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ACCORDING TO "LOS ANGELES TIMES" ARTICLE, ATTORNEYS FOR THE CHURCH HAVE CHARGED THAT THERE WAS NOT PROBABLE CAUSE TO CONDUCT THE RAIDS ON THE CHURCH LOCATIONS AND THAT AGENTS USING POWER SAWS, CROWBARS AND BATTERING RAMS DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO AREAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE WARRANT.

SEARCH WARRANTS FOR BOTH LOS ANGELES PROPERTIES WERE NOT RESTRICTIVE TO CERTAIN AREAS AND COVERED ENTIRE BUILDINGS AT BOTH LOCATIONS (WILFIELD MANOR, 5930 WEST FRANKLIN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AND CEDARS-SINAI COMPLEX, 4833 FOUNTAIN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA).

"TIMES" ARTICLE STATES, "A CHURCH SPOKESMAN CALLED THE FBI'S ACTIONS 'GESTAPO LIKE.' THE SUIT CHARGES AGENTS, CHANTING 'FBI - WE HAVE A SEARCH WARRANT,' BURST INTO THE ROOMS WHERE MARRIED COUPLES WERE SLEEPING UNCLOTHED AND BURST INTO SHOWER STALLS WHERE PEOPLE WERE BATHING."

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SCIENTOLOGISTS WERE IN RESIDENCE AT FIFIELD MANOR, HOWEVER, SEARCH RESTRICTED TO AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING OFFICES OF HENNING HELDT ON SIXTH FLOOR OF BUILDING AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER AREAS OF BUILDING. NO RESIDENTIAL AREAS WERE NOTED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF FIFIELD MANOR. CEDAR SINAI COMPLEX IS EIGHT STORY BUILDING WITH TEN STORY CENTRAL TOWER OCCUPYING ENTIRE SQUARE BLOCK. ALL OF RECORDS WERE LOCATED ON FIRST FLOOR; HOWEVER, CURSORY INSPECTIONS OF ENTIRE BUILDING MADE BY TEAMS OF AGENTS TO ASSURE NO FURTHER RECORD LOCATED IN OTHER PARTS OF BUILDING. NO REPORTS WERE MADE BY SEARCH TEAMS THAT AGENTS WENT INTO ROOMS OCCUPIED BY UNCLOTHED OCCUPANTS OR BURST INTO SHOWER STALLS WHERE PEOPLE WERE BATHING.

"LOS ANGELES TIMES" ARTICLE INDICATES "ONE FEMALE CHURCH MEMBER TRYING TO TAKE A PICTURE OF AN FBI AGENT WAS STRUCK ON THE HEAD WITH A CLIPBOARD BY THE AGENT, ACCORDING TO CHURCH SPOKESMAN VAUGHN YOUNG AT A GREATER LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB NEWS CONFERENCE."

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NO AGENT STRUCK ANYONE OVER THE HEAD WITH A CLIPBOARD.
SA [REDACTED] WAS PASSING THROUGH THE LOBBY OF
FIFIELD MANOR EN ROUTE TO A SEARCH AREA WHEN A FEMALE
SCIENTOLOGIST THRUST A CAMERA TOWARD [REDACTED] FACE. b7c
[REDACTED] MOVED CLIPBOARD TO SHIELD EYES FROM FLASHBULB
AND ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK CAMERA WHICH WAS WITHIN A FOOT
OF [REDACTED] FACE.

THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEARCH, NUMEROUS SCIENTOLOGISTS
FOLLOWED AGENTS, TAKING HUNDREDS OF PHOTOGRAPHS WITH
FLASHBULBS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AGENTS' EYES. SAC LINBERG
WARNED NUMEROUS SCIENTOLOGISTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY THAT THEY
WERE BORDERING ON INTERFERING WITH SEARCH AND INSTRUCTED
SOME TO LEAVE THE AREA.

"LOS ANGELES TIMES" ARTICLE STATES, "AT THE OLD
CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL COMPLEX, 4833 FOUNTAIN AVENUE, NOW
OWNED BY THE CHURCH, AGENTS 'ROAMED AND SEARCHED AT WILL' ON
THE UPPER FIVE FLOORS OF THE BUILDING THE SUIT SAID. THE
SEARCH WARRANT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED THE FIRST FLOOR
OFFICE AREA AS THE FOCUS OF THE SEARCH."

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CHURCH OFFICIALS ON LOCATION AT CEDARS-SINAI COMPLEX WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRODUCE KEYS AND DID NOT DO SO. IN ORDER TO SECURE BUILDING IT WAS NECESSARY TO SEARCH ENTIRE BUILDING. FURTHERMORE, AS STATED ABOVE, SEARCH WARRANT DID NOT RESTRICT SEARCH TO FIRST FLOOR.

AT CEDARS-SINAI COMPLEX, CHURCH OFFICIALS GIVEN ALMOST TWO HOURS UNTIL EIGHT A.M. TO PRODUCE KEYS. AT THAT TIME LOCKED DOORS WERE BROKEN BY FORCE TO OBTAIN ENTRANCE TO AREAS WHERE FILES WERE STORED. AGENTS DID NOT CHANT "WE HAVE A SEARCH WARRANT." HOWEVER, FROM THE TIME OF ENTRY AND PERIODICALLY UPON INQUIRY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, CHURCH MEMBERS WERE ADVISED THAT THE AGENTS WERE ON THE PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF A FEDERAL SEARCH WARRANT, WHICH WAS EXHIBITED TO ANYONE REQUESTING TO EXAMINE SAME.

AT FIFIELD MANOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN CHURCH MEMBERS TO PRODUCE KEYS; HOWEVER, AFTER WAITING REASONABLE PERIOD, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO FORCIBLY ENTER SOME DESKS AND SOME ROOMS. AT BOTH LOCATIONS LOS ANGELES AGENTS USED UTMOST RESTRAINT AND DISCRETION THROUGHOUT THE LONG SEARCH

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WHICH WAS 21 HOURS AT CEDARS-SINAI AND 16 HOURS AT FIFIELD MANOR. ALL AGENTS WERE PROPERLY ATT IRED IN BUSINESS DRESS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE SEARCH EVEN THOUGH WORKING CONDITIONS WERE SOMETIMES WARM AND IN UNVENTILATED AREAS.

AGENTS WERE SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS TYPES OF HARASSING ACTIVIT ES, SUCH AS VERBAL ABUSE, CONSTANT PHOTOGRAPHING, AND ATTEMPTS TO TAPE RECORD CONVERSATIONS. AT FIFIELD MANOR WATER WAS SHUT OFF SO BATHROOMS COULD NOT BE USED FOR PART OF THE DAY. AT CEDARS-SINAI NUMEROUS SCIENTOLOGISTS APPEARED UPON THE SCENE WITH MOPS, DUST RAGS AND BROOMS UNDER THE PRETENSE OF PERFORMING CLEANING DUTIES, AND WERE ORDERED OUT OF AREA BY SAC LINBERG.

"ATLANTA CONSTITUTION" NEWSPAPER, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DATED JULY 19, 1977, CONTAINS SIMILAR ARTICLE TO "LOS ANGELES TIMES"; HOWEVER, IN ADDITION, STATES "IN THE SUIT, CHURCH OFFICIALS QOTED ONE OF THE FBI AGENTS WHO ALLEGEDLY TOOK PART IN THE RAIDS IN LOS ANGELES AS SAYING THE SWEEP WAS "THE MOST BRUTAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE I'VE EVER SEEN OR BEEN INVOLVED IN."

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THERE IS NO INDICATION ANY AGENT MADE SUCH A STATEMENT. THE "CONSTITUTION" ARTICLE STATES THAT EVEN WHEN MEMBERS REPEATEDLY OFFERED TO SUPPLY KEYS AND TO OPEN DOORS FOR THE AGENTS, THEY WENT AHEAD WITH SLEDGE HAMMERS, BATTERING RAMS, POWER SAWS, POWER DRILLS, AND CROWBARS TO FORCE THEIR WAY IN.

AGENTS DID NOT BREAK DOWN ANY DOORS WHEN SCIENTOLOGISTS OFFERED KEYS. IN FACT, AS STATED ABOVE, DOORS AT CEDARS-SINAI NOT BROKEN UNTIL EIGHT A.M., AFTER TWO HOUR WAIT.

IT IS A FACT THAT DOORS WERE BROKEN BY SLEDGE HAMMERS, CROWBARS AND SAWS. POWER DRILLS WERE UTILIZED TO OPEN CABINETS, AND LOCK CUTTERS WERE USED TO CUT BOLTS, ALL OF WHICH FORCE WAS NECESSARY AND WELL WITHIN THE POWERS GRANTED IN THE SEARCH WARRANT.

THE CHURCH SAID AN ESTIMATED 100,000 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED BY THE AGENTS, ALTHOUGH ONLY 156 DOCUMENTS WERE SPECIFIED BY THE WARRANT. SOME OF THE FILES SEIZED WERE "PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY-CLIENT DOCUMENTS CONTAINING LEGAL STRATEGY IN ONCOMING SUITS THE CHURCH HAS AGAINST THE

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GOVERNMENT AND THE PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE SUITS."

ALL AGENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SEARCH WERE BRIEFED ABOUT THE FACTS IN THE AFFIDAVIT TO THE SEARCH WARRANT AND WERE ALSO BRIEFED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BY FBI OFFICIALS AND THE TWO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. DURING THE SEARCH, THESE TWO ATTORNEYS, AS WELL AS LEGAL INSTRUCTORS FROM THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, ROAMED THROUGHOUT THE SEARCH AREA AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPRIETY OF SEIZING DOCUMENTS. NO ATTORNEY-CLIENT DOCUMENTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED.

IN ADDITION, CHURCH OFFICIALS ARE ERRONEOUS WHEN THEY STATE THAT ONLY 156 DOCUMENTS WERE AUTHORIZED AS SEIZABLE PURSUANT TO THE SEARCH WARRANT. THE WARRANT ALSO AUTHORIZES THE SEIZURE OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO NON-FOI MATTERS, INFILTRATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND FRUITS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND EVIDENCE OF THE CRIMES OF CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE ABOVE TWO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES THAT THE CHURCH'S ALLEGATIONS ARE IN LINE WITH KNOWN AND

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ESTABLISHED TACTICS OF THE CHURCH WHEN DEALING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO COME INTO CONFLICT WITH THE CHURCH DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS. THE CHURCH IN THE PAST HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ENGAGE IN CAMPAIGNS OF PUBLIC DISCREDIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. [REDACTED]

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per Court order

THE ABOVE AGGRESSIVE MANEUVERS OF THE SCIENTOLOGISTS AND THE ATTENDANT PUBLICITY INDICATE THE IMMINENT NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS TO MOVE FOR ACCELERATED ACTIONS ON THE MOTIONS CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, LOS ANGELES, AND NOT SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD UNTIL AUGUST 8 NEXT. ONE OF THESE MOTIONS DEALS WITH THE UNSEALING OF THE 517 PAGE RETURN TO THE SEARCH WARRANTS. IF THIS INFORMATION IN ITSELF COULD BE MADE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY, THE PRESS WOULD BE ABLE TO PUBLICIZE THE NATURE OF THE DOCUMENTS SEIZED AND WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THE

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CORRECTNESS OF THE CHARGES OUTLINED IN THE AFFIDAVIT TO
THE SEARCH WARRANT.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED THAT FBI HEADQUARTERS
CONTACT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE
COURT ACTION PENDING IN LOS ANGELES.

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PURPOSE: To advise regarding unfounded allegations contained in the "Atlanta Constitution" and "The Los Angeles Times" newspapers on 7/19/77 alleging misconduct by Special Agent (SA) during the search of the Church of Scientology properties in Los Angeles, California, and Washington, D. C. on 7/8-9/77.

SYNOPSIS: The 7/19/77 issues of "The Los Angeles Times" and "Atlanta Constitution" newspapers contained unfounded allegations of misconduct by Special Agents of the FBI in conducting authorized searches of the properties of the Church of Scientology in the Los Angeles, California, area and Washington, D. C., on 7/8-9/77. Search warrants for the two Los Angeles properties were not restrictive to certain areas and covered the entire buildings. "The Los Angeles Times" article stated, "A Church spokesman called the FBI's actions 'gestapo like.'" An alleged Special Agent burst into rooms where married couples were sleeping unclothed and burst into shower stalls where people were bathing." SAC-Criminal, Los Angeles, received no reports by search teams that Agents went into rooms occupied by unclothed occupants and burst into shower stalls where people were bathing.

"The Los Angeles Times" article further indicated "One female Church member trying to take a picture of an FBI Agent was struck on the head with a clipboard by the Agent." SAC-Criminal, Los Angeles, advised no Agent struck anyone over the head with a clipboard. SA [REDACTED] had a camera thrust into his face by a female Scientologist and SA [REDACTED] moved a clipboard to shield his eyes from the flashbulb and accidentally struck the camera which was within a foot of SA [REDACTED] face.

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