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Enclosed for the Bureau is the front page of document number [redacted] dated [redacted] which was seized as evidence in this matter in a Bureau search of Church of Scientology Headquarters on 7/8/77.

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The Bureau is requested to photograph enclosed document and enlarge photograph for use as a display in trial in this matter. Trial scheduled for 10/2/79.

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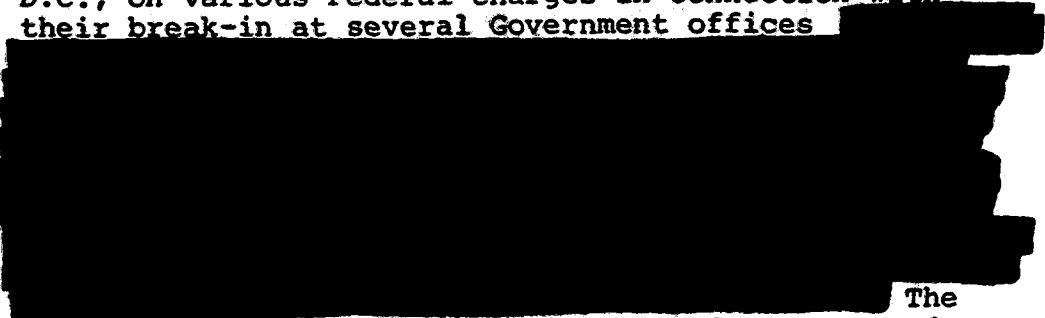
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10/19/79
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

By way of background, in August, 1978, 11 Church of Scientology (COS) members were indicted in Washington, D.C., on various Federal charges in connection with their break-in at several Government offices

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The indictments were based primarily upon documents and evidence seized during the execution of search warrants at COS locations in Los Angeles, California, in 1977. The trial concerning this matter was scheduled to begin in USDC on 9/24/79 with Judge Charles R. Richey presiding.

Attached from Washington Field advises that all subjects indicted in this matter, with the exception of Morris Budlong and Jan Kember, appeared before Judge Richey on 10/26/79 and agreed to stipulated record of trial provided by the Government. Seven of the subjects were found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice. Another subject was found guilty of conspiracy to steal Government documents, commit burglary of Government offices and wiretaps of Government offices. One other subject was found guilty of Theft of Government Property. All subjects released on personal recognizance bond. No date set for sentencing. Subjects Kember and Budlong are both in England awaiting extradition. Judge Richey made the remainder of documents seized in Los Angeles on 7/8/77, public record. Documents will be available to the public and held by the Clerk of the Courts' Office, USDC, Washington, D.C.

- 1 - Mr. Colwell
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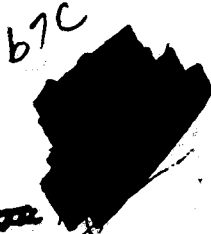
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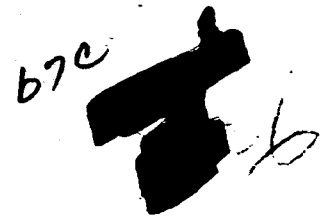
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ALL SUBJECTS INDICTED IN THIS MATTER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BUDLONG AND KEMBER, APPEARED BEFORE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (USDC) JUDGE CHARLES RICHEY ON OCTOBER 26, 1979, AND AGREED TO STIPULATED RECORD OF TRIAL PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. SUBJECTS HUBBARD, HELDT, SNIDER, WILLARDSON, WEIGAND, RAYMOND AND WOLFE FOUND GUILTY OF ONE COUNT OF COUNT 23 OF INDICTMENT IN THIS MATTER (CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE). SUBJECT HERMAN FOUND GUILTY OF ONE COUNT OF COUNT ONE OF INDICTMENT (CONSPIRACY TO STEAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, COMMIT BURGLARLY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND WIRETAPS OF GOVERNMENT

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OFFICES. THOMAS FOUND GUILTY ONE COUNT OF COUNT 17 OF
INDICTMENT (THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY - MISDEMEANOR).

SUBJECTS RELEASED ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND. NO
DATE SET FOR SENTENCING.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL PROVIDE REPORT UPON SENTENCING
OF SUBJECTS. NO DISPOSITION OF SUBJECTS KEMBER AND BUDLONG
MADE AT THIS TIME AS BOTH ARE IN ENGLAND AWAITING EXTRADITION.

NEW YORK AND TAMPA WILL NOTE JUDGE RICHEY MADE REMAINDER
OF DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN LOS ANGELES ON JULY 8, 1977, PUBLIC
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Five Scientologists Given Prison Terms

By Kenneth R. Walker
Washington Star Staff Writer

Four officials of the Church of Scientology are in jail and the wife of the church's founder faces a possible five-year term as a result of their conviction of plotting to steal government documents.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey imposed the sentences yesterday after comparing the defendants to those involved in the Watergate case.

Richey ordered the immediate jailing of four church members after sentencing them yesterday. Sentencing of four other church members was to take place later today.

He also ordered five years in prison for Mary Sue Hubbard, the wife of church's founder, L. Ron Hubbard, but gave her five days to seek an order from the U.S. Court of Appeals that would permit her to remain free until her legal appeals are exhausted.

Richey also said that he would decide within 90 days of the start of her sentence whether the prison term should be modified.

The four others each received sentences of four years and a \$10,000 fine. They are Henning Heldt, Duke Snider, Gregory Willardson, Richard Weigand.

All of the defendants expressed remorse for the crimes, but each claimed to have been motivated by the belief that the federal government was out to destroy the church.

Prosecutors, however, claimed that the church attacked not only government agencies. "It was anyone who was critical of them — individuals as well as private trade associations," said one.

Eight of the nine defendants were convicted by Richey Oct. 26 of conspiracy to obstruct justice or conspiracy to obtain government documents illegally. The ninth was convicted of a misdemeanor theft count.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Banoun had urged the judge to impose the maximum five-year jail terms on the defendants.

Attorneys for all the church officials sentenced yesterday pleaded with Richey to allow their clients to perform community service in lieu of jail terms.

But the judge denied the requests, calling the crimes "heinous." Richey also said he hoped to deter others from committing similar crimes.

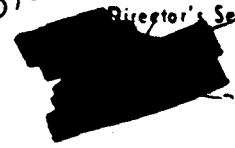
Richey denied requests from defense attorneys to allow the defendants to remain free on bond pending appeal of their convictions.

Richey called any appeals "frivolous" and said the defendants were likely to flee if released and that they were dangers to the community.

Following the sentencings, church officials released a statement calling the jail terms a "mockery of justice."

The conspiracy included stealing documents from the Internal Revenue Service and the Justice Department.

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December 10, 1979
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As you will recall, CID's note dated 12/7/79, advised of the sentences given by USDJ Richey, Washington, D.C. (WDC), on 12/6/79, to five of the defendants in this case. In attached, WFO advises of the 12/7/79, sentencing of the remaining defendants.

On 12/7/79, USDJ Richey, WDC, sentenced Mitchell Hermann to four years; Cindy Raymond and Gerald Wolfe to five years; and Sharon Thomas to one year. In addition, Hermann, Raymond, and Wolfe were fined \$10,000 each. Thomas was fined \$1,000 and six months of her sentence was suspended.

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December 7, 1979
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 0702
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By way of background, in August, 1978, 11 Church of Scientology (COS) members were indicted in Washington, D.C. (WDC), on Federal charges in connection with their break-in at several Government offices (including those of the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service) in WDC and elsewhere to obtain secret files containing information about the COS. The indictments were based primarily upon documents and evidence seized during the execution of search warrants at COS locations in Los Angeles, California, in 1977. Subjects were subsequently found guilty of various violations including conspiracy to obstruct justice, conspiracy to steal Government documents, theft of Government property, burglary of Government offices, and wiretaps of Government offices.

In attached, WFO advises that sentencing of subjects began 12/6/79, at 9:00 a.m., before USDJ Richey, WDC. Mary Sue Hubbard (wife of COS founder L. Ron Hubbard) sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$10,000. Hubbard given stay of sentence until 12/17/79. Henning Heldt, Duke Snider, Gregory Willardson, and Richard Weigard were sentenced to four years in prison and each fined \$10,000. These four defendants were immediately remanded to custody.

USDJ Richey adjourned at 6:30 p.m., 12/6/79. Sentencing of remaining subjects will continue at 9:00 a.m., 12/7/79.

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