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REBUTELCALLS TO ADIC, LOS ANGELES AND ASAC, WFO, JULY 6,
1977.

THIS WILL CONFIRM REFERENCED BUTELCALLS.

ON JULY 6, 1977, U. S. ATTORNEY EARL J. SILBERT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED ASAC, WFO, HE HAS RECEIVED
DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL TO OBTAIN SEARCH WARRANTS FOR THE CHURCH
OF SCIENTOLOGY PROPERTIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA. BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EXECUTE SEARCH WARRANTS
THAT ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE U. S. ATTORNEYS IN BOTH
WASHINGTON, D. C., AND LOS ANGELES AS WFO IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS BY EXPEDITE
COMMUNICATIONS WHERE NECESSARY.

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NOTE: See memorandum B. H. Cooke to Mr. Moore captioned case 7/5/77, where it was recommended to and approved by the Director that ADIC, Los Angeles, and SAC, WFO, be given Bureau authority to execute authorized search warrants on the properties of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles (original attached). On the afternoon of 7/6/77, SAC Nick F. Stames, WFO, was telephonically in contact with SAC Elmer F. Lindberg, Los Angeles, concerning tentative plans calling for executing simultaneous searches in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles. SAC Lindberg advised he will contact SAC Stames at approximately 8:00 PM on the night of 7/6/77, at which time he will then be able to advise whether or not the Los Angeles Division will be able to execute the search warrants at 6:00 AM (Los Angeles time) and 9:00 AM (Washington, D. C., time) on Thursday, 7/7/77. SAC Stames will then promptly relay this information to FBIHQ. In the event it is not logistically possible to execute the warrants on 7/7/77, at Los Angeles, it is contemplated they will be executed at the same times on Friday, 7/8/77, in both Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles.

United States District Court

FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LOCAL & STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

PREMISES LOCATED AT 2125 S STREET, N.W.,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

AFFIDAVIT FOR
SEARCH WARRANT

BEFORE Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., Washington, D.C.
Name of Judge or Federal Magistrate Address of Judge or Federal Magistrate

The undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says:

That he has reason to believe that ~~(on the premises)~~
(on the premises known as)

The Founding Church of Scientology, 2125 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

in the District of Columbia

there is now being concealed certain property, namely

here describe property

(See attached Description of Property)

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RE WFO TELCAL TO SA [REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD DIVISION,

JULY 13, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD, SEARCH WARRANTS HAVE
BEEN EXECUTED IN THIS MATTER ON OFFICES OF THE CHURCH OF
SCIENTOLOGY IN LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC).

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SPRINGFIELD ADVISED OF ABOVE IN REFERENCED TELCAL.
SPRINGFIELD WILL NOTE THIS MATTER HAS RECEIVED NATIONWIDE
PUBLICITY AND IS SOON TO BE DESIGNATED A BUREAU SPECIAL.

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ALL LEAD COVERAGE IS TO BE EXPEDITED. THE BUREAU, WASHINGTON
FIELD AND LOS ANGELES ARE TO BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY
PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Scientology Raid Yielded Alleged Burglary Tools

By Timothy S. Robinson
Washington Post Staff Writer

FBI agents who searched the Los Angeles headquarters of the Church of Scientology last Friday recovered electronic eavesdropping equipment and items described by the agents as "burglary tools" from a safe there, according to several sources familiar with the search.

The items were among those listed in a 459-page inventory of the search prepared by the FBI, the sources said. The agents reportedly confiscated as many as 200,000 documents in the search, so many that it took a truck to haul the materials away.

A church spokesman in Los Angeles, the Rev. Vaughan Young, said he could not comment on the alleged results of the search on the advice of the church's attorneys. Instead, he released a statement similar to others issued by church spokesmen since the raid, questioning the FBI's motives in the search, and saying it was an illegal seizure of church property.

Also found in the Los Angeles search were copies of documents reportedly stolen from federal offices in Washington, according to the inventory.

Agents raided the church's headquarters in Los Angeles and offices in Washington largely on the basis of information from a former church official, who claimed the church's hierarchy had masterminded a plot to infiltrate government agencies, steal and copy government files, and bug government meetings.

The former official, Michael Meisner, reportedly told agents before the search that he was personally aware of incidents in which the church allegedly bugged government meetings.

One such alleged bugging occurred in the Internal Revenue Service headquarters here on Nov. 1, 1974, according to Meisner's account.

On that date, Meisner told federal officials, two scientologists "surreptitiously entered the IRS building and placed a listening device in a conference room, which they knew was about to be used for a high-

level IRS meeting on the Church of Scientology."

The meeting, which IRS files show then took place as scheduled, included representatives from various sections of the IRS who were interested in the church's financial activities.

Meisner said one of the scientologists who allegedly bugged the meeting later told him what had occurred there, and that he had also seen at the Los Angeles headquarters of the church a transcript of the secretly produced tape of the session.

There was no indication that such a transcript was recovered in the Los Angeles search.

Meisner, who has been placed in protective custody of U. S. marshals, told agents he had been held under "house arrest" by the scientologists when they believed he was going to go to the federal government with his information about the church.

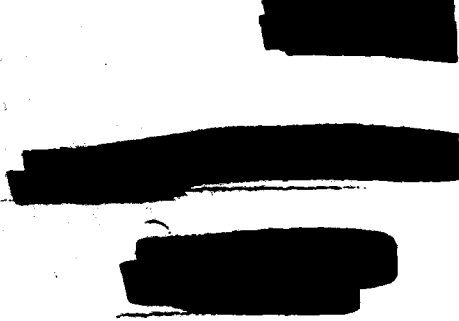
Meisner reportedly asked for the protection because of what has been described as the church's "fair game" doctrine, which reportedly requires the church to attack and destroy its enemies, "suppressive persons," and persons who leave the church.

The bugging incident involving the IRS was only one of allegedly numerous successful attempts in which covert agents for the church stole government files and infiltrated agencies, according to court records. Other agencies allegedly targeted by the church included the Justice Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office here, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, the court records indicate.

In his statement yesterday, church spokesman Young characterized the raid as "part of a consistent campaign of harassment" against the church by federal government agencies.

The federal government began amassing materials on the church soon after it was founded in the early 1950s, and has been involved in lengthy litigation on various aspects of the church's activities. It has questioned the church's claims concerning lie-detector-like "E-meters" used in the church's religious counseling, and also the church's tax-exempt status as a religion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore

FROM : B. H. Cooke

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c
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DATE: 7/12/77

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For future reference.

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SAC, Stames, WFO, advised WFO and Los Angeles Agents are in. WFO had to utilize a saw. So far Los Angeles's SAs have had no problems

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ASAC Joe Schulte, WFO, advised the U.S. Attorneys Office in Washington, D.C., has informed WFO SAs that the Los Angeles SAs "have struck gold."

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MR [REDACTED] DELIVERED 4 XEROX COPIES OF AFFIDAVIT TO INSPECTOR [REDACTED] ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SA [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] contacted DAA? Keener who had talked to U.S. Attorney, Earl Silbert about the affidavit. U.S. Attorney Silbert advised DAA? Keener that local attorneys were on the scene in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of this search in Washington, D.C., U.S. Attorney Silbert will make copies of the affidavit available to these attorneys. At that time, DAA? Keener stated they can then be furnished to the media as a public document. DAA? Keener will advise SA [REDACTED] when the affidavit CAN BE released to the media.

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