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Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Senator Cranston:

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Your July 11th inquiry on behalf of [redacted] who is concerned about allegations that the Federal Government is attempting to disrupt the activities of the Church of Scientology, has been received.

We have received other inquiries on this subject, and I want to assure you that the FBI is not involved in any attempt to destroy the Church of Scientology. In those cases where a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's jurisdiction has occurred, we always strive to investigate such situations with complete fairness to all parties involved. The facts are then presented to the appropriate United States Attorney's Office which determines the prosecutive merits of the case.

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The film referenced by [redacted] has been provided by the Church of Scientology as an exhibit to various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice, and it fails to substantiate claims of a counterintelligence program directed against this group.

I hope this information will assist you in corresponding with your constituent. Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker
Assistant Director
Office of Congressional
and Public Affairs

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NOTE: [redacted] wrote to Senator Cranston and a number of other members of Congress expressing her concern that the FBI and IRS are engaged in a COINTELPRO based on her viewing of a film and reading a story in the "Freedom News Journal", which is a publication put out by the Church of Scientology. She requests an investigation of this alleged action. The film was made by the Church of Scientology itself and transcripts of it, which were provided by the Church as exhibits to various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice, fail to substantiate the claims of a counterintelligence program directed against them. Above response has previously been used in reply to similar inquiries from other citizens to members of Congress and was coordinated with SA [redacted] CID, and SA [redacted] LCD. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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August 6, 1985

Honorable Don Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Civil and
Constitutional Rights
House Committee on the Judiciary
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Chairman Edwards:

Your letter of June 3, 1985, requesting FBI review of allegations made by Reverend John W. Standard III, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Church of Scientology International, concerning "a bizarre multi-agency plan to disrupt the Church of Scientology" has been brought to my attention.

The FBI has received other inquiries on this subject. I want to stress that the FBI is not involved solely or in conjunction with other Federal agencies in any attempt to destroy the Church of Scientology. In those cases where a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's jurisdiction has occurred, the FBI investigates such situations with complete fairness to all parties involved. The facts are then presented to the appropriate United States Attorney's office which determines the prosecutive merits of the case.

The particular allegations made by Reverend Standard are based on conversations recorded during "secret" videotaping of former Church member, Gerry Armstrong, whom Reverend Standard alleges is a "government covert operative".

Gerry Armstrong, a former church member, has been interviewed numerous times by various Federal investigators and attorneys in connection with pending litigation in this and other Federal investigations. Partial transcripts of Mr. Armstrong's videotaped conversations have been provided by the Church as an exhibit to

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various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice, and they fail to substantiate claims of a counter-intelligence program directed against that group. Conversely, review of the unexpurgated transcripts of those videotaped meetings referred to by Reverend Standard conclusively negates any inference of government conspiracy.

I hope this reply will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: Reverend John D. Standard III, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Church of Scientology International, wrote to Representative Rodino, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee alleging "a bizarre multi-agency plan to disrupt the Church of Scientology", and requested Representative Don Edwards hold hearings on this matter. Representative Don Edwards requested the FBI review Reverend Standard's allegations. Videotaped conversations of a former Church member, Gerry Armstrong allegedly establish the government-wide conspiracy and have been utilized as exhibits in various pleadings filed by the Church; however, the transcripts selectively omit a pertinent portion of the tape which conclusively negates any inference of government conspiracy. The context of this letter was taken, in part, from similar replies to congressional inquiries. This reply was coordinated with [redacted] Legal Counsel Division.

Copies of the transcript of the videotaped conversations of former church member Gerry Armstrong were filed as an exhibit to a motion to vacate summary judgment entered on behalf of the defendants in Founding Church of Scientology v. Director, FBI et al (USDC, DC, Case No. 78-0107). A review of these transcripts by DOJ attorneys and by SA [redacted] reveals numerous several statements by Armstrong to the effect that the government is "not out to get" the Church of Scientology or any Scientologist. Copies of the full text are in possession of LLD and DOJ Federal Programs Branch.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your May 19th communication to FBI Headquarters has been referred to me for reply.

While we would like to be of assistance, on the basis of the information you provided, there is no indication of any violation of Federal law falling within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I can only suggest that you continue to rely on legal counsel of your own choice for whatever assistance is available to you.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Davenport
Inspector in Charge
Office of Public Affairs

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NOTE: [Redacted] requests an FBI investigation into the activities of the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA, [Redacted].

He alleges this organization is involved in a number of illegal activities such as bribery, harassment, robbery, blackmail, and perjury. CID's Financial Crimes Unit, Public Corruption Unit, and Violent Crimes Unit, all expressed no interest. Letter being sent to correspondent in care of [Redacted].

[Redacted] for his own safety. Based on available information, Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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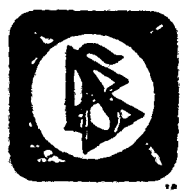
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January 15, 1991

Mr. William S. Sessions
Dept. of Justice/FBI
JEH Building #7176
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I'm writing to you concerning INTERPOL, the International Criminal Police Organization. The glorified image of INTERPOL portrayed on TV and in movies is that of an inter-governmental police force using the most modern means to track down the world's most sinister criminals. It may come as a surprise to you that INTERPOL is actually a private organization whose efficiency, usefulness and reliability is currently being questioned by law enforcement officials in the U.S. and abroad.

As your agency has representatives in INTERPOL, I want to bring to your attention the information in the enclosed publication, INTERPOL: Private Group, Public Menace.

INTERPOL has accumulated hundreds of thousands of dossiers on citizens, without their knowledge or consent, resulting in abuses of their privacy rights.

The 1988 U.S. Department of Justice Manual states, "INTERPOL is something of a legal curiosity... It is founded on a constitution written by a group of police officers who did not submit it for diplomatic signatures, nor have they ever submitted it for ratification by governments."

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The General Accounting Office has conducted two investigations into the U.S. branch of INTERPOL, called the United States National Central Bureau (USNCB). They found that INTERPOL-USNCB does not verify the accuracy of the information it transmits, and has set itself up to be almost entirely exempt from the Privacy Act.

The GAO also found that "foreign police and National Central Bureaus make extensive use of non-Interpol channels in dealing with U.S. matters" as these other channels are "considered faster, more flexible... and more effective."

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Growing concern over corrupt activities. INTERPOL officials and widespread recognition that INTERPOL is not a needed entity have resulted in investigations into INTERPOL internationally. (See Chapter 6.)

Our government pours over \$5 million per year into INTERPOL, including the financing of INTERPOL headquarters in France and various substations in the Caribbean.

As noted in a January 21, 1985 memorandum from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, written after review of earlier Church publications on INTERPOL, "The church's various studies read well and show extensive research. They, in turn, indicate that Interpol is employing ex-Nazis, running on clandestine financing from interested governments and being utilized to acquire political information."

Is INTERPOL, with its many liabilities, really necessary? Is it worth the risk to the rights of citizens of this country when there are parallel law enforcement agencies that can do the job more effectively and without these risks?

Please read the enclosed booklet and let me know if there is any further information I can provide to you.

Sincerely,


Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch
President

Private Group, Public Menace



Interpol Secretary General Raymond Kendall presented then Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega with an award in praise of his anti-drug activities just before Noriega was indicted in the United States for his role as a major international drug trafficker.

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A Police Organization Involved in Criminal Activities

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"In general, the list of presidents and executive members of Interpol reads like a Nazi who's who during, as well as after, the war. [And] if you then place a Nazi in charge of a fascist organization like Interpol, the result of such a crossbreed is dreadful to contemplate."

Hon. Louis Kent
Member of Parliament
Australia

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and the wisdom of sanctioning its
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