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Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your November 30th communication.

While I would like to offer you some assistance, the FBI lacks investigative authority unless there is evidence of a violation of Federal law over which we have investigative jurisdiction. Based on the data you provided, there is no indication of such a violation. I can only reiterate what former Inspector in Charge Davenport suggested in his June 15th letter to you, which is that you should rely on legal counsel of your own choice for any available assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Jones
Inspector in Charge
Office of Public Affairs

NOTE: Correspondent, [REDACTED]

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Bufiles show correspondent wrote on 5/19/90 to request an investigation into the activities of the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA. He alleged that organization was involved in a number of illegal activities such as bribery, harassment, robbery, blackmail, and perjury. CID's Financial Crimes Unit, Public Corruption Unit, and Violent Crimes Unit all expressed no interest. Legal Counsel Division reviewed current incoming and expressed no interest.

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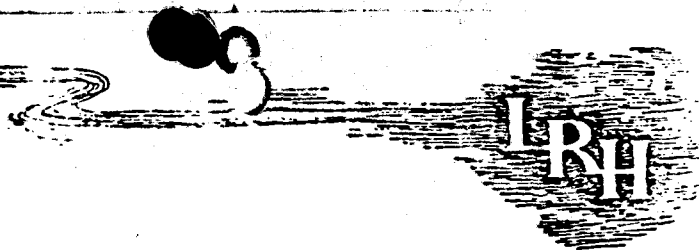
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT:

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY/L. RON HUBBARD

FILE NUMBER: 65-11118



243 Riverside Drive
New York City
May 16, 1940

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

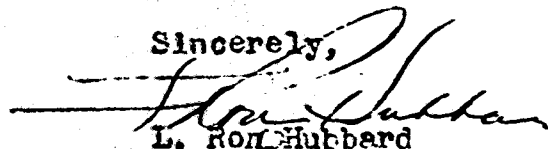
Gentlemen;

May I bring to your attention an individual whose Nazi activities, in time of national emergency if not at present, might constitute him a menace to the state?

The name is Walter Fast, a German whose sister is a member of the Gestapo in Germany. His anti-American discourses concern in the main what he would do in case we went to war with Germany, and he never speaks for publication along this line but only privately. As steward of the Knickerbocker Hotel he supports an almost entirely German staff, discouraging the employment of Americans. He entered this country illegally, according to his private statement. In my opinion he is definitely "fifth column". He can be found at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 120 W. 45th Street, NYC.

My interest in this is impersonal, though possibly shaded by the feeling of dislike which he always inspires in me for he is the last man in the world I would trust. And I fear that all too soon we will have need of every precaution to safeguard our country.

Sincerely,


L. RON HUBBARD

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May 24, 1940

Mr. L. Ron Hubbard
243 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 16, 1940, for which I am most appreciative.

I am referring this matter to Mr. P. E. Foxworth, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York, who will have an Agent of that Office call upon you in the near future to determine whether the information in your possession indicates the violation of a Federal Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
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- Mr. Lester _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

CC - New York (with copy of incoming)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK** NY FILE NO. **65-2437 ERL**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/7/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/5, 17/40	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
TITLE WALTER EAST L. RON HUBBARD - INFORMANT			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reported steward at Knickerbocker Hotel and to have sympathies with the Nazi cause. His sister is alleged to be a member of the Gestapo in Germany. Efforts to locate the informant unsuccessful. Subject has no credit rating NYC.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

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DATE: 11/8**

This investigation is based upon a letter received at the Bureau from L. RON HUBBARD dated May 16, 1940 which sets out that WALTER EAST is a German whose sister is a member of the Gestapo in Germany and that in times of national emergency he might constitute a menace to this country.

Subject is reported to be anti-American in his discourses which are not for publication but among friends in private. He is a steward at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 120 West 45th Street, New York City, and said hotel is reported to support an almost entire German staff. Subject was reported to have entered the country illegally and in the opinion of the informant, he is definitely "fifth column."

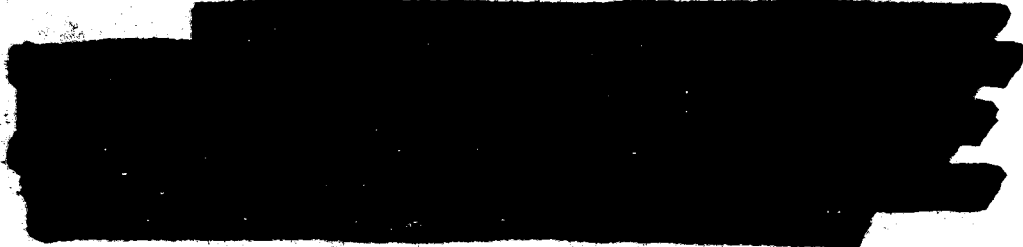
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An effort was made to locate the informant at 243 Riverside Drive, the address which appears at the top of the communication he forwarded to the Bureau. It was learned at the said address that informant moved out on or about June 1, 1940, stating he was moving to Washington, D. C. He left no forwarding address and it was further learned that the mail carrier had no forwarding address. When inquiry was made at the apartment house located at 243 Riverside Drive if there had been any other address whereby informant might be reached, it was learned that the informant was a writer but there was no indication as to his employer or his address.



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No effort was made to conduct investigation in the vicinity of the Hotel Knickerbocker as subject would be immediately apprized of such investigation.

In view of the indefinite nature of the complaint and the inability to locate the informant in this case, this case is being closed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT:

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY/L. RON HUBBARD

FILE NUMBER: 83-2361

AUG 15 1955
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG 15 1955

FROM : Ramsey Clark
Deputy Attorney General

RC:MR:RMR:
154-226-6

SUBJECT: The Founding Church of Scientology
v. United States

The Tax Division is involved in litigation with the Founding Church of Scientology. The issue is whether or not the alleged church was exempt from Federal income taxation as a religious organization.

It is my understanding that the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have made an investigation of the church and/or its affiliated organizations or individuals. They are:



It would be appreciated if you would make whatever material you may have regarding these organizations and/or individuals available to the Tax Division. The attorney to whom the case is assigned is M. I. Sanders of the Court of Claims Section, who is located in the Star Building, on Ext. 3776.

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Re: FOIA Request August 21, 1968

Mr. Mitchell Rogovin
Assistant Attorney General
Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Kane Cook
- 1 - C.F. Brown

"THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY v. UNITED STATES"

Reference is made to the letter from the Deputy Attorney General dated August 15, 1966, reference 154-226-61, captioned "The Founding Church of Scientology v. United States," requesting that any information be made available to the Tax Division.

The files of this Bureau contain considerable information concerning the above-captioned organization and its affiliates, as well as Lafayette Ron Hubbard, the founder of the organization. This Bureau, however, has not conducted any investigation concerning either Hubbard or the organization headed by him.

L. Ron Hubbard was the founder and president of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Incorporated, which was incorporated in New Jersey during April, 1950. The December 1950, issue of "Look" magazine contained an article entitled "Dianetics - Science or Hoax?" which related that L. Ron Hubbard was an obscure writer of pseudo-scientific pulp fiction prior to the publishing of his book entitled "Dianetics." Hubbard's book asserts that "the creation of dianetics is a milestone for man, comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his inventions of the wheel and the arch ... the intelligent layman can successfully and invariably treat all psychosomatic ills and inorganic aberrations," according to Hubbard. "These psychosomatic ills, uniformly cured by dianetic therapy, include such varied maladies as eye trouble, bursitis, ulcers, some heart difficulties, migraine headaches and the common cold." According to the article, Hubbard's book has "outraged scores of psychiatrists, biochemists, psychologists, physicians and just-plain-ordinary scientists, who look upon the astounding claims and the growing commercial success of this strange new phenomenon with awe, fear and a deep disgust ... Hubbard's greatest attraction to the troubled is that his ersatz psychiatry is available to all. It's cheap. It's accessible. It's a public festival to be played at clubs and parties."

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