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Dear Mr. Jentzsch:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 15, 1991,
addressed to me.

After receipt of your letter I learned that Attorney
General (AG) Dick Thornburgh had received a similar letter from
you.. Inasmuch as AG Thornburgh referred his letter to the U.S.
National Central Bureau (USNCB) for a response, I refer you to the
USNCB's reply to you of February 4, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Don Edwards

various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice. I have been advised that these transcripts fail to substantiate claims of a counterintelligence program directed against the Church. I also understand that the unexpurgated transcripts of those videotaped meetings do not support any inference of a government conspiracy.

I hope this reply will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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 SA [REDACTED] Legal Counsel Division.

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Sect Sues FBI Over Phone Tap

By William Willoughby
Star Staff Writer

The Founding Church of Scientology yesterday filed a suit for \$1 million against the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charging that the FBI has been tapping some of its phones over an undetermined length of time.

ATTORNEY Earl C. Dudley Jr. also filed in U.S. District Court a motion for a temporary restraining order to halt the wiretapping.

In an affidavit, Terry Hibbs, personnel officer of the church at 1812 19th St. NW, said that at approximately 7:15 p.m. on April 30 she attempted to place a local call from the church's headquarters.

After dialing only the first three digits, she seemed to have made a connection, she said. A male voice answered and, in answer to her questions, gave the name Bob Wickmore, and said he was a special agent of the FBI, according to the affidavit. Miss Hibbs said the man asked who she was "and whether I worked for the FBI."

The Hibbs affidavit said, "I told this man that I had been connected to his phone after dialing two or three digits of a number. He said that he was operating a switchboard for the FBI and that the calls on my telephone were being monitored.

"HE ASKED if I had requested that my phone be tapped. When I informed him that I had not, he began to ask me numerous questions, apparently assuming I was speaking from my home telephone. He explained that the monitoring of the telephone included tape recordings of all conversations by an automatic device which had apparently malfunctioned and connected him to the call. He did not appear to know what telephone line I was calling on or who the subscriber of the telephone was," she said.

The suit names as defendants Wickmore, two other FBI agents, Atty. Gen. William Saxbe and FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley. They are accused of the "wrongful, unlawful and malicious invasion of the privacy" of the church, its ministers, parishioners and employees.

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Scientologists Tapped?

By David Pike
News Staff Writer

The Founding Church of Scientology has lost a bid for a court order to halt immediately what it claims is the tapping of its phones by the FBI.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey "reluctantly denied" the request for such an order yesterday after the government produced an affidavit from John J. McDermott, special agent in charge of the FBI's D.C. field office, stating that the church's phones have never been tapped by the FBI.

McDERMOTT also stated that the alleged agent, Bob Wickmore, as listed in a \$1 million damage suit filed against the FBI last Friday by the church, is not an FBI employe.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Robert Rankin argued that in view of the affidavit "there is no basis at all for a temporary restraining order . . . the court would be enjoining something that is not going on."

Richey said that "there is

nothing in this world more repugnant to this court than unauthorized wiretaps . . . (and) if there would be a wiretap, it would be reprehensible at best."

BUT HE SAID he had no choice, in view of McDermott's statement, but to deny the request for an order.

He did, however, agree to a request by the attorney for the church, Earl C. Dudley Jr., that court action on the suit be expedited, including the taking of statements from possible witnesses, such as McDermott.

Rankin had objected, arguing that McDermott had stated the FBI's position in the case. "Little more can be said," Rankin said. "I object to taking up his time to do this."

Washington, D.C.

THE SUIT charges that a church employe tried to place a telephone call from the church headquarters at 1812 19th St. NW on April 30 but was interrupted by a man who said he was FBI agent Bob Wickmore. The man said the church's calls were being monitored, the suit charges.

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Do we have a case on the alleged tap?

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The attached article entitled "Sect Sues FBI Over Phone Tap," which appeared in the 5/18/74 edition of "The Washington Star News" indicates the Founding Church of Scientology has "filed a suit for \$1 million against the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charging that the FBI has been tapping some of its phones over an undetermined length of time." The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that Bureau records and records of the Washington Field Office contain no record of the Founding Church of Scientology or Miss Terry Hibbs as the subject of a wiretap. Further, electronic surveillance indices maintained in the Special Investigative Division and/or Intelligence Division contain no record of an overhear of a Terry Hibbs.

The attached article indicates one Bob Wiclomore identified himself to Miss Terry Hibbs as a Special Agent of the FBI, indicated he was operating a switchboard for the FBI and that calls on Miss Hibbs' switchboard were being monitored. Bureau indices contain no reference to the names Bob Wiclomore or Miss Terry Hibbs.

With regard to the ^{USA}Founding Church of Scientology, Bufiles disclose this organization and its founder, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, have been known to the Bureau since 1951. Hubbard has been described as "hopelessly insane" by his wife in connection with divorce proceedings. ^{his} theory of "scientology" is that it is an alleged science which instills self-confidence and assists in removing mental problems.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Alleged Wiretap of Founding
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RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to Office of Legal
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