

The founder is listed as L. Ron Hubbard. This publication states, "In the hands of the intelligent, Scientology, by altering human energy, has duplicated any miracle of yesteryear in healing. But it is far more than a science of healing. By it and by it alone could be determined the quality of those who govern man. By Scientology one can know and predict his fellows, he can heal and secure the future of his children, he can evaluate tomorrow and learn to rule today....In a few hours Scientology can make the lame walk, the blind see."

L. Ron Hubbard has been associated with a number of organizations having their headquarters in Washington, D. C. Among those organizations are the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International, Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, and Academy of Scientology. His organizations allegedly advance a new method of curing mental illness known as Dianetics.

The April 24, 1951, issue of the "Times Herald" newspaper, Washington, D. C., revealed that Hubbard's wife charged in a divorce suit that he was "hopelessly insane" and subjected her to "scientific torture experiments." According to the article, competent medical advisors recommended Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment for mental ailment known as "paranoid-schizophrenia."

According to articles appearing in Los Angeles newspapers in April of 1951 Hubbard was accused of kidnaping his wife by force and imprisoning their 13 month old daughter.

The Founding Church of Scientology is self-described as follows:

The Founding Church of Scientology is a legally constituted Church, domiciled in the District of Columbia.

It has branches in other states, and has many correspondents and members of its sister religious fellowship in all parts of the world.

The Church of Scientology is dedicated to the freedom of the Spirit. The entirety of the activities of the Church of Scientology are dedicated to this end, to the freeing of the Spirit of Man.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man is Man himself, not his body.

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Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man can be saved from the burden of past sins, by the counseling and aiding of the Spirit.

Their ends are purely spiritual, not secular.

By the means of Scientology, they believe, Man can be made free and pure, free of the taint of past sins and free to do good to himself and his fellows.

Scientology believes in religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Scientology will extend the hand of friendship to all who are believers in Man as a Spirit.

Scientology is a dead enemy of secular teachings as stated by such latter day philosophers as Marx and others of that ilk.

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to survive.

"Life" magazine, issue of November 15, 1968 contains an article on Scientology and states, "A growing cult reaches dangerously into the mind."

"Among believers, Scientology and its founder are beyond frivolous question: Scientology is the truth, it is the path to 'a civilization without insanity, without crime, without war....' and 'for the first time in all ages there is something that....delivers the answers to the eternal questions and delivers immortality as well.'"

"So much of a credo might be regarded as harmless--practically indistinguishable from any number of minority schemes for the improvement of Man. But Scientology is scary--because of its size and growth, and because of the potentially disastrous techniques it so casually makes use of. To attain the Truth, a Scientologist surrenders himself to 'auditing,' a crude form of psychoanalysis. In the best medical circumstances this is a delicate procedure, but in Scientology it is undertaken by an 'auditor' who is simply another Scientologist in training, who uses an 'E-meter,' which resembles a lie detector. A government report, made to the parliament of the State of Victoria in Australia three years ago, called Scientology 'the world's largest organization of unqualified persons engaged in the practice of dangerous techniques which masquerade as mental therapy.'"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (163A-LO-8810) (RUC)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTS BY THE  
 CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY  
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 OO: FBIHQ

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STROM THURMOND  
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LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4001

July 23, 1991

Honorable William Sessions, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Judge Sessions:

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MISCELLANEOUS NON-SUBVERSIVE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence from [REDACTED]

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It is my understanding that [REDACTED] became involved with an organization named ~~Sterling Management Systems~~ of Glendale, California in [REDACTED]. He believed that Sterling Management Systems was a professional organization for individuals in the medical field, but [REDACTED] was not aware of its affiliation with the Church of Scientology. During the period between [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] lost over [REDACTED] to this organization.

I believe that [REDACTED] concerns have merit, and deserve the immediate attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this very serious situation, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Strom Thurmond*

Strom Thurmond

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63-0-104359

Interim to  
Sen. Thurmond  
7/31/91  
[REDACTED]

Final Reply to Hon. Strom Thurmond  
dated 9/11/91  
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September 11, 1991

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Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4001

MISCELLANEOUS NON-SUBVERSIVE

Dear Senator Thurmond:

I am writing in further response to your July 23rd communication on behalf of [redacted] which has been referred to me. [redacted] had contacted you regarding money he claims to have lost in dealings with an organization known as Sterling Management Systems, which is allegedly affiliated with the Church of Scientology.

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We would like to be of assistance to [redacted]. However, it is not possible to determine from the information he has provided if any Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI has been violated. A representative of our Columbia Office will be contacting [redacted] to obtain complete details of his allegations. I want to assure you and [redacted] that should the facts reveal that this matter is within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction, we will take appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Larry A. Potts  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

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- 1 - Los Angeles (194C-19)
- 1 - Reurfac dated 8/21/91 of urtel dated 8/8/91.
- 1 - Columbia - Enclosures (6)
- 1 - Attention SAC: Have a representative of your office contact [redacted] to obtain details of his allegations. Provide the results of this contact to FBIHQ, Attention: SSA [redacted] Economic Crimes Unit, CID, within 30 days. Based on available data, Bufiles contain no record of [redacted].
- 1 - [redacted] (ROOM 5171, TL 233)
- 1 - RHPD, CID (ROOM 5129, TL 233)
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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*[Signature]*

Honorable Strom Thurmond

NOTE: Senator Strom Thurmond wrote on behalf of [redacted] who complained that he was "brainwashed" by a professional organization known as STERLING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS of Glendale, California, to which he has lost over [redacted]. This organization is allegedly affiliated with the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. Information provided by the Los Angeles Office indicates that the indices of that Office are negative regarding STERLING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

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This response has been coordinated with SSA [redacted] Economic Crimes Unit, CID. The only reference in Bufiles pertaining to STERLING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS is in an FOIA inquiry relating to the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. An interim response was sent to Senator Thurmond on 7/31/91 by CAO.

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Memorandum



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To : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] ECONOMIC CRIMES UNIT,  
 CID)  
 From : SAC, COLUMBIA (196-0) (RUC)  
 Subject: ~~X~~ STERLING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (SMS)  
 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

Date 11/6/91

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Re Deputy Assistant Director Larry Potts' letter to Senator Strom Thurmond. LA teletype to FBIHQ 11/22/91.

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