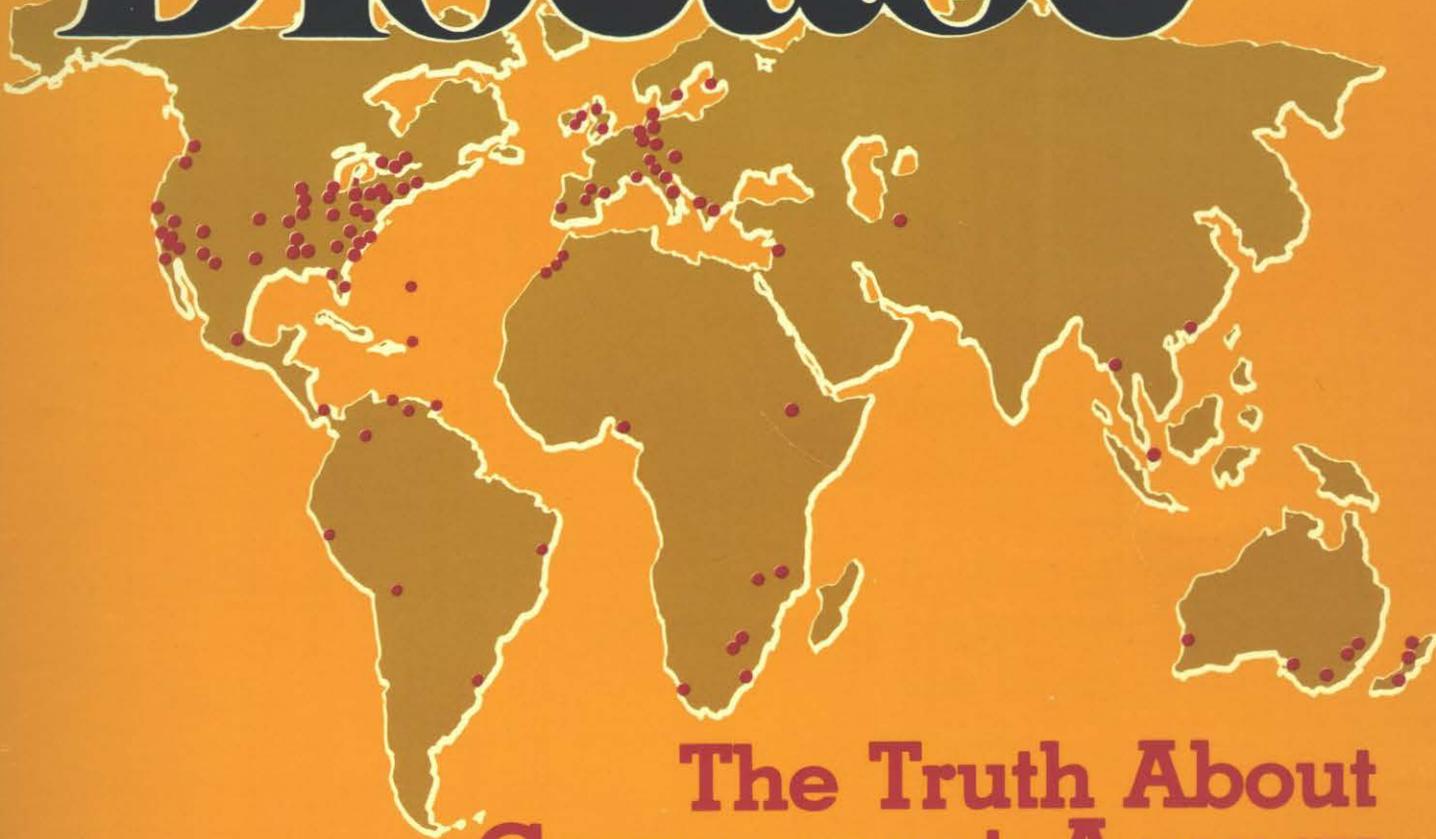


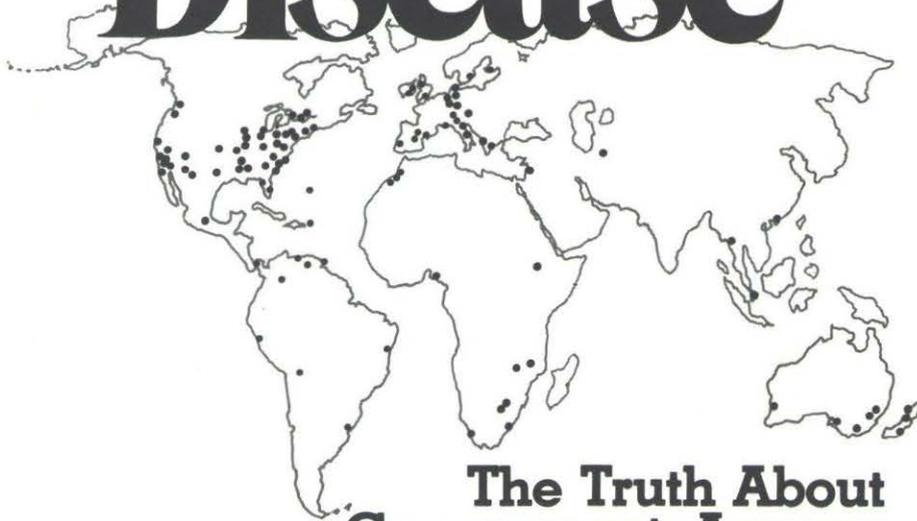
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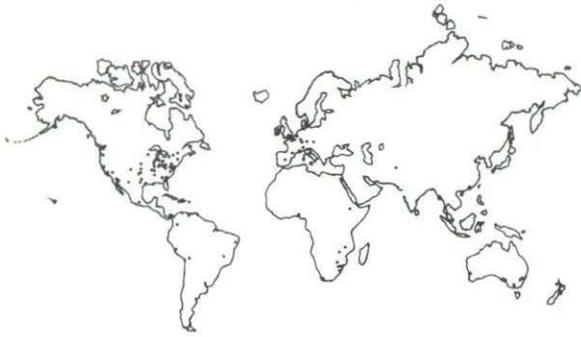
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# Introduction

If one were to walk into any government agency that has enforcement functions, from a local police headquarters to the Department of Agriculture, and ask why there is a growing abundance of dossiers on people and groups, the explanation would be that there are just more people to "enforce." Police, for example, would cite the rising crime rate and tell us that because there are more criminals, there are more criminal files.

There is a man, however, who not only takes exception to that explanation but in fact, turns it totally around. He says crime is *not* breeding the "dossier society" (which is forcing computerization to keep up with this madness for files), but *dossiers breed crime*.

The man is Aryeh Neier, head of the American Civil Liberties Union, and the thesis is put forward in his book, *Dossier: The Secret Files They Keep on You*.

Neier is actually frontally attacking the *idée fixe* that the future behavior of a person

is determined solely by his past activities and that people do not have the ability to break free of the social mold. The creation of files on citizens and groups, he states, actually stigmatizes them and forces them *into* the mold and thus becomes a "self-fulfilling prophecy." Or, in that time-honored saying, "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree."

An accurate analogy might be to characterize dossiers as an infectious disease transmitted not only from person to person but from agency to agency, contaminating the attitudes of anyone who comes into contact with the poisoned information.

Church of Scientology officials knew they were dealing with agencies that had been contaminated with false reports, but it took the Freedom of Information Act and the revelations of a former FBI agent to discover how the contagion can be spread and how to fight it.



# From Nixon With Love

It should have been ample forewarning for the Scientologists when, in the spring of 1958, Secret Service agents tromped into the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C., and demanded an explanation of the Church's unsympathetic treatment of then Vice President Nixon's name in a Church publication regarding a controversial mental health bill. Then, however, the Church was but a few years old and admittedly, the naiveté with which the government was viewed and approached by the Church prevented any premonition that Scientology would become a bone in the throat of some bureaucrats for the next 20 years.

When the Freedom of Information Act became a reality in 1967, the Church began to employ it to pry loose thousands of pages of documents from dozens of agencies. At the same time, the American public was being exposed to agency "dirty tricks" campaigns and lawlessness by Federal officials.

Pronouncements by Scientology officials that their Church was the target of conspiratorial agencies was lost in the media's daily revelations of Federal agencies literally gone mad with their own sense of power.

According to the press, the agencies had done everything from fomenting violence by the use of *agents provocateurs* (the FBI's COINTELPRO activities) to overthrowing governments and plotting assassinations (the CIA).

During this time, the Church of Scientology initiated a program to trace the difficulties it had had with various agencies not only in the United States but in other countries as well. The challenge was to penetrate the bureaucratic labyrinths that had frustrated even the most honest and dedicated officials.\*

To locate and handle the source of false reports on the Church of Scientology that had spread in the preceding two decades, the Guardian's Office\*\* initiated a False Report Correction (FRC) program. The program had a series of basic steps:

1. Locate the false report;
2. Prepare a False Report Correction that presents documents to the contrary;
3. Trace the false report to locate its source;
4. Repeat 2 and 3 until the original source is located and corrected.

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\*A complete account can be found in Omar Garrison's book, *The Hidden Story of Scientology*. Mr. Garrison is not a Scientologist but became interested in the Church's allegations. It follows the documentation of agency abuses in his earlier book, *Spy Government*.

\*\*The Guardian's Office is that part of the Church that handles matters external to the functions of the Church, e.g., anything not related to the religious practices of parishioners. This would include all social reform programs, responding to queries about the Church from the government, media, etc. A full explanation of the Guardian's Office can be found in *The Guardian's Office* published by the Church of Scientology.

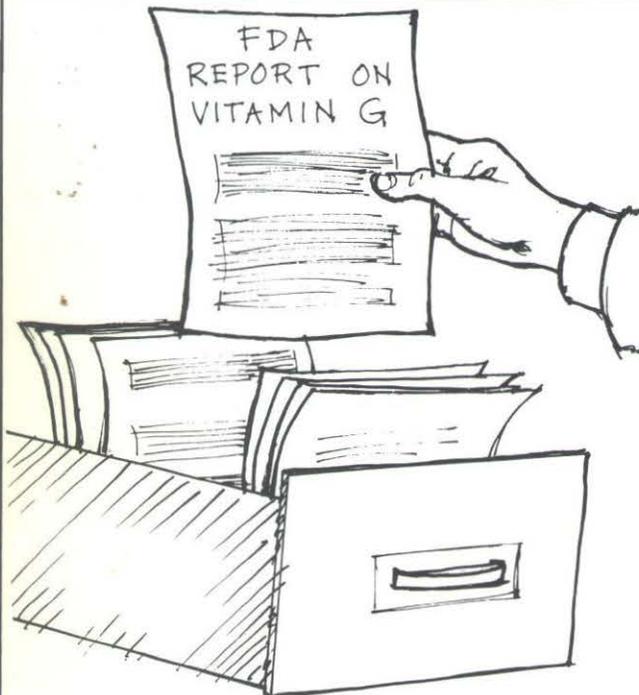
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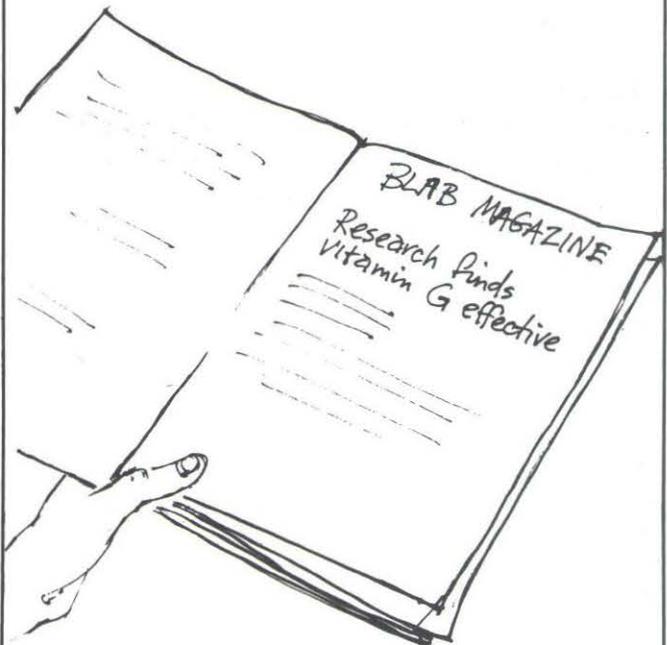
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## Washington Spreads the Dossier Disease.



As Church officials followed the distribution of false reports and traced them out on a world map, the problems the Church has faced for a quarter of a century and the source became apparent . . . a plague of false reports, originating in Washington had infected thousands of agencies in dozens of countries.

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For example, an article in a magazine may be written by an author who will not discuss where he obtained the information. A file from the FDA, however, may reveal that the agency is providing material to a medical society which is considering sending the material to a writer for that particular magazine. One now has the connection and only needs trace the source of the FDA's false reports by a very complete cross-filing system.

The reason is based upon the very simple principle that unless one discovers and handles the *source* of a problem, it will continue to persist. Thus, handling only the results or *symptoms* of the problem is not enough.

Locating false reports is not unlike fighting a contagious disease. Not only does one have to find the *origin* of that disease (or that false report) but one also has to combat every infected carrier as a new source.

When the Guardian's Office began to search it was discovered that agency personnel had distributed copies of unverified and often false reports on the Church to dozens of other agencies not only at the federal level but at the state and local levels as well, and that these agencies in turn had distributed them to others without any verification of the reports ever being made.

Distribution was not limited to the United States. In fact, as Church officials followed the distribution of false reports and traced them out on a world map, the problems the Church has faced for a quarter of a century and the source became apparent.

Like a contagious disease transmitted from person to person, a plague of false reports had infected thousands of agencies in dozens of countries.



## The Foley Memo — 1967

Bureaucrats relying totally upon the "expertise" of other bureaucrats was found to be the rule rather than the exception. The FBI, for example, will admit to anyone who asks that they do not investigate whether an allegation is true or false. It is simply accepted and put into the person's dossier. The inherent danger of such methods is obvious.

One of the most classical instances involved the admission of foreign Scientology students and ministers into the United States for the purpose of study. Since 1969, Scientologists had been denied the recognitions normally given theological students of different faiths, but it took the FOIA to pry loose the source of the State Department's reluctance.

When a husband and wife from South Africa were denied entry into the United States and told that Scientology was too much a "subject of controversy," a member of the Guardian's Office flew to Washington, D.C., to trace the source of the report and determine if there were any false reports behind the denial.

While one State Department official blurted out that he was going to "investigate" the Church even though he had already made

up his mind as to the outcome, another confided to the Guardian staff member that the refusal seemed to be based upon an "investigation" by the Labor Department. After firing off a letter to the State Department indicating prejudicial conduct, a visit was paid to the Department of Labor.

Ironically, as it later turned out, the Labor Department official who met with the Guardian's Office representative was one Shirley Foley, who pleaded ignorant of any Labor Department "investigation" and even produced a Scientology file that contained only a couple of out-dated newspaper clippings. Puzzled, the Scientologist returned to his office to await the decision of the State Department with regard to the South African couple.\*

A couple of months later, an FOIA request to the Coast Guard produced a two-page memo written by none other than Mr. Foley. The memo was dated November 29, 1967, and summarized the results of his "investigation" which consisted of a telephone call to the IRS.

The "investigation" was "to form an opinion as to whether (the Church of Scientology)

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\*The State Department subsequently admitted the couple without even waiting for Labor's forthcoming change of heart.

# Another "Infection" Handled.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 30, 1974

The Reverend Vaughn Young  
National Offices  
Church of Scientology  
5930 Franklin Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Mr. Young:

I am happy to inform you that our review of the full record relating to your church has led us to conclude that it is a religious denomination having a bona fide organization in the United States.

We are authorizing our Consulate General at Johannesburg to proceed with the consideration of Mr. and Mrs. Silcock's immigrant visa applications. I am sure that the consular officer will take final action on their cases as soon as they are found otherwise qualified to receive visas.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen A. Dobrenchuk".

Stephen A. Dobrenchuk  
Chief, Public Services  
Division, Visa Office

The U.S. Department of State finds the Church of Scientology to be a bona fide religious denomination.

# Case Dismissed.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

File: AIR 232 265 - Kansas City

In the Matter of )

JUNE MARGARET LAKE )

Respondent )

APPLICATION: Termination of proceedings  
IN BEHALF OF RESPONDENT

Alan C. Kohn, Esq.  
411 North 7th Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

IN RECISSION PROCEEDINGS  
Under Section 246 of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act

IN BEHALF OF SERVICE

Oiga M. Springer  
Trial Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

ORAL DECISION OF THE SPECIAL INQUIRY OFFICER

ENTERED OCTOBER 19, 1972

These proceedings were brought about by a Notice of Intention to Rescind, dated December 15, 1970 On January 4, 1971, Mrs. Lake requested the present hearing. The Notice of Intention contains 13 numbered factual allegations in support of the conclusion that Mrs. Lake was not in fact a minister of religion of a bona fide religious organization. There is no question raised in the enumerated paragraphs as to Mrs. Lake's qualifications as a minister. The only question is whether the Church of Scientology is a bona fide religious organization in the United States? I will limit my decision to that issue.

On December 16, 1968, June Margaret Lake was accorded lawful permanent residence status under the provisions of Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Her eligibility was predicated on her being a special immigrant within the definition of Section 101(a)(27)(D)(1) of the Act. In support of her application, an ordination certificate of the Church of Scientology was presented along with letters from various church organizations attesting to her being a minister for a sufficient length of time. It is noted that the ordination certificate was issued by the Church of Scientology of Florida, a non-profit organization. It does not appear that at that time the question of the bona fides of the Church of Scientology in the United States was in issue. A careful reading of the Notice of Intention to rescind, however, would show that subsequent acts of the United States Internal Revenue Service and of the Parliament of Western Australia brought into question the bona fides of the Church in the United States, even though allegation No. 11 indicated that the Church of Scientology was incorporated in and enjoyed tax exempt status in Florida, Michigan and California. I am at a loss to understand on the basis of these 13 numbered factual allegations how one could draw the conclusion that the Church of Scientology is not a bona fide religious organization.

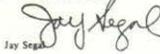
The burden of proof upon the Service in a rescission proceeding is a heavy one (*Waziri v. U.S. INS*, 392 F. 2d 55 (9 Cir 1968)). The Government must establish by clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence that Mrs. Lake was not in fact eligible for adjustment of status at the time that her status was adjusted. The evidence in support of the Service's case consisted solely of an Act to proscribe the activities of Scientologists in Western Australia, and a letter from the National Council of the Church of Christ, dated August 19, 1969. In considering this evidence it would appear that the Act enacted by Western Australia would, if enacted in the United States, be an abridgment of the First Amendment. I find that the letter from the National Council of the Churches of Christ does not support the conclusion that the Government would have me reach in this case. On the other hand, the respondent testified and submitted substantial evidence concerning the recognition of the Church in various states as a religious organization. Mrs. Lake presented as a witness a Minister of Scientology, Reverend Snider, who testified about the church and its organization.

In Matter of N. 5 I&N Dec. 173, the Salvation Army was held to be a bona fide religious organization in the United States within the meaning of the predecessor statute to 101(a)(27)(D)(1). The criteria in making that determination was set out as follows:

... has been incorporated under the laws of many of the States in this country, is a worldwide religious organization having a distinct legal existence, a recognized creed and form of worship, a definite and distinct ecclesiastical government, a formal code of doctrine and discipline, a distinct religious history, a membership not associated with any other church or denomination, officers ministering to their congregation, ordained by a system of selection after completing prescribed courses of training, a literature of its own, established places of religious worship, religious congregations and religious services, a Sunday school for the religious instruction of the young, schools for the preparation of its ministers, who in addition to conducting religious services, perform marriage ceremonies, bury the dead, christen children, and advise and instruct the members of their congregations.

I believe that this criteria has been substantially met by the respondent's presentation. The Service failed to establish by clear, convincing, and unequivocal evidence that the Church of Scientology is not a bona fide religious organization in the United States. I am satisfied therefore that the respondent was lawfully accorded permanent residence status.

ORDER: IT IS ORDERED that these proceedings be and the same are hereby terminated.

  
Jay Segal  
Special Inquiry Officer

After reviewing arguments presented by government agencies claiming the Church of Scientology was not a bona fide religious organization, a government special inquiry officer stated: "I am at a loss to understand on the basis of these 13 numbered factual allegations how one could draw the conclusion that the Church of Scientology is not a bona fide religious organization." The proceedings were then terminated.

can be considered a bona fide religious organization for the purpose of alien employment certification."

A call to the National Council of Churches produced only a refusal to give such an opinion about any group, but they did say they would abide by IRS decisions. So Mr. Foley called the IRS and spoke to one of the attorneys handling the Church's tax case. She gave him a "very comprehensive review" of IRS investigations, he stated in the memo to the "files." He summarized part of his conversation:

"There is evidence that LSD and perhaps other drugs are widely used by members while assembled. There is evidence that an initiation ceremony is held for all new members at which time an electric shock is administered to them. There is evidence that members of several families in different parts of the U.S. have been shot, but not killed, by unknown persons because they have objected to their teenage children becoming members."

Nowhere does Mr. Foley say what "evidence" the IRS cited during the phone conversation despite the fact that he was listing felonies. The IRS attorneys simply urged that the Labor Department "withhold alien employment certification on any basis for the Church of Scientology" and Foley complied.

For the next eight years, the Foley Memo infected the thinking of the Labor and State Department officials and Scientology ministers were denied entry into the United States.

When the document was obtained, the same Guardian Office staff member who had met with Mr. Foley before took the memo to Washington to meet with him again. Mr. Foley remembered meeting with the Scientologist, but went speechless when the memo was shown to him.

The Department of Labor subsequently granted the Church its alien employment status, recognized the Church as a bona fide religious organization and stated that:

. . . The information contained in the "Foley memorandum" was irrelevant, unverified and based on hearsay and that, in light of the above-mentioned determination, the memorandum should be destroyed.

Thus a casual remark to a couple in South Africa had to be traced through the State Department, Labor Department, Coast Guard and back to the Labor Department before

the source of the statement could be found and handled.

The earlier carrier, the IRS, is still holding firm. At last report they have well over 33 linear feet of files on the Church and have flatly refused to release them under the FOIA. Not surprisingly, the IRS was unable to substantiate its "evidence" of felonies being committed by Church members and apparently left the Labor Department to gag on IRS false reports.

## False Report

## Retraction of False Report

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
*Memorandum*

TO : FILE

DATE: 11/29/67

FROM : FOLEY

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

SUBJECT: The investigation concerning the Church of Scientology was made in order to form an opinion as to whether the body can be considered to be a bona fide religious organization for the purpose of alien employment certification.

Contacted the National Council of Churches, New York City, 212-070-2561. Mr. Jacquett, Director of Research stated that this organization will never give an opinion or statement as to whether an organized group is a bona-fide church organization. They feel that they have no criteria by which to judge and will therefore issue no opinion. Mr. Jacquett, however, did advise that we accept as a basis for decisions, any opinion which may have been reached by the U S Dept of Internal Revenue as regards "tax-exempt" status inasmuch as this used only for non-profit organizations.

Contacted the U S Dept of Internal Revenue. Atty June Morris, Supervisor of Lawyers at Internal Revenue, 184-3843 and Atty Charlotte Murphy (in charge of litigation in the case of the U S vs the Church of Scientology) 184-4280 gave me a very comprehensive review of investigations made by the U S Internal Revenue Dept as to the organization and operation of the Church of Scientology in the United States. In the course of the conversation the following was reported:

One, Mr Hubbard, organizer and founder of the Church of Scientology moved to England a few years ago after deserting his wife and children in Washington, D C. Mr Hubbard has always been the chief recipient of all contributions and profits from this cult which was established around 1955 and has used several different names since it has been in existence. The cult has spread to many parts of the world and Mr Hubbard is now a very wealthy man and lives in a castle in England.

The group is made up primarily of teen-agers and young adults. There is evidence that LSD and perhaps other drugs are widely used by the members while assembled. There is evidence that an initiation ceremony is held for all new members at which time electric shock is administered to them. There is evidence that members of several families in different parts of the U S have been shot, but not killed by unknown persons because they have objected to their teen-age children becoming members. It is not unusual to find that many of the young members come from homes where the parents are well-to-do persons.

The "Saturday Evening Post," in the March 21, 1964 edition on Page 31 carried an article entitled "Have You Ever Been A Boohoo?" In the article the "Church of Scientology" is described as a self-interest group, organized for the sole purpose of making Mr Hubbard the founder rich.

Tentative revocation of the tax-exempt status was extended to the Church of Scientology of Michigan, located at 10138 W McNicholas, Detroit, Michigan April 3, 1967 and the same action was taken against the Church of Scientology of California.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20101

NOV 25 1967

The Reverend Vaughn Young  
National Offices  
Church of Scientology  
5930 Franklin Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Mr. Young:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that we have recently submitted our recommendation to the Employment and Training Administration (formerly the Manpower Administration) concerning your request for recognition under Schedule A and for an acknowledgment that the "Foley memorandum" contained unverified and questionable data. The Employment and Training Administration has accepted our recommendations.

In our recommendation we advised the Employment and Training Administration that a review of the relevant data had led us to conclude that the Church of Scientology had established itself as a bona fide religious organization and that it should, therefore, be recognized as such for the purposes of Schedule A.

In a like manner we advised the Employment and Training Administration that the information contained in the "Foley memorandum" was irrelevant, unverified and based on hearsay and that, in light of the above-mentioned determination, the memorandum should be destroyed. Under the disposal procedures dictated by Government regulations, the "Foley memorandum" will be retired to the Archives where it will be destroyed in due course. To insure that the questionable data contained in that memorandum is properly rebutted, however, a copy of our recommendation will be attached prior to such retirement and copies will be distributed to the pertinent government agencies and to Employment and Training Administration field offices.

We feel that our action, as outlined above, meets your desires in this regard.

Sincerely,  
Craig A. Berrington

Craig A. Berrington  
Associate Solicitor for Manpower



## The Air Force Memo — 1961

Most people have either played or heard of the parlor game called "Telephone" or "Gossip," in which a phrase or sentence is whispered to one person who must whisper it to yet another, etc. The resulting alteration of the original is inevitably so drastic that "My father is a fireman" can easily turn into "I had bacon and eggs for breakfast," or some equally inane dissimilarity.

Although it cannot be definitely proven without the IRS's documents, parts of the Foley Memo's allegations can be traced (via other documents the church has obtained) to an Air Force memo of July 19, 1961, which in turn, had its own "telephone game" to arrive in the form that it did.

The memo was the culmination of several years of discussion that started with a routine security check of a civilian employee who also happened to be a member of the Church and was studying *Dianetics*, which is a sub-study of Scientology.\* One official confused *Dianetics* with *dialectics*, which is a Marxian concept that formed a basis for *Communist*

*dialectics*. Obviously understanding neither, *Dianetics* became "Communist" (although had he asked rather than relied upon others he would have found a very strong and outspoken anti-Communist philosophy).

Once this change was made, a Church publication on the evils of brainwashing became a book *for* brainwashing (in order to substantiate the original error) and thus Scientologists "study brainwashing."

This "telephone" or "gossip" game was being played for real and culminated in an Air Force memo of July 19, 1961, in which the Chief of the Clearance Branch of the Security Division stated that "a determination (on Scientology) cannot be favorable, even though the present files contain no information . . ."

Undaunted by the lack of information, he still asserts that, "it is known that these SCIENTOLOGY members engage in the . . . study (of) a Russian textbook on brainwashing"\*\*\* and "apparently uphold the Russian definition of psychopolitics . . ."

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\* "Dianetics" comes from "dia-" and "nous" which mean "through the soul" and addresses the human condition prior to Scientology, which addresses the spiritual condition.

\*\*He was referring to a booklet published by the Church titled "Brainwashing: A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics." It was never used in Church courses but printed as a public service.

# Air Force False Report

MEMORANDUM  
CENTRAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REGION (AMC)  
United States Air Force  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

- INV 4

19 July 1961

OSI Dist 11  
Tinker AFB OKla.

1. Reference is made to your file number 43-2373 on SUBJECT and to investigation in process on

2. Although Mr. [redacted] case was reported CLOSED on 10 July 1961, we are unable to make a final determination to clear him at the TOP SECRET level until we have "full information on the precepts of SCIENTOLOGY and the national or international sponsors of that organization".

3. It is fully realized that this is a big order mainly because this group is not a designated organization, nor has it been cited. However, a determination cannot be favorable, even though present files contain no information, when it is known that these SCIENTOLOGY members engage in the following:

- a. Study a Russian textbook on brainwashing.
- b. Administer serum at meetings.
- c. Practice hypnosis at meetings.
- d. Apparently uphold the Russian definition of psychopolitics as "the science of controlling the thoughts and loyalties of people and effecting the conquest of enemy nations"
- e. Believe in materialism.

4. In order to consider revocation or denial action, positive information is requested which will enable us to evaluate all subversive aspects of this metaphysical group and their beliefs. One question to be settled from this investigation is: "Shall these group members continue to have daily access to DOD SECRET and TOP SECRET information."

FOR THE COMMANDER

ROBERT J. GUERREK  
Chief, Clearance Branch  
Security Division (IC)

An Air Force memorandum falsely charged Scientologists with engaging in the study of a Russian textbook on brainwashing, administering serum at meetings and practicing hypnosis. Because of these false charges, a Scientologist employed by the Air Force was singled out for his connection with Scientology as a security risk for Secret and Top Secret Information.

Interestingly enough, the book they claimed was on brainwashing was actually *anti*-brainwashing and is now used by the Air Force to teach their men the evils of brainwashing and Russian psychopolitics.

When the error was realized, the matter was not only corrected, the Air Force obtained copies of "Brainwashing" from the Church and began to use it in its counter-insurgency courses.

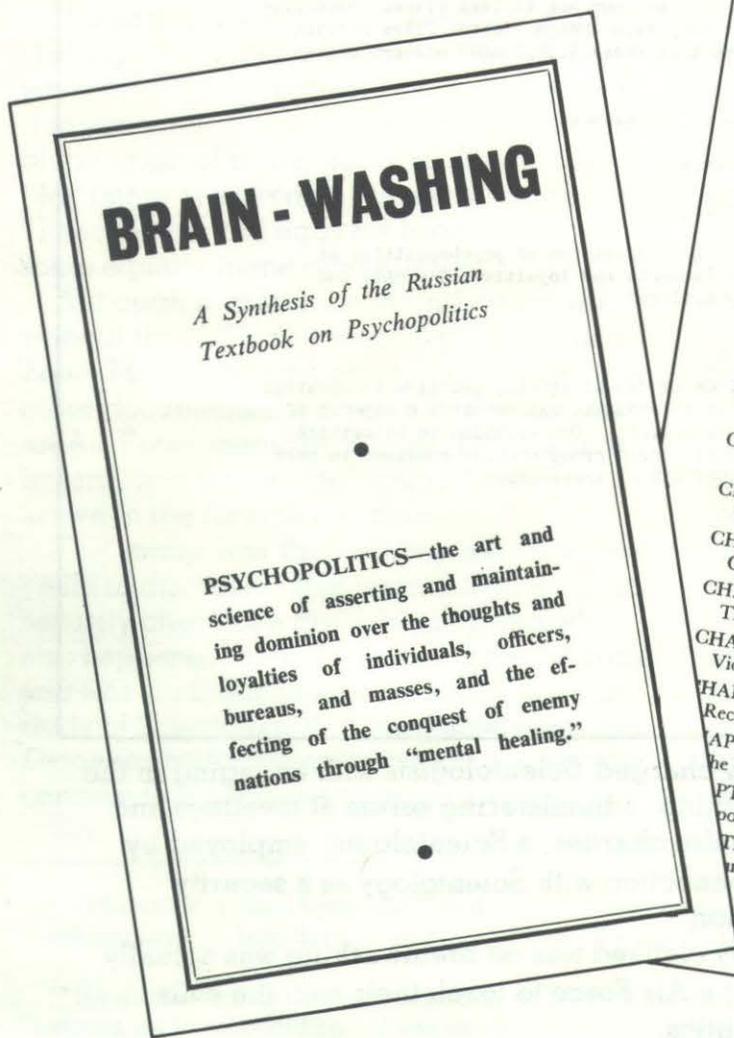
The Air Force civilian was subsequently denied the required security clearance for his job and was forced to seek other employ-

ment, all because one official confused *Dianetics* with *dialectics*. However, his clearance was restored several years later.\*

Nevertheless, other Scientologists have not fared as well and have been coerced by diseased agency officials to choose between their livelihood or their religion.

\* The ineptitude of such "intelligence" reports on the Church was scored by nationally syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick, who read a report on Scientology put out by the U.S. Army. "If that report is a fair sample of the intelligence of Army Intelligence," he wrote on August 18, 1977, in the *Denver Post*, "God help the American Republic." (See later in this report) Kilpatrick was commenting on a book of such reports published by the Church, titled *The American Inquisition*.

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The Air Force eventually requested copies of the anti-brainwashing book  
for its use in counter-insurgency courses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
USAF SPECIAL OPERATIONS SCHOOL (TAC)  
ECLM AF AUXILIARY FIELD NO. 9, FLORIDA 32544



3 Nov 70

Dear Mr Filat

Sorry for not answering sooner, about the books I ordered, "Brainwashing", I did receive them in good time, and I have been using them for instruction in our USAF Counterinsurgency Course here in our Special Operations School.

Our mission is to educate officers in the tactics and objectives of Communism. Most of our officers are on their way to Southeast Asia so our training and education is pointed that way. However, we do cover Russian and Chinese Communist objectives too.

I must say that the ideas covered in your book "Brainwashing" have been confirmed by recent events in Russia, many articles have been leaked out about the tactics of putting people in insane asylums to remove them from public life. The articles have been written by such scholars as Solzhenitsyn and Medvedev and confirmed by many respected scholars in the U.S. who are recognized experts in the study of Russia. A friend of mine, Dr Whiting, is such a scholar who has studied Russian history and has spent his life studying Russia.

You may find of great interest a book entitled, "Will the Soviet Union Survive Until 1984?" by Andrei Amalrik. He is now in prison, since the book was smuggled out thru the underground.

I received a previous letter fax from your organization and it requested permission to mention that we were using the book "Brainwashing" in our school to the founder (I think) of Scientology. I have no objection, and would welcome the idea of explaining that we have found the book to be useful in our instruction.

I have been teaching in this school for the past five years so I guess I am an amateur student of Communism, and I would welcome any other books that are good for this type of instruction. You see, I have found, that although we as americans think we understand Communism, in reality, we do not.....

Another strong conviction I have is that our greatest strength is our faith, our spiritual Values. I find myself explaining this to good americans who for some reason have forgotten that is our real strength.

I think one of our real problems is that we take for granted that most of us believe in a God and let it go at that. Not realizing that this is our greatest strength. We in the military start talking about a better weapon system, as if our guns are going to solve our problem.

My parting comment is that if organizations such as yours

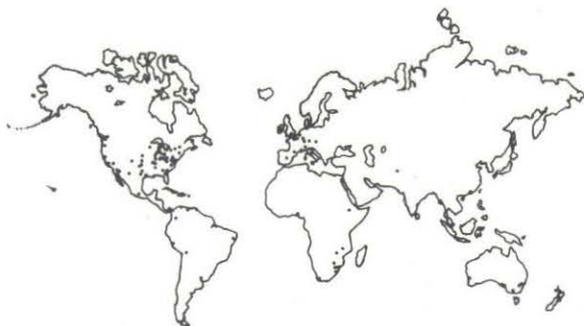
could somehow "Wake up" the American public, to this obvious fact, we would not have a serious threat ----

Our spiritual values if recognized, would enable us as a nation to act in the right way, with the proper timing to deter Communism.

Respectfully yours,

*Peter F. Kosutic*  
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Phone # 904 242 8849



## Not By Bread Alone

Man may not live by bread alone, but his livelihood is certainly a necessity to his well-being.

Agency officials played heavily on this by forcing Scientologists to choose between their jobs and their beliefs. Marie was such a person. In October 1977, she chose to give up the Church after an FBI agent told her that her participation with the Church jeopardized her security rating for a civilian company engaged in classified work. She was told that if she "got off the mailing list of the Church and wrote a letter through the Attorney General's office, that maybe in a month or so she would be allowed to have the new position at \_\_\_\_\_ that she desired."\* It is not known if she was given the job.

Carl is another Scientologist who was forced to choose. Employed at another civilian company engaged in classified work,

Carl required a clearance from the super-secret National Security Agency to hold his position. Carl's boss informed him in March, 1978, that the NSA had told him that Carl "could not continue his association with the Church without losing his security rate" and his job. He chose his job.\*\*

Carl and Marie's cases are not isolated. The Church has collected affidavits in a number of instances where Church members were told their religious beliefs and affiliation with the Church of Scientology was not acceptable to agency officials.

Such blatant religious persecution calls to mind the prejudice expressed against Irish, Catholics, Jews and Blacks that still exists in some quarters. The fact that it is being undertaken today by Federal officials is one major reason the Guardian's Office has concentrated on the discovery and correction of false reports.

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\*Affidavit dated Nov. 22, 1977, in the possession of Church counsel and withheld to protect her privacy.

\*\*Affidavit dated March 17, 1978, on file with the Church's counsel and withheld to protect his privacy.

# FREEDOM

The Independent Journal Published by the Church of Scientology



## The Threat to Religious Freedom

A SPECIAL FREEDOM REPORT

*"Thomas Jefferson wrote, 'I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.' To the conformist and the shapers of the conformist mentality, this must surely sound like a most dangerous and radical doctrine. Have we permitted the lamp of independent thought and individualism to become so dim that were Jefferson to write and live by these words today we would find cause to harass and investigate him? If Americans permit thought-control, business-control and freedom-control to continue, we shall surely move within the shadows of fascism."*

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

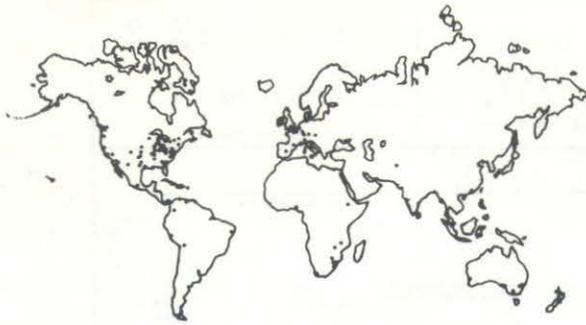
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United for Separation of Church



## The Disease Strikes "Down Under"

Two years before, in 1968, an inquiry into Scientology in Melbourne, Australia, resulted in a ban on the religion in three states. No law had been broken. It was simply and suddenly illegal to be or practice being a Scientologist.\*

Scientologists took the matter in stride and simply changed the name of their religion to the "Church of the New Faith" and continued, much to the frustration of officials who had dutifully collected old false reports and created new ones to effect the ban. In February, 1973, the Attorney General of Australia fully recognized the Church. The following month an "Act to repeal the Scientology Act, 1968," was passed.

The repeal of the ban and recognition from the Federal Attorney General was ignored by U.S. officials who continued to press the old false reports and even failed to relay that the Australian prohibition had been lifted.\*\* On June 27, 1969, a State Department memo noted there had been a

"thorough" investigation in Australia that the South Africans should "avail themselves of." The memo also notes that the FBI had "furnished a report" on the Church that State Department officials were free to disclose. However, the memo stated, "no mention of it may be attributed to the FBI. There would be no objections to describing it as a Confidential source."

The international effects of such anonymity culminated on February 14, 1978, in Paris, when a French court made a mockery of justice in a seven-year trial that one international expert has already analyzed as "biased" and "highly questionable."

Professor George Fletcher of the Yale Law School along with two other professors in international law from Geneva and Germany attended the trial to give the Church their own expert opinions. Dr. Fletcher is one of the few people in the United States who specializes in comparative criminal procedure. He is also an expert in French criminal

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\* The chilling similarity to Nazis forcing Jews to wear a Star of David for identification comes easily to mind. For a full rendition of the hearing and its methods see Garrison's *Hidden Story of Scientology*, Chapter 7.

\*\* Amongst themselves, Scientologists have, with tongue-in-cheek, described themselves as the "official religion of Australia" because they are apparently the only religion that required recognition.

# Beating the Disease Down Under



ATTORNEY-GENERAL,  
CANBERRA.

Dear Mr. Graham,

7 FEB 1973

I refer to your correspondence last year with my predecessor requesting him to recommend that the Church of the New Faith Incorporated be declared under section 26 of the Marriage Act 1961-1966 to be a recognized denomination for the purposes of that Act.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that I decided that the Church should be declared under section 26. I so advised the Governor-General, who has made the necessary declaration by Proclamation dated 18 January 1973.

As you are no doubt aware, the declaration of a religious body or organization as a recognized denomination under section 26 is made for the more convenient administration of the Marriage Act. It means that the Church may now nominate persons under section 29 of the Act for registration as authorized marriage celebrants. My Department will be in touch with you about steps that your Church should take in consequence of the declaration under section 26.

Yours sincerely,

*Lionel Murphy*  
**LIONEL MURPHY**  
Attorney-General of Australia

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## SCIENTOLOGY ACT REPEAL.

No. 11 of 1973.

AN ACT to repeal the Scientology

[Assented to 25th May, 1973.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Scientology Act Repeal Act, 1973*.

2. The *Scientology Act, 1968* is hereby repealed.

M318/5/73

By Authority: WILLIAM C. BROWN, Government Printer

The Church of Scientology in Australia (Known as Church of the New Faith) was found to be a bona fide religious organization and the ban on the Church in three states of Australia was repealed.

# State Department Memo Spreads Mis-Information

DECLASSIFIED

June 27, 1969.

To : AF/S - Mr. M. F. Byrne

From : SY/L - Lawrence E. Graze - chcl-151

Subject : Narconcon and Church of Scientology

Reference is made to your call/request on May 28, 1969, for information concerning Narconcon and Church of Scientology to enable an Embassy Capetown, South Africa, to respond to the request of a South African member of Parliament for such data, as reflected in Capetown's telegram 764, dated May 27, 1969.

Inquiries by this office produced the following results:

1. A check of SY files disclosed no trace of either Narconcon or the Church of Scientology on May 28, 1969.
2. The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs reported on June 10, 1969, that it possessed no details regarding these two organizations. On May 28, 1969, a spokesman had indicated that the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) had been interested in them. The FDA spokesman said it would attempt to develop information and furnish it to this office. He recalled that about 1961 the FDA seized certain devices used by the Scientology Movement because of the latter's claim that it could cure, among other things, cancer and other diseases classified as incurable. He said he would contact a Mr. Lester Bdukin, FDA, Code 161, Extension 1437 respecting this matter.
3. On June 10, 1969, a Mr. V. W. Smart, FDA, informed this office that in 1968 after FDA seizure, the District Court found against the Scientology Movement. On appeal, the Circuit Court of Appeals overruled the low lower court, holding that the Scientology Movement was a religion. Mr. Smart stated that this matter was now in the hands of the U. S. Solicitor General for consideration of a Government appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. He added that several years ago, the Australian Government caused a thorough investigation to be conducted into the Scientology Movement in Australia and published a "White Paper" containing its findings and conclusions. He recommended that the South Africans avail themselves of this publication since it contains approximately all the information available to the FDA on this movement.
4. In response to a request from this office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished a report, a copy of which is attached for your information. As the contents of this report may be classified, however, no objection to its being attributed to the FBI. There would be no objection to describing it as a Confidential source.
5. Inquiries were made at the Arizona State Prison on June 10, 1969, concerning this matter. Attached is a copy of an Los Angeles SY Field Office Report, dated June 23, 1969.

law and fluent in the language and thus was able to not only follow the proceedings but render a highly respected opinion.

Dr. Fletcher noted that "The trial was conducted against the four named defendants but it was clear from the first few minutes that the focus of the prosecution and the judge was not the named defendants but the Church of Scientology, itself."

One of the "assumptions that motivated the French prosecution" of the Church's counseling therapy is that "a system of therapy could not simultaneously be a religion." He finds "two distinct bases for criticizing the trial:" namely, that "the panel of three judges and particularly the presiding judge, were obviously biased in their conduct of the proceedings" and cites instances in his letter to the Church. Additionally, he states, "the French government relied on provisions of French law that are highly questionable under accepted international standards for protecting the rights of the accused," e.g. trial *in absentia*.

Since the French government relied heavily on information supplied from Interpol, which obtained theirs from Scotland Yard, which obtained theirs from the FBI, it is not difficult to have predicted such an outcome.

It has been this faceless, nameless anonymity of government agencies that Church officials have had to contend with in seeking to correct the misconceptions, falsehoods, distortions and outright lies about Scientology and its members. Agency officials have even gone to such extremes as to deny even having records about the Church and then being forced to admit they had made a "mistake."

In fact, the Church has been compiling clear violations of the Freedom of Information Act by agencies who illegally withheld documents and, possibly, perjured themselves in the process. The matter is currently with Church attorneys.

A 27 June, 1969 State Department memorandum showed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation provided the State Department with reports about the Church of Scientology. According to the memorandum, these reports were to be forwarded to the Parliament of South Africa. The memorandum also indicated that the FBI did not wish to be known as the source of these reports.

# Rooting out the Spreaders of the Disease.

## The Washington Star

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WASHINGTON, D.C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1976

# Church of Scientology Finally Gets Foothold on NSA

By Vernon A. Guidry Jr.

Washington Star Staff Writer

The National Security Agency is the kind of operation in which the public affairs office telephone is answered with a four-digit number rather than a name, a practice that even the CIA has abandoned.

So perhaps it wasn't surprising when NSA time after time told the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington that it could find no information in its files about the church, nor its founder, L. Ron Hubbard.

The church had made repeated requests over a number of months, asking NSA under the Freedom of Information Act if that massive electronic spy agency had any such information.

The church was no stranger to the federal government's investigatory and information gathering arms, nor to controversy, most of which centered over the use of a lie-detector like device called an E-meter to assess the mental and spiritual condition of a subject.

But of late, the church has been striking back at the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service, the CIA and the NSA, chiefly through the courts and the information act.

WHILE IT WAS CARRYING on a game of thrust-and-parry with NSA through the mails, the church was also suing the CIA. In the course of that suit, the CIA admitted that it had 16 documents relating to the

church in its files — all received from NSA.

Armed with that information, the church went back to NSA this June and demanded once again that the agency own up to having information in its files.

This month, the reply from NSA was received. Yes, the agency acknowledged that it had found at least 15 of the 16 documents identified by the CIA. But it still claimed that the earlier denials were accurate.

That claim was made in a letter to the church from John R. Harney, who identified himself as a "freedom of information appeal authority."

Harney wrote that the documents "were located in warehouse storage and were found only on the basis of the information we received from the CIA; they could not be found on the basis of the subject matter content."

"I must therefore reaffirm the NSA information officer's previous statements that no information was located in agency files concerning the Church of Scientology under any of the headings or in each of the categories, as specified in your previous requests, in this agency's records," Harney wrote.

IN ANY EVENT, WOULD NSA now release the documents, whatever they are? No. Wrote Harney: "The National Security Agency is precluded by Title 18 U.S.C. 798 from providing information concerning classified communications intelli-

gence activities except to those persons authorized to receive such information."

That admission didn't go unnoticed by the scientologists. A spokesman, the Rev. Hugh Wilhere, declared that "the fact that the NSA is holding files and conducting 'foreign intelligence activity' on a church by their own admission is highly incriminating in itself."

There are those in NSA who apparently would like to say more in their own defense on this issue. Information officer Norman Boardman, who was involved in some of the correspondence that assured the church that no such documents existed, is one of them.

Yesterday, Boardman was asked how, for instance, the CIA could find the documents supplied by NSA, but NSA could not. While supplying no direct answer, Boardman insisted that "there are two sides to this thing."

When a questioner on the telephone asked him to expand on that, he said he would call back. When he did, he said only, "I'm not prepared to go beyond 'no comment.'"

True to the form it has been developing, the church yesterday went to court. It filed a Freedom of Information action in U.S. District Court here to force release of the documents.

And, it asked the court to force NSA to make a search of its records, a complete search this time.

Agency officials have gone to such extremes as to deny even having records about the Church and then being forced to admit they had made a "mistake."



# The High Cost of Harassment

Mr. Kilpatrick is quite right. It would be impossible to estimate the man-hours spent by a dozen agencies over a quarter of a century. At this writing, they have not given up. On July 8, 1977, 134 FBI agents were used to smash into the Church and cart off approximately 100,000 pages of documents that required two agents each at 10 Xerox machines in 8-hour shifts for two days to copy, at an expense to the taxpayers of about \$30,000 for copying alone.

Columnist James Kilpatrick wrote:

If the Scientologists' story were not so terrifying, it would have its comic aspects. But the story in fact *is* terrifying. Over a period of 23 years, commencing in 1954, the federal government has thrown its whole massive weight into a malicious persecution of this religious sect. A dozen different agencies have participated in the attack. Millions upon millions of tax dollars have been wasted. No statistician could compute the man hours of costly time that have been frittered away in blundering pursuit of these devotees.

The salaries of the agents during the 20 hours of the raid itself (excluding preparation, travel and post-raid activities) amounted to \$20,000. With additional time spent by the

agents and travel (dozens were flown in from around the country), the raid itself cost the taxpayer easily over \$100,000.

A General Accounting Office report of February 27, 1978, showing that 62% of the 1.2 million of the cases presented to the U.S. Attorneys were rejected during 1970-76 "because the U.S. attorneys believed that the circumstances of the cases did not warrant the cost of prosecution" makes one wonder why the Justice Department has taken such a fervor to the Church? Grand juries have been called, U.S. attorneys have worked for months, agents have been used and personnel flown all over the country while courts were tied up with the case. Church officials estimate the case is approaching the quarter-million mark with no end in sight.

The 23 years of harassment have also been computed on a conservative basis at \$3.5 million.\* The amount happens to be nearly the amount budgeted to the Justice Department's Community Relations Service, which is "to provide assistance to communities in resolving disputes, disagreements and difficulties arising from discriminatory practices which disrupt or threaten to disrupt peaceful relations among citizens . . ."

That is a lot of money for a confusion between *Dianetics* and *dialectics*.

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\*The estimate includes a 1963 raid on the Church by the FDA that dragged through the courts for 8 years before the Church won the case and got its materials back. The Church has filed FOIA requests with several key agencies to get the exact costs of 23 years of harassment.

## The Effects of Dossier Disease.

# THE DENVER POST

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW, by James J. Kilpatrick

Thursday, August 18, 1977

## 23 years of government harassment

A small army of FBI agents played another game of gangbusters last month with the Church of Scientology. By apparent actual count, 134 agents burst into three church offices in Washington and California. They hauled away tons of stuff. Now church leaders are fighting back.

Speaking simply as a taxpayer, I would say hooray for these scrappy reverends. They have sued the FBI, and they have just published a large book of documents having to do with the government's long campaign of harassment against them. Church lawyers pried the documents loose from a reluctant government by means of the Freedom of Information Act.

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ticipated in the attack. Millions upon millions of tax dollars have been wasted. No statistician could compute the man hours of costly time that have been frittered away in blundering pursuit of these devotees.

For the record, I am as skeptical of the Scientologists — and as tolerant of their ideas — as I am of every other organized religion. Scientology may be a racket, as the government persistently contends, but this has never been proved as a matter of law. These people believe they have found a path to man's peace of mind; they profess to have founded an establishment of religion. And if church leaders seek rich converts, and milk them for large contributions, what else is new?

The story begins in 1954, when the United States Air Force, of all outfits, launched an investigation of Scientology in the area of Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado. The USAF Office of Special Investigation had some notion that the disciples were Communists, homosexuals, or either, or both.

In 1959, the Food and Drug Administration began an attack that would go on for years. Why the FDA, you may ask? A fair question. The Scientologists use a simple skin galvanometer, which they call an E-meter, as an aid in their metaphysical healing programs. The FDA said the E-meter was a quack medical device, hence unlawful.

In 1960, the United States Army moved up some troops. The Scientologists' book includes a photostat of one Army Intelligence report. If that report is a fair sample of the intelligence of Army Intelligence, God help the American Republic.

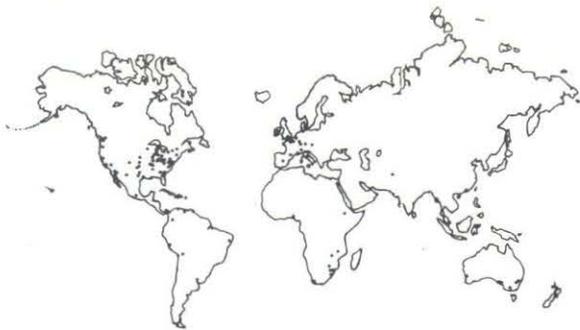
In 1961, the Air Force renewed its forays. In 1962, the FDA and the Bureau of Customs gave the church a hard time. In January of 1963, two huge vans, escorted by motorcycle police, rolled up to church headquarters in Washington. Government agents seized three tons of material, including 5,000 books, 20,000 pamphlets, and 65 of the devilish E-meters. It took 10 years of costly litigation before the

courts held the raid an unconstitutional abuse of power.

In 1967, the Labor Department harassed the church by denying work permits to visiting ministers from abroad. The CIA checked in. The Post Office brought up its legions of postal inspectors, sniffing for mail fraud. The FBI kept surveilling away. The Immigration and Naturalization Service joined the fun.

Finally the government, having lost at every turn, threw the Internal Revenue Service into the breach. The IRS prepared whole pages of instruction for its agents' manual, dealing with special audits and investigations. The IRS now has 33 lineal feet of files on the sect, and all the government has for its trouble is a series of court rulings to the effect that Scientology is indeed a church as a matter of law.

Who's crazy? I ask you, seriously, now, who's out? These meter-reading reverends? Or the government's klutzes who trample the First Amendment under foot?



# Symptoms and Handling of Dossier Disease

"Dossier Disease" is real, and the way to find it and to handle it is not totally dissimilar to the way one finds any highly infectious disease—it is handled with the truth.

Agencies have gone mad under the direction of officials who have acted as self-appointed vigilantes and executioners. They rely upon malicious campaigns of disinformation and false information to selectively poison persons, groups, professions, and even entire populations as certainly as if they were waging biological warfare. The primary difference being that *the weapon is the false report covertly planted and then disseminated by others.*

The planting of false or spurious information is no accident; one should not attribute mere human or mechanical error to deliberate attempts to covertly destroy the reputation of a person or a group. In fact, excuses of "error" is a primary means of masking any attempts that are discovered and all too often individuals and groups discount as "paranoid" any idea that they were the target of a disinformation campaign.

As with any disease, there are symptoms. While they do not guarantee that "black propaganda" is the cause, it would not hurt to probe further until one is fully and completely satisfied that a character assassin was not at work. The signs are simple:

**\*The person or group has suddenly come under governmental investigation.** There will always be a "valid reason" cited; but, the investigation invariably includes topics or items not fully germane to the issue, i.e., the stated "reason" is actually an "excuse" to gather more more information and put pressure on the party.

**\*The person or group suddenly comes under "public" attack or criticism.** The media is often the most popular vehicle. Quite often the "investigation" is cited, if one has been initiated which, of course, heats up the probe.

**\*Difficulty is suddenly encountered in a routine area where there was none before.** Examples can be as mundane as one's utilities or credit. Or an organization's membership drives or events suddenly encounter difficulty.

**\*Acts of violence are directed at the person or group.** The Civil Rights movement is an excellent example. Other minority groups have also been the targets of violence following rumor-mongering.

# Symptoms of the Dossier Disease



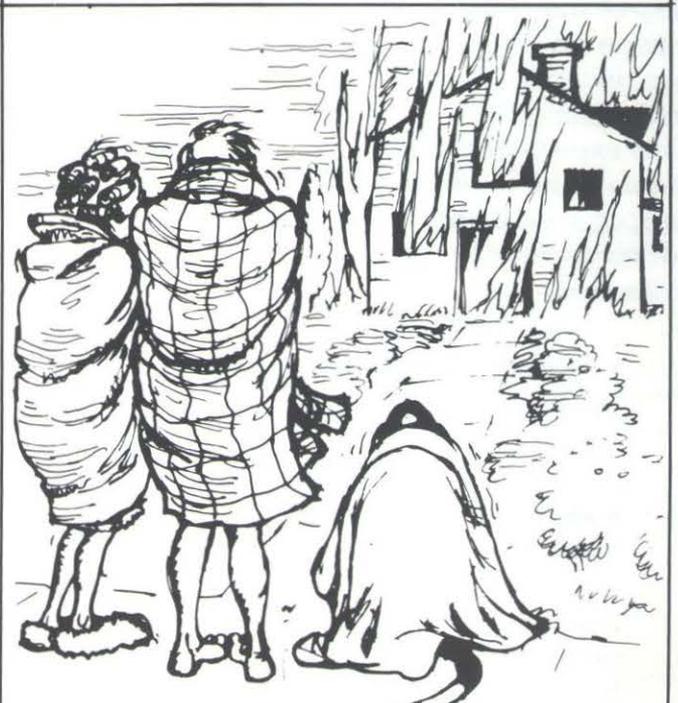
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It would be as dangerous to ignore these signs of a disinformation or black propaganda campaign as it would be to ignore the symptoms of a terminal disease, because one cannot chance it. Symptoms of cancer do not mean cancer is present until a full and complete examination is made and the same is true for a covert campaign to destroy a person or a group—an examination should be made.

A covert disinformation campaign waged against one's person or group is not easy to find by the very nature of what one is seeking to find. For example, even after the FBI's COINTELPRO campaign was revealed in the press, it was years before the first victim was found, for even the victims had never fully suspected that their misfortunes had been the result of a calculated plan to destroy them.

The Church of Scientology is hardly the only organization to incur the wrath of disinformation experts; but, it is unique to the degree that it has documented the scope of the campaign and successfully withstood over two decades of spurious information while maintaining its role in social reform programs. This experience has produced a number of stable guidelines for combatting a black propaganda campaign as well as finding it, which must be done. Some of these guidelines are:

**1. ALWAYS DEAL IN INDIVIDUALS, NOT ISSUES.** While the controversy surrounding a person or group may seem to revolve on certain issues, the matter can always be traced to certain individuals who are fomenting it as well as standing to profit in some way by the impaired efficiency of the person or group. This is not to say there may not be a key issue or two but it cannot be overstressed that controversies are kept alive by *individuals*.





3) Handle each relay point with documentation to the contrary.



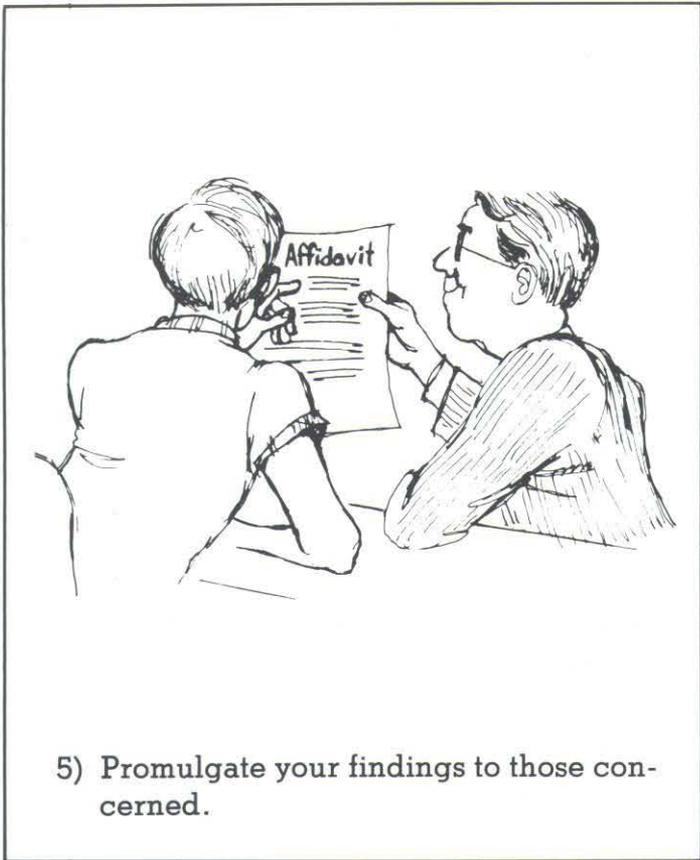
4) Locate the source of the falsehood(s) and handle.

**2. TRACE DOWN THE SOURCE OF THE DIFFICULTY.** A simple matter like a credit problem invites one to deal in the issue of one's credit and not *who* supplied the information that is false. Whether easily obtained or not, the source of the disinformation must be gathered and each source followed down, while checking to see who else received the same information. In this age of the Xerox machine, dissemination on a wide scale is too easy. If one is dealing with a governmental agency, a Freedom of Information Act request may be in order. \*\*

**3. HANDLE EACH RELAY POINT WITH DOCUMENTATION TO THE CONTRARY.** Once one knows what falsehoods one is facing, one simply prepares documentation that demonstrates the truth of the matter and demands a correction. Make that person responsible for the distribution of the falsehood correct the matter in their files and inform any others who may have been given the spurious information.

**4. LOCATE THE SOURCE OF THE FALSEHOOD(S) AND HANDLE.** People do not concoct lies without a motive; one of the primary motives for covert character assassination is some sort of gain by the person(s) doing it. It may be as simple as financial gain or as human as jealousy. Who your original source is and who they work for will be your major clue.

\*\*See "How to Use the Freedom of Information Act" published by the Church of Scientology.



5) Promulgate your findings to those concerned.

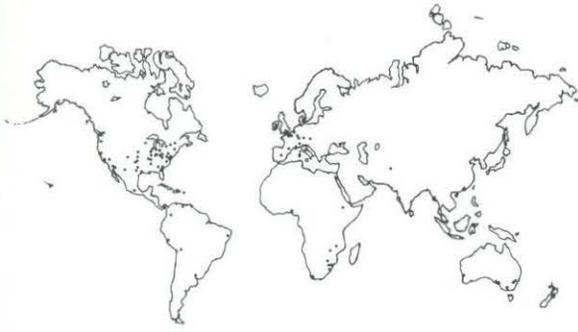
## 5. PROMULGATE YOUR FINDINGS TO THOSE CONCERNED.

"Joe Blow has admitted he falsified the membership rolls to gain control of the election and the organization while stirring others up to demand a Constitutional change." This would produce miracles if such were the case and the matter were given out to the members. One need not get into further controversy but only state the facts. Or, "The XYZ Credit Company has admitted that it accepted false information from ABC who are our competitors. It was this information, distributed to our suppliers, that caused the union dispute last months." Such matters should always be above board and done in writing.

### MAXIM:

**DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS ARE COVERT AND ARE SUSTAINED BY THE SOURCE BEING HIDDEN AND DEALING IN GENERALITIES.**

One need not look far to hear "People are upset with . . ." which gives neither the source nor the specifics. Quite often it can be traced to "Joe Blow hates the new model because it is cutting into his sales" or some similar specific. Agencies quite often hide behind titles such as "the Department of Justice reports . . ." or "the Internal Revenue says . . ." when, in truth, it will come down to one or two persons. If one is willing to insist that the generalities be eliminated and that specific sources be identified, something can be done about it.



## Conclusion

Disinformation campaigns waged as a Dossier Disease are conducted today on such a wide-ranging front that it is a rare group that is immune to the effects. The increasing computerization of records and files has given the rumormonger an even greater opportunity to destroy the credibility or integrity of an individual or group. The best defense is to (a) know that such tactics exist; (b) know that they are done with the purpose to destroy or discredit; (c) know that there is someone who stands to profit; and (d) know that such tactics can be successfully handled.

Millions of dollars have been wasted by agencies attacking individuals and groups on the prodding of a hidden source. One report lying unknown in a file can breed hundreds more, completely disrelated, and prompt a flurry of accusations and difficulties that can bury a person or group—but only if they give up.

However more than taxpayer money is involved; a person's basic Constitutional rights are at stake.

When a person's reputation is ruined, it is not difficult to perceive how their right to assembly and speech is impaired. In fact, the FBI's tactics in COINTELPRO were often designed to curtail the speech and associations of individuals and groups.

Thus it is that the Dossier Disease can erode rights and privileges so basic to a free society.

When a country is founded on truths held to be "self-evident," the least any citizen can expect and should demand is that his own government do all it can to protect and defend his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, thus creating a perpetual "immunity" from the Dossier Disease which threatens the rights of all Americans and is an affront to the basic principles upon which this country was founded.

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