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In 1957, the Central Intelligence Agency issued its first report on the Church of Scientology. Since that time, the members of our sister churches in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, England, Canada, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Spain, and Greece were subjected to an intelligence operation which had as its purpose the annihilation of an American-founded religious movement.

We have been accused of almost everything from gun-running, drug trafficking, white slave trafficking, sex perversion, hypnotism, brainwashing, currency smuggling to Communist countries, to even killing. They are tired old lies we have long since been able to prove are false.

In 1973, we discovered, by accident in Germany, evidence of the international circulation of false reports and immediately began utilization of the Freedom of Information Act. By 1978, more than 200,000 documents had been collected, cross indexed, filed, and analyzed. Hundreds of FOI requests were made and lawsuits filed against agencies withholding documents. Thousands of man hours were consumed in this massive project. We had to study intelligence tactics to understand what had happened.

What we found was a systematic campaign of "well poisoning" which followed the expansion of Scientology abroad in more than 14 countries from Australia in the early 1960's to France in 1978. In every instance where our Church was attacked, we have documents which prove that malicious false reports, rumors, unproven allegations of crimes and other dirt were disseminated abroad by American agencies to foreign governments prior to any

action taken against the Church.

For a long 21 years, we have not only endured this deliberate and cold-blooded inquisition, we have continued to expand and prosper. We have been no threat to national security, we have no history of criminal activity, and there has been no evidence to support the outrageous lies spread by the CIA, FBI, IRS and others involved.

Documents we have reveal a consistent tactic:

- \* Australia: The CIA funded and led an investigation on Scientology which resulted in a ban on us in three Australian states. A confession by CIA bag man, Phillip Wearne, and evidence looked into by the Australian Federal Attorney General, reversed the ban and granted Scientology full religious status.
- \* England: CIA and FBI black propaganda campaign began nearly ten years before a government minister placed a ban on foreign Scientologists entering Britain without any hearing or inquiry. A later inquiry by Sir John Foster found no crimes and recommended lifting the ban.
- \* South Africa: False reports sent from Australia and England on State Department channels, as well as from other US agencies. We fought an Official Inquiry to a standstill by proving the lies false and no action was taken.

\* Greece: CIA was active in spreading reports to Greek government which resulted in the expulsion of a Scientology training ship and forced it out into a major storm with engine trouble. The Greek government later apologized and retracted the expulsion order.

\*Ten Other Countries Continued dissemination of false information by CIA, FBI, IRS, FDA, and others is steadily poisoning the well to create suspicion, distrust, and eventually bring about investigations.

After 16 years of black propaganda activities at home which we are currently analyzing in detail and ten years of known intelligence operations against us abroad, in 1966 we formed a Guardian's Office whose major purpose was to forward our social reform programs and, of course, protect our beliefs. We have survived the ordeal and continued to prosper in the teeth of this continuing professional intelligence operation.

The current actions by Justice Department are but another step in a long battle. The prospect of a few individuals serving or not serving sentences is a no-issue since future history is the only judge of the impact of Scientology as the emergent socio-religious movement of the century.

The government has spent more than 100 million dollars of taxpayers' money trying to eliminate us while billions of dollars worth of heroin was being successfully shipped into the United States from France, over a twenty-year period, by an allied intelligence organization. We broke a story on this just prior to the July 1977 FBI raid. Just why IS this country infested with

drugs?

The FBI, IRS, and CIA attacks on those listed on Nixon's "Enemy List" has forced those organizations to either collapse or to defend themselves. They can no longer peacefully exist. The failure of the Justice Department to clean its own house and the houses of the FBI, IRS, CIA, FDA, et al, has resulted in parts of society being alienated from the government. Investigations of a few congressmen who have done wrong, but will only be on post for four years, is laudable, but the failure of Justice Department to indict criminal FBI agents who will continue on for the duration of their careers is tragic.

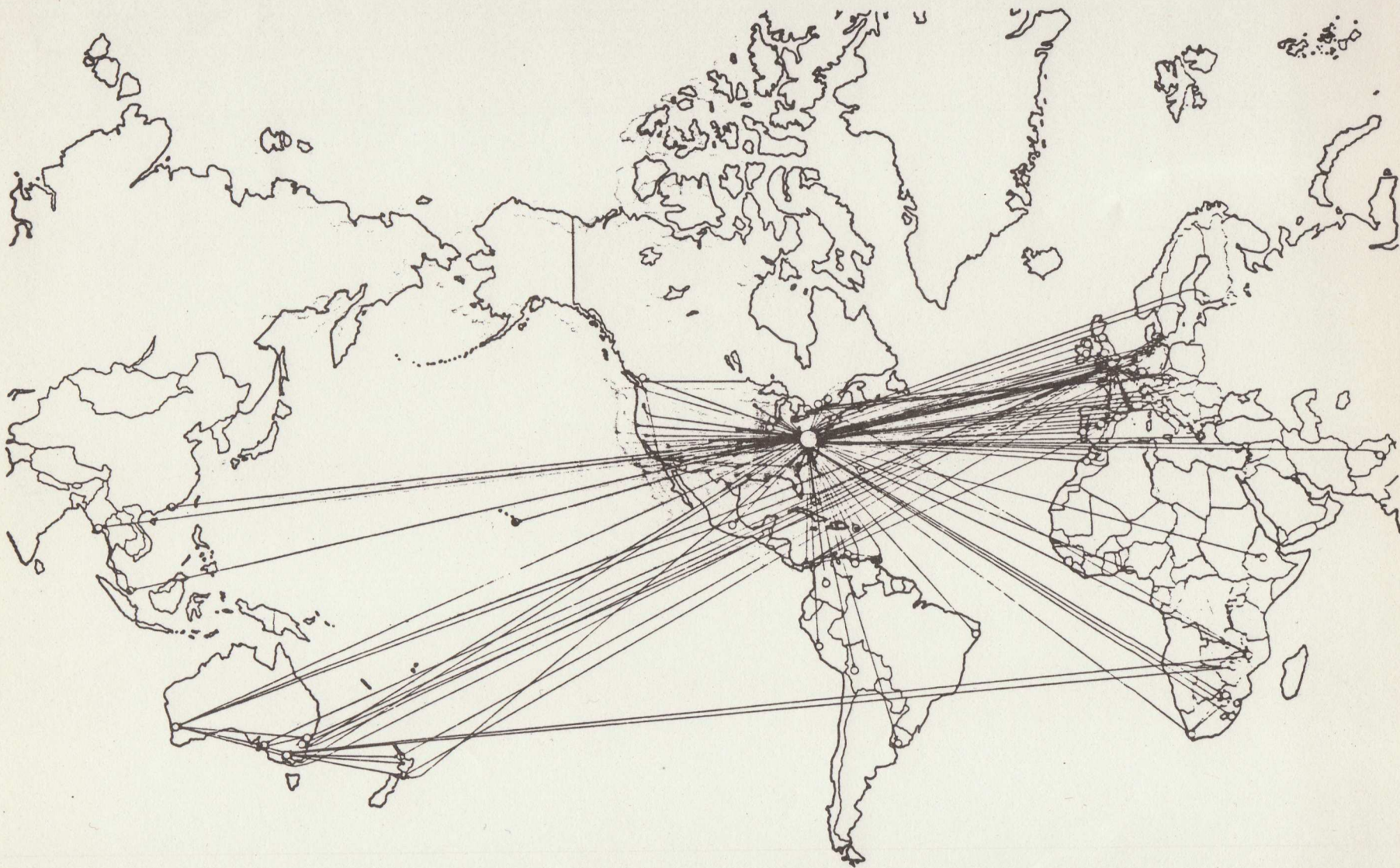
The FBI cast the first stone at us even as we were becoming a religion nearly three decades ago. Now at last we can prove their intentions and their methods, and we can prove that our difficulties were part of a campaign of bloodless genocide.

There is no doubt that we will win the current battle and achieve overwhelming support. It is time agencies are reformed to stop growing crime and drug trafficking, not growing churches.

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENTS

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MAP SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE REPORTS AROUND THE WORLD -

Compiled from documentation. Center for the reports is clearly  
Washington, D.C.

Major Incidents Time Track.

Spring 1958                      The FCDC Nixon Secret Service Incident.

4 Jan 1963                      FCDC FDA raid. Ensuing case continues until  
30 July 1971.

Late November 63                Victory Enquiry begins, and continues for  
160 days.

5 October 1965                  Victoria Enquiry Report published.

7 December 1965                Victoria Ban passed.

Sept 66                          First call for South African Enquiry (not  
successful)

29 November 1967                Foley Memorandum written



25 July 68	UK Ban.
21 October 68	Swedish Enquiry by Social Affairs Dept.
1 Nov 68	Western Australia Ban.
Jan 1969	UK Enquiry begins.
3 Feb 69	New Zealand Enquiry begins.
8 February 69	South Australia Ban
22 Feb 69	South Africa Enquiry announced.
18 March 1969	Corfu expulsion order.
30 June 1969	South Africa Enquiry Report published.
August 69	FCDC placed on IRS "Enemies" list.

8 March 73

Weisbaden Report

30 October 1974

Charlston Incident

3-7 July 1976

Customs detention of Mailpacks

8 July 1977

FBI raid.

March-April 78

French Fraud decission.

AUSTRALIA BRIEFING SHEET

Scientology's problems internationally began in Australia where we became the first religion in the Free World to be outlawed. It was simply illegal to be a Scientologist, something Hitler didn't even do with the Jews at the height of their massacre.

The difficulties began years before the Victoria Enquiry. Mr. Hubbard wanted to know specifics about the "number of complaints" being received and the reply was that there were no statements being made about any "complaints". Little did he know that before the investigation even started the Food and Drug Administration was already feeding information into Australia.

But the FDA was not the closest Director. Phillip Wearne had submitted a report on Scientology to the Australian Security Intelligence Organization and found himself contacted by one Earl Wilkenson in late 1963. Mr. Wilkenson, Mr. Wearne states, became a close associate who wine and dined those involved in the investigation and began to "im-  
pinge his ideas on how the case should be conducted." Wearne says that Wilkenson "did not have a clue about how our pogrom against Scientology should be conducted, he was tryin~~g~~ to do his best and I assume was being paid for it. He did help me to this extent," Wearne stated in an affidavit given the church six years later, "that certain financial problems were solved by him or through his intervention."

Wearne made him a member of the Committee for Mental Health and National Security and gave him a card that, Wearne hypothesizes, Wilkenson "held in a repository of honour in his archives either at the CIA office or whoever else was paying him." Wilkenson worked at the Land Finance Company "which had a set of offices to the rear of the United States Consulate" which had a CIA man in charge. Wilkenson also provided Wearne with "an income from time to time from one or another of the 'front' organizations which he wanted me to believe were his organizations" but which, in fact, were CIA.

With Wilkenson's help, the Inquiry went for 160 days while other agencies such as HEW supplied information. In December, 1965, the Victoria Ban was passed. Three years later, the ban went into effect in Western Australia and in 1969 in South Australia. Thereafter, State Department reports included the CIA for distribution with as many as 16 copies going to the spy agency.

The bans were cited and recited then in U.S. agency reports distributed to country after country. Scientologists bravely continued as the Church of the New Faith. No crimes were ever cited as broken. The ban was simply a ban.

In 1973, after much work, the Australian Attorney General Lionel Murphy recognized the church and in 1976, former Deputy Premier for Western Australia, Herbert Graham, publicly apologized before a Scientology Human Rights and Prayer Day in Los Angeles for the action taken by his government.

TIMETRACK - AUSTRALIA

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- 29 Sept. 1960 In a letter to the American Council Melbourne, L. Ron Hubbard requests information about "a number of complaints" being filed with the American Council regarding the Hubbard Association of Scientologists.
- Dec 22, 1960 American Council answers, stating it has never made any statements that they have received a number of complaints about the Hubbard Association of Scientologists.
- April 14, 1961 Memo from the American Consulate, Melbourne making reference to a report from the Office of Security regarding the HASI.
- March 4, 1963 A letter from John L. Harvey to the Distribution Center, Washington, D.C. The letter outlines a program of action to be taken against the E-meter. Enclosed with the letter is a statement which will "give you further information about our program against devices of this type."
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- Aug 1965 Affidavit from Phillip Wearne, stating he submitted a report concerning the Church of Scientology to the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. Shortly after this, he was contacted by a man he felt was an agent for the CIA who sought to gain information from him.
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- Late November 63 Victory Enquiry begins, and continues for 160 days.
- Dec. 24, 1963 A letter to the Department of Health Education and Welfare telling of a state sponsored investigation into Scientology. The letter requests information regarding a number of categories, and states that the government is looking for information from the American Psychiatric Association on HASI.
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- Jan. 10, 1964 Letter from the HEW in answer to the query on HASI. The letter details the background of L. Ron Hubbard, and gives a number of falsehoods about Mr. Hubbard and the church
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- 5 October 1965 Victoria Enquiry Report published.
- 7 December 1965 Victoria Ban passed.
- August 24, 1968 Airgram from London to the Department of State detailing the British Government's official steps taken against Scientologists trying to enter the country. The memo states the British government has passed a ban against Scientologists coming into the country.
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- 1 Nov 68 Western Australia Ban.

Nov. 19, 1968 Letter from US Consulate to US Immigration and Naturalization Service. The letter encloses a copy of the Act banning Scientology from Australia, and states that Scientologists are involved in a controversy regarding health and hospital procedures. in Western Australia.

3 Feb 69 New Zealand Enquiry begins.

8 February 69 South Australia Ban

Oct. 28, 1969 Letter to the American Consulate regarding a Scientology minister's adjustment of status. The letter states Scientology has been banned in Australia and other countries, and requests information and documentation that reflects that Scientology has been banned in the countries mentioned.

Jan 28, 1970 Letter from US Embassy to INS regarding the status of the Scientology minister, June Margret. States British actions taken to bar Scientology ministers and forwards a news clipping regarding L. Ron Hubbard. Intimates Scientology is not a religion. (See correction document p)

Jan 20, 1972 Airgram from US Embassy London to Department of State. Answers Department of State's request for information on the entry of alien Scientologists into the country. The Airgram repeats a false report from the Australian Health Minister in the UK who imposed restrictions in Scientologists coming into the country in 1968. The distribution of the report includes 16 copies to the CIA.

Feb 7, 1973 Letter from the Attorney General of Australia to the President of the Church of the New Faith, granting the church status under Australian law.

April 19, 1973 Memo detailing a request from the Las Vegas Police for documents from the Consul General's office in Australia which are condemnatory to Scientology. The Chief Secretary's Office, in light of the fact Scientology has been granted status as a religion, is not willing to forward documents critical of the church.

May 1973 Telegram from the Melbourne office noting that Hubbard may take legal action if these documents are sent. States the documents are "condemnatory to Scientology."

May 14, 1973 Telegram to the Department of State regarding the exchange of information on the Church.

May 73 Telegram which asks what the Las Vegas Police want the information and states that they may not be entitled to have it.

May 17, 1973 Telegram from Department of State suggesting the information be retained.

August 1976 Herbert Graham, Former Deputy Premier of Western Australia Australia, appears at conference on Social Reform and apologizes for the ban that had been placed on Scientology.

## UNITED KINGDOM BRIEFING

The UK is the home of the international church body and was the site of much of the advanced research done for Scientology.

While the UK inquiry began in 1969, the FBI was sending in reports as early as the mid-1950's. False reports about Mr. Hubbard's personal life were distributed by J. Edgar Hoover himself. In 1966, the IRS said that LSD may be the basis for the Scientology religion.

A young woman who was the product of psychiatry having been in and out of mental hospitals for years produced the public controversy. Having touched briefly with Scientology, her mental breakdown was charged to the church with years of psychiatric abuse overlooked.

Feeding the controversy from Australia into the UK, the U.S. managed to get one minister, Kenneth Robinson, to seek an inquiry as the FDA and Interpol poured information secretly into the country. The FBI continued to push its own Black Propaganda campaign by insisting in 1968 that the church blackmailed people only months before the UK issued a ban on foreign students entering the country to study, in July, 1968.

Early in 1969, Secretary of State for Social Services, Richard Crossman, initiated an "official but private" investigation of Scientology. Crossman had been a key intelligence officer during the war. The State Department was fed the information and they quickly relayed it to other agencies, including the CIA. Sir John Foster, who was conducting the probe, was invited by the FDA to use their files.

Meanwhile, the public campaign was led by the British National Association for Mental Health was headed by Christopher Mayhew who was the top wartime Black Propaganda experts in MI6 during World War II.

In short, the key figures in both the public and the private, the official and the unofficial UK inquiries, were both intelligence figures.

When the Foster probe was done, the Minister for Social Services (Robinson) was reluctant to release the findings. However, after strong public demands, he made it public in 1971 and the world learned why he was so hesitant - one of the conclusions was that the UK government's ban on the entry of foreign students should be lifted.

That ban is still in effect but the international office still thrives. This is no small miracle as the false reports continued to flow into England from the United States agencies including military intelligence.

- 5 April 1957 FBI dispatch regarding the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International "FOR STOTT" and carbon copies to London and the Foreign Liaison Unit. Relates the results of certain aspects of the amassive disinformation campaign against the Scientologists. False reports are quoted and spread. For example, that L. Ron Hubbard's wife has stated that he was insane, and that Scientologists distribute a booklet which describes that art of Brainwashing. (See Correction Documents b,h,l.)
- 8 January 1958 Dispatch from Hoover regarding HASI relates against the same disinformation statements. Recipient of the dispatch is deleted.
- 15 December 1966 Letter from IRS London to IRS US stating that L. Ron Hubbard may use LSD as the basis for his religion. (See Correction Document m.)
- 21 February 1967 From Director of the FBI to the Legal Attache London reiterating disinformation, ie. that L. Ron Hubbard is an obscure writer of pseudoscientific pulp fiction, that the New Jersey SEME had a case against the HDRF scheduled for trial on the grounds that the organization was conducting a school, teaching a branch of medicine or surgery without a license, that Hubbard's wife sued him for divorce, and that the HDRF distributes a book ("text") detailing the art of brainwashing and psychopolitics. (See Correction Document i, c, d, b, l.)
- 22 March 1967 From John B. King to the Office of International Operations The dispatch quotes blatant falsehoods from the long discredited Australian Inquiry ie. that Scientology was a serious threat to mental health. (See Correction Document k.)
- 31 March 1967 FDA memorandum that talks about Interpol requesting information about L. Ron Hubbard. The memo asks that the request be responded to and asks about information that the FDA has accumulated which can be released to the British, Australian and Malawi police.
- circa 1967 Dispatch from LEGAT, LONDON to the Director of the FBI requesting any information known concerning L. Ron Hubbard.
- 13 March 1967 From Legat London to the Director of the FBI. Copy of L. Ron Hubbard's fingerprints furnished to an unreleased party.
- 21 February 1967 Director of the FBI to Legat, London. Another link to FBI disinformation as the instigator of London attacks on the Church of Scientology.
- 9 February 1968 To the FBI from Legat, London. Suggests to the FBI that there is an extreme proclivity toward blackmail by Church of Scientology members. No evidence of blackmail is cited at all. The Legat, London has turned the fact that the parishioners of Scientology relate parts of their lives to Scientology ministers while being counseled into reason to suspect Scientology churches of blackmail. (See Correction Document e.)

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16 February 1968 FBI to London. Indicates that prior to this date at least three other reports were sent to London regarding Scientology. 7

3 July 1968 To Chief of Foreign Operations from Revenue Service Representative. London. Walker met with UK Inland Revenue Representatives to discuss L. Ron Hubbard. The UK had done an arbitrary tax assessment in an effort to force Hubbard to disclose the books to prove the assessment wrong. Walker wanted to supply UK tax offices with the IRS data so that a court order could be obtained to force disclosure of the books.

25 July 68

UK Ban.

12 August 1968 Legat London reports to the FBI director of the results of the British disinformation campaign. Articles are published attacking Scientology and foreign students are denied entry.

8 August 1968 IRS -- London to Chief, Foreign Operations Division. Various UK agencies bringing pressure on Hubbard, by refusing him permission to expand his buildings at Scientology Headquarters and that continued efforts may force Hubbard out of the country.

31 August 1968 To Detective Superintendent from a Detective Sergeant at New Scotland Yard. The report contains disinformation, eg. the scientology student at the end normally becomes mentally confused, that no Scientologist is allowed to be and see a doctor except in the case of immediate surgery, that Hubbard receives 10% of all revenues.  
(See Correction Documents k, d. n.)

24 August 1968 Embassy London to the State Department re British Moves Against Scientology.. Quotes the Australian Inquiry (now discredited) and British disinformation reports which had been printed in the British press.  
This report was sent to Belfast, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and Melbourne.  
"British authorities have several times referred to the possibility that personal information obtained from 'students' under other treatment could be used for blackmail and other purposes." (Again, absolutely no evidence of this. Purely conjecture designed to damage Scientology and cut off its support.)  
(See Correction Document e, g.)

9 October 1968 Letter from Mr. C. L. Sargeant, Minister for Health (UK) to J. K. Kirk, Associate Commissioner for compliance re action being taken in the UK to curb the growth of Scientology.

4 November 1968 Letter from Kirk to Sargeant re above, reporting on the action taken against the E-meter.

Jan 1969

UK Enquiry begins.

29 January 1969 Embassy LONDON to the Secretary of State, WASH DC. Regarding An official investigation into Scientology which was to be conducted by Sir John Foster, Q.C.'

22 January 1969 Memorandum of Telephone conversation between Captain Buck, Selective Service System, and Alfred Barnard, Director, Bureau of Regulatory Compliance. Barnard indicated that he knew that



and perhaps the FBI had a significant file on Hubbard. Parnard stated that Buck was free to review such material in his files as may be helpful in enabling the Selective Service System "to keep Mr. Hubbard out of the business of Selling draft exemptions."

27 February 1969 J.K. Kirk FDA to CL Sargeant of the Department of Health and Social Security regarding the E-meter court case.

February 1969 To Secretary of State Wash. DC Info. Embassy London  
Discusses the press interest generated in Greece regarding L. RON Hubbard's presence there and that the general climate was unfavorable. That the British, New Zealand, and Australian Consular also now shared the belief that the mentally disturbed were being exploited by L. Ron Hubbard. That the press interest in Hubbard's presence would increase as the Government of Greece's moment of decision whether or not to permit the group to remain there draws near. The Foreign Ministry Official who will make the recommendation to the GOG has requested information available re possible police or other derogatory records.  
(See Correction Document e.)

13 June 1969 letter from British Embassy to the FDA. The FDA would possibly grant Sir John Foster of the British Inquiry a permission to come to DC and use FDA files to gather data on Scientology.

7 July 69 Response to the above 13 June letter. The FDA will be "happy to grant this request and will be glad to cooperate with Sir John Foster in any other way it can.

15 July 1969 Letter from R.E. Duggan of the FDA to Sargent of the DHSS. Demonstrates governmental agencies continued active spreading of information about the Church of Scientology.

17 September 1969 From American Consul Casablanca to the Department of State States that the Department may care to investigate the matter further to determine whether or not there are any illegal activities connected with the motor vessel Apollo and the Operation and Transport Corporation Ltd. However, the report contains no indication that any such illegal activities actually exist. This is a proposed criminal investigation by the State Department for no valid reason.

8 October 1969 To Casablanca from Embassy London. The Sunday Times articles which contain libelous material about L Ron Hubbard.  
(See Correction Document r.)

3 March 1970 FBI letter disseminating the old long disproven claim of Sara Northrup Hubbard declaring the L. Ron Hubbard is insane. cc's to Philadelphia with 2 enclosures, London, Bonn. Attention to SAC and Legats.

13 February 71 Telex to Ruespn/Amembassy Copenhagen Info. to Rudsc/Amembassy Athens . FBI airpouching background information on Scientology.

- Feb 71 Telegram to Secretary of State Washington DC, info. to Amembassy Copenhagen and Amembassy London. The Scientology ship in Greece has been ordered to leave.  
(See Correction Document w.)
- 19 October 71 Airgram stating that "the 'Apollo' is proving to be a continuing problem for all three posts in Morocco" and that it would be helpful to get whatever information Washington Agencies, London and Athens may be able to provide.  
The airgram was from Embassy Rabat to the State Department.
- 10 November 1971 Department of State to Athens; Casablanca Johannesburg, London, Rabat, Tangier. RE the ship Apollo: "we assume... that active Scientologists would not be welcome in Greece."  
(See Correction Document w.)
- 26 April 72 From AMCONGEN Tangier to the Department of State.  
The report creates "mystery" about the Apollo simply by stating that it was mysterious.
- November 74 Confidential "no foreign dissemination", TO Rudonba, US NAV INV SERV. Europe London UK. Suggests "possible Narcotics smuggling" by the Apollo. File Checks of CIA being made.  
(See Correction Document m.)  
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SOUTH AFRICAN BRIEFING

The U.S. Department of State was eager to help along the South African government in their "investigation" interests. The American Embassy in Cape Town asked Washington for information in 1969 to feed the government. State was able to supply information from Australia and the FDA raid on the church in Washington, D.C.

On June 27, 1969, State supplied an FBI report to South Africa and stressed that the information could be relayed on but that the report should not be attributed to the FBI.

As in Australia and the UK, the psychiatric profession and the mental health groups were the public support arm for the intelligence operations.

The probe was vicious. Those who sought to give evidence on the church's behalf were attacked and belittled and the critics given every opportunity. State Department, meanwhile, pumped the reports in.

One of the key witnesses, former police captain Jan Hendrik du Flessis, later retracted his testimony and stated it was biased, misleading, untrue and motivated by a desire for revenge. The confession took the wind out of the sails of the critics as the probe began to be exposed for what it was - a staged show.

Sept 66

First call for South African Enquiry (not successful)

22 Feb 69

South Africa Enquiry announced.

26 May 1969

\*Department of State telegram from American Embassy Cape Town to Secretary of State Washington D.C. states that Parliament early in session established a select committee to investigate Scientology movement or Church of Scientology. Lawrence Wood asks for information on scientology and the Church's connection to Narconon.

6 Jun 69

\*Department of State reply says, "thus far nothing firm on scientology movement in U.S. but will continue search." Gives no data on Narconon yet, but informs of an acquaintance who is a South African citizen and familiar with Scientology but who is not a member (stressed).

27 Jun 69

\*State Department memo from security, for African desk, reports a bit on FDA seizure of "certain devices" because of an alleged claim that they could cure, among other things, cancer and other diseases classified as incurable. The memo mentions the Australian "investigations" and suggests that the South Africans avail themselves of the findings and conclusions as they contain about all the information available to the FDA on the Church of Scientology. Mentions an FBI doc which "may be disclosed" but not attributed to FBI.  
(see correction doc V)

30 June 1969

South Africa Enquiry Report published.

10 Nov 71

\*Airgram from the State Department to Athens, Casablanca, Johannesburg, London, Rabat, and Tangier about the Ship Apollo has, as enclosures, copies of 1968 press items on the Great Britain ban on alien Scientologists.

20 Jan 72

\*Airgram from the London American Embassy to the Department of State (with info to: American Embassies; Athens, Canberra, Rabat, American Consulates; Casablanca, Johannesburg, and Tangier) confirms that the Great Briton ban on alien Scientologists is still in effect. The airgram has quotes from the Foster report taken from the London Times. The English ban on alien Scientologists data put down by Kenneth Robinson, the Minister of Health, which lays out the limits of the ban, is quoted. Takes quote from Australia report that states, "Scientology is evil; its techniques evil; its practice a serious threat to the community, medically, morally, and socially; and its adherents sadly deluded and often mentally ill". Sixteen copies of this airgram sent to CIA.  
(see correction doc k)

GREECE BRIEFING SHEET

Greece became a target for State Department actions against Scientology because Corfu had been a favorite port for the ship Apollo that the church had leased for a floating seminary.

Years of agitation finally caught when, in 1969, the government kicked the ship out while in the middle of repairs and placed the lives of the entire crew at risk.

As early as 1965, the American Embassy was collecting lists of the crew to share with the Greek government. The 1968 UK ban was heavily cited by State to the Greek government as but one example of the growing international discontent (orchestrated from Washington, D.C.) against Scientology. Copies of some of these reports were sent to the CIA with the spy agency receiving as many as twenty copies, more than any sent to any other agency.

The Greek government subsequently apologized to the crew of the Apollo and invited the ship back but this did not slow the State Department's campaign. Every piece of bad news they could muster from any corner of the world was sent to Greece. Even the Foster Report from the UK was discussed, leaving out his recommendation that the ban be lifted, an omission that completely slanted the findings.

Even in 1975, the American Embassy admitted it did not have "published" material on Scientology but that it was sharing it with the government of Greece.

TIME TRACK GREECE

27/8/65 American Embassy, London, to American Embassy, Athens, asking that Athens obtain a copy of the ships crew list of the Royal Scotsman then in Corfu, and the names of any others aboard. It says that background information was airpouched, and recommends that it be brought to the attention of the Greek authorities.

24/8/68 Airgram from American Embassy, London, to the Department of State, reports that the British Government has announced a ban on foreign Scientologists. The report give a run down of government attacks on Scientology around the world. It also reveals that a US Embassy official met with British Immeigration officials in a meeting in which it is hoped that the Scientologists will become discouraged and abandon their British base. It reports the IRS offices in London are investigating Scientology. The report is widely distributed with 20 copies to the CIA, 10 to USIA, 7 to HEW, 5 to NAVY, as well as copies to various others.

25/1 /69 Telegram from American Embassy, Athens, to Secretary of State, DC, reporting that the Greek Government is investigating Scientology, and that the Greek foreign minister has requested derogatory data from the American Embassy. (Shortly after this the Greek goverment gave the Appolo 24 hour notice to leave Corfu, and later appologized officially for the action)

4/2/69 US Government Memorandum from James Lamont reporting that the Embassy had received inquiries re developments with the Scientologists in Greece because it was anticipated that the Greek government was about to take action against the Scientologists. The report does not neglect to report rumors about the involvement of individual Scientologists with Greek citizens, and reports that the police are following Scientologists wherever they go.

6/2/69 US Government Memorandum from James Lamont reporting further inquiries recieved from the Embassy, and reporting more rumors about the movements of individual Scientologists. It reveals that the Embassies of Australia and New Zealand have now become interested, and that an investigation of the Scientologists has now been ordered in New Zealand. A Greek Aliens Police officer is reported to be urging a full investigation of the Scientologists.

18 March 1969 Corfu expulsion order.

TIME TRACK GREECE

- Feb 71 Telex from Secretary of State, Washington, DC, to the American Embassy, Copenhagen, with info copies to American Embassy, Athens. It reports that the whereabouts of the Appolo is unknown to them, and states that background information on Scientology had been airpouched to Copenhagen.
- 17/2/71 Telegram from the American Embassy, Athens, to the Secretary of State, Washington, DC, with info copies to Copenhagen, and London, reporting that the Greek government had declared Scientology "PNG" (Persona non grata.)
- 9/11/71 Airgram from Department of State to Athens, Casablanca, Johannesburg, London, Rabat, and Tangier. Enclosed are copies of press items on Scientology ban in Great Britain and expulsion from Greece. Report asks for data on the South African Inquiry.
- 1/14/72 Airgram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State, with info copies to Athens, Canberra, Rabat, Casablanca, Johannesburg, and Tangier. The report confirms that the British ban is still in effect. A copy of the Foster report is enclosed. It is noted that the Foster report recomended that the ban be lifted, but the only quote given from the report is that Australia had found "Scientology is evil" etc. The report then gives a four page transcription of an article from the London Times. 16 copies are sent to the CIA, 9 to NSA, 9 to HEW, etc.

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- 8/5/75 A letter from Thomas Davis, American Consul General Athens, Greece, to Douglas Jacobson, London. It says that the Embassy files do not contain "published" information relating to Scientology, but confirms that data on Scientology had been supplied to the Greek government in 1969.

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FRANCE

The French police first contacted the Church in August 1970, stating they were investigating an anonymous complaint against a few students attending theological courses in the Paris academy of the Church. What the French police did not tell Church officials was that in 1969, it had received a derogatory report on Scientology from Scotland Yard via Interpol which had contained false information on the Church from the FBI.

All the accusations, anonymously made, were found to be groundless, but the policeman in charge went ahead and recommended a judicial investigation. Factually, there was then, and still is nothing on which a case could be brought. The report contains 1947 as the founding of the Church. Only CIA has made this error. In hundreds of thousands of documents, it is an odd coincidence. On the tenth of March, 1971, the Church of Scientology in Paris was raided by the Paris Drug Squad, the Police Judiciare, and the local police.

Twenty-eight students and 14 staff were harassed by over 40 policemen. The Church was taken apart, but no drugs and no unlawful materials of any sort were found.

There were, however, certain reports, comments, and opinions being circulated by United States government agencies, CIA, FBI, and others, throughout the world; much of this traffic was forwarded by Interpol, the criminal police organization based in Paris.

The General Secretary of Interpol, Jean Nepote, had long been interested in the Church of Scientology; in 1969, for example, he was in touch with Interpol in Melbourne, Australia, asking for a report on the Church that he could circulate to other member countries of Interpol. (Interpol is a private, French-based police group with an alarming low rate of success in bringing criminals to justice.)

So Nepote has been busy at least since 1969 in relation to the Church. Factually, he was asked in 1969 if Interpol was investigating the Church, and he replied: "No investigations on Scientology or Scientologists have been made through Interpol".

This was a lie: at the time, 1969, Nepote's letter was widely circulated to those who had heard rumours of an Interpol investigation, and this caused Nepote to send two officials into the Church to get back the letter and stop its circulation.

Nepote, with an eye to the future, indicated that Interpol would not be hindered in its activities of investigation should it be discovered Scientology was carrying out a fraud under the cloak of religion.

Six months later came the anonymous complaint, the recommendation for the judicial inquiry, and then a raid on the Church followed by charges of fraud. This was the first and only case of any government anywhere in the world charging the Church with fraud.



July 19, 1970

Memo from Legal Attache Paris to th FBI on the movements of the Scientology Flagship Royal Scotsman, and the "Enchanter" and "Avon River". States Scientologists have been under criticism in England and denied entry there.

Oct 2, 1968

IRS London to IRS Paris saying thank you for materials on L. Ron Hubbard sent to that office, and saying the information has been sent to Washington, D.C.

Nov 2, 1970

Dossier of the French Police containing false information on the movements of the "criminal" Scientologist. The report makes false statements about L. Ron Hubbard and about the church. It repeats such falsehoods as L. Ron Hubbard receives 10% of the profits of the Church. (see correction document n) Also states that Scientology is "brainwashing", and several other popular false reports. (see correction document l)

Nov 1972

Memo from Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs to the American Embassy in Paris. False reports calling Scientology a "haven for kooks" and its members drug oriented.

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TIME TRACK CANADA

- 16/1/63 Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the Ottawa, Canada, Local Attache shortly after the FDA raid on the Church of Scientology in Washington, DC. Hoover forwards the data from the Washington Times Herald that "competent medical advisors recommended that Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium... for treatment of paranoid schizophrenia." It also contains the quote from Hubbard's ex-wife that he was "hopelessly insane." (See Correction Document 'H'.)
- 22/1/63 A letter to C. A. Morrell, Director of the FDA in Canada, from George P. Larrick, Commissioner of Food and Drugs asking Canada's help in gathering incriminating evidence against Scientology. He asks that information be gathered concerning a mental patient who had once been involved in Scientology for the purpose of showing that Scientology was the cause of her troubles.
- August 68 Report from New Scotland Yard to the District Superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police containing data obtained from several sources including the FBI and which later became part of a much larger report on Scientology by the German Federal Police. Characteristic of the slant of the report is the following: "The authorities in this country are extremely concerned about the organization (Scientology). ...It alienates members of families from each other and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it... The Government had concluded that it is so objectionable that it would be ready to take all steps within their power to curb its growth." (See Correction Documents 'C', 'K', 'O', and 'S'.)
- 1970 Part of a report entitled "Sectarian Healers and Hypnotherapy" which is the result of a study for the Committee on the Healing Arts conducted by John A. Lee. The general theme of the report is that Hubbard is a quack and Scientology is a fraud, and there are also many false reports including documentation on the use of the E-Meter, the Scientology "ban" in Australia, and a report that L. Ron Hubbard receives 10 per cent of all Scientology income. Also some well-chosen quotes: "The Government is satisfied, having reviewed all the available evidence, that Scientology is socially harmful." (See Correction Documents 'K', 'N', 'O', and 'V'.)

TIME TRACK DENMARK

- 7/11/69 A letter from Jean Nepote, Secretary General of Interpol, to Norman F. Starkey of Operation and Transport Corporation in Denmark. It states that no Scientologist has been investigated by Interpol and that it is against their charter to interfere in religious matters. As LRH was under investigation at the time, this is a lie.
  
- 12/2/71 Telex from the Secretary of State, Washington, DC, to the American Embassy in Copenhagen with cc's to London and Athens informing the embassy that they have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the ship Apollo but that a packet of background information on Scientology has been airpouched that day to Copenhagen.
  
- 17/12/71 Telegram from the Secretary of State in Washington to the American Embassy in Athens with a cc marked "PRIORITY" to the embassy in Copenhagen saying that according to Greek officials they have no report that the Scientology ship APOLLO is in Greek waters, and reminding them that the Ministry of the Interior had declared the Scientology Sea Organization "persona non grata" and ordered them to leave Greece in March of 1969. (See Correction Document 'W'.)
  
- 27/12/71 Dispatch from J. Edgar Hoover to the Legal Attache in Copenhagen claiming that no investigation had been made by the FBI concerning Hubbard but that his files reveal that Hubbard was an obscure writer of pseudo-scientific pulp fiction, that there was a case against the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation scheduled for trial in March of 1951 on the grounds that the organization was teaching medicine and surgery without a license, that Hubbard's wife, in suing him for divorce, had claimed that he was "hopelessly insane," and that E-Meters were falsely advertised as being effective in treating various types of illnesses. (See Correction Documents 'I', 'C', 'H', and 'V'.)
  
- 26/4/72 Report from the American Consul-General in Tangier to the Department of State, with info copies to Casablanca, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Rabat and Copenhagen. The report concerns Scientology and a new base in Tangier. It is quite long and contains a large amount of misleading information, such as one amusing story that the Apollo is engaged in white slave trafficking. The author of the report does mention that the story undoubtedly stems from the fact that included among the crew of the Apollo are a large number of strikingly beautiful young ladies, and that he is skeptical that a vessel that stands out like a sore thumb, in which considerable interest is bound to be generated, and with a crew numbering in the hundreds would be a reasonable vehicle for smuggling or white slaving.

TIME TRACK GERMANY (ALSO RELATES TO AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, AND SWEDEN)

17/9/69 Airgram from the American Consul in Casablanca to the Department of State with info copies to Rabat, Tangier, Hamburg, London and Panama containing a detailed (1000 words) description of the ship Apollo and not failing to mention that there has been speculation by people in Casablanca that Hubbard's 'gimmick' could be anything from smuggling to drug trafficking to a far-out religious cult.

3/3/70 Dispatch to a deleted source from J. Edgar Hoover's Secretary, Helen W. Gandy, with cc's to Philadelphia, London, Bonn, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army and Office of Special Investigations of the Air Force. She forwards the information that Hubbard's wife claimed he was "hopelessly insane."

8/3/73 The Wiesbaden Report. It was first sent to the German Federal Criminal Police by Scotland Yard in October of 1969. This report, sent via Interpol, was based on information provided by the FBI and Interpol Treasury Department and repeated wild stories about Hubbard (he had been to Mars and Venus) as well as documenting conflicting information - on one hand he was bankrupt in Philadelphia in 1952, but on the other hand he had offered a new African state a loan of 2 million pounds. It passed on the worst of the Anderson Report from the Victorian Inquiry of 1963 and quoted an 18-year-old newspaper article in its information. The report was unofficially requested by the Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry in Germany and when it reached Munich it was picked up by the international magazine publication Neue Revue, which subsequently published it internationally.

TIME TRACK MALAWI

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A series of letters and dispatches between Fred J. Douglas, Chief, N.C.B. Interpol, and various State Department, FDA, FBI and Post Office officials concerning an investigation of L. Ron Hubbard being done by Interpol. There is no indication of why the investigation is being carried out, nor why the information is being transmitted abroad.

June 1967 A synopsis of the results of an investigation conducted by Interpol on L. Ron Hubbard including information on the FDA seizure and an FDA informant sent into the Church.

- 17 Sept 69 - State Department AIRGRAM from the American Counsel Cassablanca to Department of State. Report states that the Appollo is in dry dock. A reporter tries to inject some sort of mystery into the ship. Crew list shows many young men and women. All the crew members seem by the reporting officer to appear to be hippie types. There has to be some "gimmick" involved in this operation. What this "gimmick" might be is unknown here, although people in Casablanca have speculated variously from smuggling to drug traffic to a far-out religious cult. The confidential report closed with the suggestion that the Department may come to investigate the matter further to determine whether or not there are any illegal activities connected with the motor vessel Appollo and OTC.
- 8 Oct 69 - Cable from Woolf of the American Counsel Cassablanca Info: American Embassy RABAT. States there is some mystery about Operations and Transport Corporation
- 8 Oct 69 - State Department Airgram from the American Embassy in London to Casablanca says that the embassy has an extensive file and the Scientology group has been expelled from Greece. Suggests reading clippings from the Sunday Times dated 5 Oct 69. (See correction doc w)
- Circa Oct 71 - Airgram from the American Embassy to the Department of State with copies to Athens, London, Tangier and Cassablanca. States "Since the 'Apollo' is proving to be a continuing problem for all three posts in Morocco, it would be helpful to have whatever information Washington agencies, London and Athens may be able to provide on the ship and its organization, particularly with respect to its reported expulsion from Greece and England.
- 13 July 71 - Peter David Warren was told by Jack Galbraith, Vice Council of the U.S. in Casablanca, that if the ship Apollo caused too much discussion and mystery Nixon would order the CIA to sink it so the U.S. would not have any more trouble abroad than she already has. Galbraith also told him that he himself could have the ship blown up by the CIA, or he could have it sabotaged. He said he had heard that the ship was engaged in prostitution, drug trafficking and espionage, and that the consulate files contained this data.
- 20 Jan 72 - AIRGRAM from American Embassy London to the Department of State and info to Athens, Canberra and Rabat as well as Casablanca, Johannesburg and Tangier. Cites the John Foster report and Kenneth Robinson statements. Gives false reports generated from the Australian Inquiry.

- 9 Nov 71 - Airgram from Department of State to Athens, Casablanca, Johannesburg, London, Rabat and Tangier concerning the Apollo. Repeats the Ban data on Great Britain and Greece and that they would not be welcome there. Asks for information from Johannesburg on any results of official inquiries into Scientology, particularly as they may affect aliens, which were mentioned in S.A. press reports in late 1969.
- 26 April 72 - Confidential report from American Consulate General Tangier to Department of State with copies to Casablanca, Copenhagen, Lisbon, Madrid and Rabat. 3 copies went to the Army, 7 to the Navy, 21 to OSD, 3 to the NSA, 16 to the CIA and 6 to HEW. The report says Scientology activities are shrouded in mystery. The interesting fact about this document is the wide distribution to government agencies over a Church vessel.
- April 74 - From Casablanca to Secretary of State with copies to Lisbon, London, Rabat, and Tangier. Reported that while facts very murky, ship and enterprise seem to have been owned/controlled by LRH, head of "Scientology" cult. Believe Department has heavy documentation above case and perhaps other information on Apollo, Hubbard et al. We will provide more detailed report if required.

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26 Sept 1969 \*Airgram to Dept. State (with copies to Rabat, Tangier, Hamburg, London, and Panama) from American Consulate Casablanca. Details of the former Church of Scientology ship the "Apollo" are transmitted in this over-a-thousand word airgram. Crew is described as "hippie types" and the reporter takes the opportunity to say that there's a "gimmick" behind the ship and that "people in Casablanca have speculated variously from smuggling to drug traffic to a far-out religion."  
20 copies to CIA were sent.



TIME TRACK PORTUGAL

25/4/72 Report from the American Consul General in Tangier to the Department of State with info copies to Casablanca, Copenhagen, London, Madrid, Rabat and Lisbon. The report concerns a Scientology base being established in Tangier. The attitude of the author is obvious when he describes the largest of the houses as reserved for Scientology "guru" L. Ron Hubbard himself. And again, in reporting on the activities of the group: "What goes on at the school is unclear (no pun intended)." He ends his report by suggesting that "the Department may also wish to transmit this airgram to other posts that have Scientologists operating in their areas."

August 1974 A series of telex reports concerning the ship the Apollo. In the first of the series there is simply a note that "this vessel has an unusual crew who appear to be considerably more refined and well-behaved than what would normally be expected." It also notes that "the ship has reportedly made a practice of being in the parts of the Mediterranean where difficulties between nations were being experienced..." The last in the series is a 4-page story leading up to the result of the author's speculations: "It is said, though unproven rumor, that behind OTC is a pseudo-religious organization known as the 'Scientific Church of California' and that almost all the crew members belong to said organization. It is also said that behind this monumental ship, at its very heart, is the powerful CIA."

October 1974 Airgram from the American Embassy Lisbon to the Department of State. It reports with unabashed satisfaction that "the trouble-ridden Apollo has closed up shop in Portugal and has set sail leaving in its wake a widespread reputation that it is a CIA front."

- March 4, 1971 Memo from LEGAT, Madrid to the FBI answering a query regarding the location of and information about the cruise ship "Apollo".
- March 22, 1971 Memo from LEGAT, Madrid to the FBI furnishing copies of information of L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. There are also airgrams enclosed giving information on the operations of the "Apollo".
- Dec. 27, 1971 From Legat, Copenhagen to the FBI. The memo sends on information that is contained in the files of Legat Madrid on L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. It quotes an article in the Washington Times carrying the old, worn line, Mr. Hubbard is insane. (see correction document b) Also cites the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners case in which litigation was brought against the Hubbard Dianetics Foundation. (see correction document d)
- April 26, 1972 Memo from Amcongen Tangier to the Department of State. The report details three pages of description regarding the cruise ship "Apollo". The detailed description, as well as an allegation the "Apollo" was a white slave cruise ship, were forwarded to the State Department, which routed copies of the report to the CIA, and NSA.
- November 14, 1973 Two Church missionaries were stopped at the passport checkpoint in Spain where they were attempting to board a flight to London. They were held by police, searched and detained for 5 hours for no reason. Missionaires statement is attached.
- Nov. 1974 Series of telexes from Dir Navinsery to Rudonba, US Navy, Europe - London. The telex series reveal surveillance of the "Apollo" although no crimes were committed. The CIA was checked with regards to the Apollo and information is passed that the Church is in litigation with the FBI. Mention is made that the DEA and the U.S. Coast Guard have expressed interest in the "Ap llo" due to drug smuggling activities they suspect, a totally false report.
- Aug. 1974  
August 1974 A series of telegrams dealing with the Apollo. These telegrams indicate extensive surveillance of the ship and are filled with false information regarding the ship.
- October 1974 Reports from the US Naval Investigative Services office - London regarding the Ship "Apollo". Notes the presence of the "Apollo" and requests information about her from the files of the CIA, NIS and FBI. Answer from CIA is that it shows little information, only worn charges stemming from litigation in London during the British ban on Scientology. Indicates surveillance of the "Apollo" and exchange of information out of files from US to Spain.

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- April 75 - A Department of State Telegram from the American Consulate in Curaco to the Secretary of State in Washington, D.C. with copies to Embassies in Caracas, Panama, Port of Spain, the Hague, and Comcaribeseafron Roosevelt Rds Pr, reported on "Limited Official Use" that the Yatch Apollo and OTC's affiliation with Church of Scientology is new information to Congen and local authorities. Crew list was checked and several names noted such as that of Starkey. Confidential information received by Consulate General that indicated unusual crew changes are being accomplished while in Curacao. Apollo being repaired at Curacao dry dock and scheduled to depart for Trinidad on April 28.
- April 75 - Another Department of State Telegram from the American Consulate in Curaco reported on "Limited Official Use" which gives innocuous information about the ship performing entertainment shows for local people. It states the Apollo crew members have performed up to three shows for no charge. This information is hard to consider as "Limited Official Use".
- 4 September 75 - Department of State Airgram A-84, with usual distribution of 16 copies to CIA, 5 to the Air Force, 3 to the Army, 5 to the Navy and 3 to the NSA. This airgram was sent concerning information on the Scientology training ship Apollo to American Embassies in Bridgetown, Caracas, Georgetown, Kingstown, and to the American Consulate General in Curaco. It gives reports of articles which were anti-Scientology in nature. The report that local newspapers speculated about the Apollo being a CIA ship and linked Scientology with the Sharon Tate murders and "big time crime" in the United States.

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FROM : Embassy LONDON

DATE: August 24, 1968

SUBJECT: British Moves Against Scientology

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Begin UNCLASSIFIED The British Government last month announced the first official steps against the practice of scientology in the United Kingdom by refusing to admit foreigners coming to this country to attend scientology courses or conferences and by refusing to extend the stay of those already here. As a result, several hundred persons who sought to attend the just concluded International Congress of Scientology, the majority of whom were believed to be Americans, were refused admittance. The Congress nevertheless attracted at least 600 participants. The growth of scientology in the United Kingdom has been the subject of adverse criticism in the British press for several years and has been condemned by Government Ministers and other members of Parliament in the House of Commons for two years prior to the announcement of the immigration restriction.

Scientology is described by its American founder, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, in advertisements, as "the world's largest mental health organization". According to the British press, a spokesman for the Scientology Foundation of New York recently defined it as a religious philosophy teaching "processes which bring about a heightened awareness and validation of self". A commission of inquiry established by the State of Victoria, Australia, concluded in 1965 that scientology is, however, "the world's largest organization of unqualified persons engaged in the practice of dangerous techniques which masquerade as mental therapy." As a result of this finding, the legislature of Victoria adopted the Psychological Practices Act, which effectively terminated scientology in that state.

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Some years ago, Hubbard established an International Headquarters and a residential College of Scientology at East Grinstead, Sussex. A residential college also operates in Edinburgh, and non-residential courses are given at a center in London. Numerous instances of disturbance of the peace and other offensive practices provoked the East Grinstead Town Council to demand that the Government act against the scientologists, and members of Parliament from the area have raised the matter on at least three occasions in the House of Commons. In 1966 and 1967 the Minister of Health responded by denouncing scientology as "potentially harmful to its adherents," based on findings of the Australian Commission and reports from local British authorities. The Minister expressed hope that such comment would be sufficient to deter gullible persons who might be tempted by the cult's advertisements.

Unfortunately, as the Minister of Health admitted when the subject was brought up again in the House on July 25, 1968, these warnings were inadequate. Scientology has flourished and now claims 150,000 registered members in the United Kingdom and a weekly income of £64,000 from "course" fees, exclusive of funds derived from sale of Hubbard's voluminous writings. The Minister, therefore, announced that the Government had now found that scientology is "socially harmful" ("its authoritarian principles and practice are a potential menace to the personality and well-being of those so deluded as to become its followers; above all, its methods can be a serious danger to the health of those who submit to them.") and had issued the immigration ban mentioned above. In response to pressures for the establishment of a British commission of inquiry or for direct action against the organization itself, the Minister responded that he and the Home Secretary "shall continue to keep a close watch on the situation and are ready to consider other measures should they prove necessary."

In the meantime, the immigration restrictions have had considerable impact. Hubbard himself, who was out of the country when the ban was announced (cruising in the Mediterranean on one of the organization's three yachts, or "sea orgs") was affected by the ban and was thus unable to preside over the International Congress and sent several tape-recorded speeches instead. Some 200 foreigners attending courses at the East Grinstead College whose residence permits were expiring have been given 30 day extensions to make arrangements for departure. Several newspapers that carried feature articles exposing the claims of scientology have been sued for libel, and three members of the East Grinstead Town Council who proposed the resolution urging the Government to ban the organization have been sued for slander, as has a Member of Parliament who repeated on television what he had said in the House. In these legal actions, the organization styles itself the "Church of Scientology of California," although this is not one of the names under which scientology is legally registered in the United Kingdom.

The above information may be of use to the Department in the event of complaints from Americans who were prevented from participating in the recent conference or in the event of inquiry by members of the United States Congress. End UNCLASSIFIED

Begin LIMITED OFFICIAL USE An Embassy officer discussed the situation with Miss M.E. Hillson, a senior official of the Department of Immigration and Nationality of the Home Office, who has been following the matter for some two years. She stated that the British Government is most reluctant to act against the organization itself or to take legal action against any of its leaders for fear of being accused of interfering with the freedom of religion. She noted that scientology sometimes refers to itself as a school and sometimes as a church in an obvious effort to acquire such untouchability. She said the Government hopes that the leaders will become so discouraged by immigration difficulties as to retreat from their British base. Miss Hillson expressed her personal conviction, however, that scientology has gained such a foothold in the United Kingdom and acquired so many British proponents that legal action against the organization itself, which would have to be preceded by new legislative authority, will eventually prove necessary. British authorities have several times referred to the possibility that personal information obtained from "students" under hypnosis and other treatment could be used for blackmail and other coercive purposes, but Miss Hillson stated that no such cases are actually known.

That British officials may be contemplating other steps might be suggested by the fact that the Embassy's Legal Attache has had requests from British police for information concerning some of the Americans involved. These inquiries revealed that Hubbard and others have petty criminal records in the United States. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service office in London has for some time been compiling information on Hubbard and his organizations for tax purposes.

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