Memorandum, Legal Counsel to Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division
RE: SITOL

SA [redacted] also advised that he had instructed the Agent handling this matter not to release this material to the AUSA until Bureau approval had been obtained. Following a review of the material in the Handbook with Deputy Assistant Director James C. Farrington, Legal Counsel Division, it was agreed that Sections 5-1 and 5-2, pages 47-54 could be released. AUSA Hetherton was subsequently advised of what material should be produced in response to the court's request.

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT:

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY/ L. RON HUBBARD

FILE NUMBER: 47-56689: SECTION 17

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO : Mr. Moore M

FROM : W. D. Gow

SUBJECT: SITOL

DATE: 7/16/79

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Ingram
1 - Mr. Gow
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PURPOSE: To respond to a request for information concerning the FBI using or impersonating newsmen in captioned matter.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: Reference is made to Legal Counsel memorandum to the Director dated 7/11/79, in which it was stated that the Director or his designated representative has been subpoenaed by the defense in captioned matter to produce all Bureau regulations relating to Agent procedures or guidelines in conducting searches and impersonating newsmen. This memorandum further advised that efforts are currently being made to have this subpoena quashed.

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On 7/12/79, [redacted] Legal Counsel Division, advised that it is his understanding that AUSA Raymond D. Banoun has advised that the aforementioned reference to impersonating newsmen involves an incident which possibly occurred in Los Angeles subsequent to the searches conducted by us in Los Angeles of various Church of Scientology (COS) locations. [redacted] stated that according to Banoun, two Agents attended a public press conference given by COS members and apparently were recognized as SAs and were asked to leave, which they did.

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Memorandum Gow to Moore
RE: SITOL

Contact was made with the case Agent of captioned matter within WFO, as well as his supervisor, with reference to the aforementioned incident with negative results. SA [redacted] formerly of the General Government Crimes Unit, was contacted concerning the aforementioned incident with negative results. The Los Angeles case Agent [redacted] advised that he just discussed the aforementioned incident with AUSA Banoun. [redacted] advised that he recalls that approximately one to two weeks subsequent to the searches of COS in Los Angeles during the summer of 1977, two SAs on official business on an entirely different matter were at a non-recalled location in Los Angeles where by coincidence COS was having a public press conference. The two Agents, according to [redacted] stopped to see what this conference was about, at which time, they were asked if they were FBI Agents, which they acknowledged and then they were asked to leave and did so. [redacted] stated that he does not recall the names of the Agents or any additional details and to the best of his knowledge this matter was never reduced to writing.

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[redacted] was asked to attempt to obtain additional details concerning the aforementioned incident and to advise telephonically by 7/16/79.

On 7/16/79, [redacted] telephonically advised that he was unable to develop any additional details concerning this incident and could find no report of the incident in the Los Angeles Division case file.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (47-56689) ROUTINE

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REFERENCE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST 13, 1979, WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES, AUGUST 14, 1979.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) BANOUN, WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), ADVISED THE DEFENSE COUNSEL IN THIS MATTER DESIRES SPECIAL AGENTS (SA'S) [redacted] TO BE PRESENT IN WDC FOR TESTIMONY ON AUGUST 16, 1979.

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LOS ANGELES ADVISED OF THE ABOVE IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (47-56689) ROUTINE

ATTN: ADM. SERVICES DIVISION, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION [redacted]

CRIMINAL INV. DIVISION

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REFERENCE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES JULY 30, 1979, AND WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALLS TO CHICAGO, AUGUST 9, 1979, AND LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEWARK AND SAVANNAH AUGUST 13, 1979. 47-56689-477

SUPPRESSION HEARINGS IN CAPTIONED MATTER ARE TO BEGIN NINE A.M. AUGUST 16, 1979, AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) BANOUN, WHO IS HANDLING THIS MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT, HAS ADVISED THAT

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SPECIAL AGENT (SA) [redacted] CHICAGO DIVISION, HAS NOT BEEN CALLED BY THE DEFENSE AND THUS WILL NOT BE NEEDED TO TESTIFY IN THIS HEARING. IN ADDITION, AUSA BANOUN ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) ROBERT MC CARTHY, NEWARK DIVISION, WILL NOT BE CALLED BY THE DEFENSE, BUT MAY POSSIBLY BE CALLED AS A WITNESS BY THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE SUPPRESSION HEARING. b7C

SA'S [redacted] AND [redacted] OF THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, SA [redacted] SAVANNAH DIVISION (AUGUSTA RESIDENT AGENCY), [redacted] MIAMI DIVISION, AND [redacted] FBI HEADQUARTERS, ARE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY IN WDC ON AUGUST 16, 1979. b7C

THE FOLLOWING SA'S OF THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION ARE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY IN WDC ON AUGUST 21, 1979: [redacted] b7C

SA [redacted] LONG BEACH RESIDENT AGENCY, IS TO BE AVAILABLE IN WDC FOR TESTIMONY ON AUGUST 22, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, EXPENSE CHECKS FOR THE ABOVE SA'S HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DEFENSE COUNSEL. THESE CHECKS ARE MADE OUT TO EACH INDIVIDUAL AGENT TO COVER THE MILEAGE FEE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES TO WDC. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WASHINGTON FIELD AND RECEIVING OFFICES IF SA'S TRAVELING TO WDC FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED HEARING ARE TO USE GTR'S, AND IF SO, HOW EXPENSE CHECKS ARE TO BE HANDLED.

DIV 6 advised to have agents offset on vouchers [redacted]

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, THE ABOVE MENTIONED EXPENSE CHECKS WERE ATTACHED TO SUBPOENAS FOR THOSE AGENTS.

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