

Nov. 16th 1966

Dear Sirs:

We are very concerned about our son and family and hope you can help us by explaining to us what Scientology means. Our daughter-in-law is taking some Scientology courses in Minneapolis but they are not allowed to tell us anything. They do not even write to us at the present time and we are not supposed to write to them or see them or call them on the phone. Why all these secrets? They also go by the name of Founding Church of Scientology.

They have cut themselves off from her parents too and all other relatives.

Thank you.

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We are wondering if all this is
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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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The letter of November 16th from you and your husband has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Lafayette Ron Hubbard, the founder of "The Founding Churches of Scientology" has been known to the Bureau since 1951; however, neither Hubbard nor the organizations headed by him have been investigated by the Bureau. "Scientology" is an alleged science which instills self confidence and assists individuals in removing mental problems. (62-94080) Correspondents are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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November 20, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a private citizen I do not know whether or not it is permissible to ask you for information. If so, I would like to so impose upon you if I may. If not, please disregard.

My particular concern pertains to a man by the name of "Ron Hubbard." He is an originator of something called "Scientology." As head of such an organization or whatever you may call it, he once directed this practice from Washington, D. C. Some time ago, however, after some sort of "claimed investigation" by the Food and Drug Administration, he changed his headquarters from Washington, D. C., to Kent, England. Since I have close relatives (California state) involved in this practice and, based on my observations from them of its theories, the belief that it is not all that it proclaims to be, I suspicion his reasons for leaving Washington, D.C. Also, I question the "miracles" of this practice from the standpoint that if it is all it claims to be and in this length of time has had ample opportunity to prove its greatness, why hasn't a recognizable organization or institution adopted its theories? Therefore, would you mind to tell me what you know, if any, on this man and this organization. I realize you are very busy, but if not too great an imposition, it would do me a lot of good to know.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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READING ROOM

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of November 20th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you desire, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the individual or organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. L. Ron Hubbard is the subject of Bufile 62-94080. This individual is the founder and president of Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc., which was established for the purpose of furthering Hubbard's Theory of Scientology, an alleged science which instills self-confidence and assists individuals in removing mental problems and obtaining human ability. He has been described as being "hopelessly insane" by his wife in suing for divorce, and the Washington Times Herald of 4-24-51 in mentioning the divorce proceeding, stated that "Competent medical advisors recommended that Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as paranoid schizophrenia."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (163-2106) (P)
LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD
FPC

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Subject believed to be a U.S. citizen, born 3/13/11.

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Subject is currently in East Grinstead, Sussex, at St. Hill Manor, operating some type of religious organization.

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The Bureau is requested to furnish this office with any information known concerning subject.

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*Memo to Legal London
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Director, FBI (89-8861)

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**LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD
FPC**

Reurairtel dated February 7, 1967.

No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau concerning captioned individual. However, Bufiles reveal that Hubbard was the founder and president of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Incorporated, which was incorporated in New Jersey during April, 1950. The December 5, 1950, issue of "Look" magazine contained an article entitled "Dianetics - Science or Hoax?" which related that L. Ron Hubbard was an obscure writer of pseudo-scientific pulp fiction prior to the publishing of his book entitled "Dianetics." Hubbard's book asserts that "the creation of dianetics is a milestone for man, comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his inventions of the wheel and the arch ... the intelligent layman can successfully and invariably treat all psychosomatic ills and inorganic aberrations," according to Hubbard. "These psychosomatic ills, uniformly cured by dianetic therapy, include such varied maladies as eye trouble, hirsutis, ulcers, some heart difficulties, migraine headaches and the common cold." According to the article, Hubbard's book has "outraged scores of psychiatrists, biochemists, psychologists, physicians and just-plain-ordinary scientists, who look upon the astounding claims and the growing commercial success of this strange new phenomenon with awe, fear and a deep disgust ... Hubbard's greatest attraction to the troubled is that his creates psychiatry is available to all. It's cheap. It's accessible. It's a public festival to be played at clubs and parties."

During March, 1951, the Board of Medical Examiners, State of New Jersey, had a case against the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation (HDRF) scheduled for trial on the grounds that the organization was conducting a school, teaching a branch of medicine and surgery, without a license.

In 1951 the HDRF established national headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, and sponsored the ~~Annual~~ **Annual** Scientists of the ~~World~~ **World**, which organization had as its avowed purpose ~~to~~ **to** construct and stock a library ... in an atomic proof area where

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Lafayette Ronald Hubbard
FPC

the culture and technology of the United States could be stored in a state of use by science and preserve it in case of attack."

The April 24, 1951, issue of the "Times Herald," Washington, D. C., revealed that Hubbard's wife charged in a divorce suit that "competent medical advisors recommended that Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as paranoid schizophrenia."

Allegedly, during 1952, Hubbard formed the Hubbard Association of Scientologists, an Arizona corporation, and reverted "dianetics" back to its original name, "scientology." Thereafter, offices were opened in New Jersey; London, England; and Australia.

During the early part of 1956, NDRF, Silver Spring, Maryland, was circulating a pamphlet entitled "Brain-Washing, A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics." According to the book, psychopolitics is the "art and science of asserting and maintaining dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals, officers, bureaus, and masses, and the effecting of the conquest of enemy nations through 'mental health.'"

In the past Hubbard has corresponded with this Bureau and Department of Justice on several occasions for various reasons, including complaints about his wife and about alleged communists. In one lengthy letter in May, 1951, it is perhaps noteworthy that Hubbard stated that while he was in his apartment on February 23, 1951, about two or three o'clock in the morning, his apartment was entered. He was knocked out. A needle was thrust into his heart to produce a coronary thrombosis and he was given an electric shock. He said his recollection of this incident was now very blurred, that he had no witnesses and that the only other person who had a key to the apartment was his wife.

Numerous inquiries have been received by this Bureau concerning Hubbard and the various organizations established by him.

Lafayette Ronald Hubbard
YPC

On January 4, 1963, representatives of the Food and Drug Administration seized "E-meter" devices from the District of Columbia headquarters of Hubbard's organization. The meters were seized on the grounds that they were misbranded.

The "Saturday Evening Post" thereafter carried an article regarding this seizure and Hubbard, and described Hubbard as having become wealthy from the proceeds of his church and stating that he received ten per cent of all fees generated through examinations conducted by persons trained in use of his "E-meter" machines.

In November of 1965, a citizen provided a copy of a pamphlet entitled "What Everyone Should Know About Scientology." The citizen provided this pamphlet inasmuch as his granddaughter had become a member of the organization. Page four of this pamphlet has a caption "Scientology As A Religion," which states as follows:

"Philosophy dealing with the individual as a spirit is normally classed as a religion. The same type of material as Scientology was attempted about 2,500 years ago by one Gautama Siddhartha and became the world's oldest civilized religion, known as Buddhism. Laws of life, exteriorization and other materials of Buddhism are similar to Scientology. Scientology however, is able to achieve results even in early stages that Buddhism could not. This does not make Scientology Buddhism but it does place it firmly in the area of religion.

"Theosophy, organized as a body of knowledge similar in text to Scientology has been declared a religion by U.S. Federal Courts.

"Scientology is therefore a religion. The only question was whether or not its organizations should be formal churches and auditors ministers. Some Scientology Organizations have become Churches, some as in Australia have remained simply religious fellowships. There has never been any serious question of Scientology being a religion since by definition knowledge and study of man as a spiritual, rather than an animal, being is of course religious."

Lafayette Ronald Hubbard
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✓ In January of 1966, the Defense Communications Agency provided a copy of a memorandum submitted by Colonel Charles C. Mack of the United States Air Force after he had unintentionally attended the Scientology Congress at the Washington Hilton Hotel on Saturday, January 1, 1966. Colonel Mack advised that he had sat in on a film show of the leader giving a lecture. He advised that they stated or implied that they were against police authority, did not believe in any religion and said, among other things, that the Government's sole responsibility was to kill people.

✓ On September 18, 1963, Captain Dean Phillips, Seattle, Washington, Police Department advised that on September 11, 1963, William J. Fisk, Seattle, Washington, head of a religious mystical church was shot to death before members of his group in the Seattle headquarters of the Church of Scientology of Washington State. Russell Edward Johnson surrendered to the Seattle, Washington, Police Department. He was charged with the premeditated killing and his apparent motive was his belief that his wife's estrangement from him resulted from the instructions given to this group by Fisk. Literature and correspondence in possession of the deceased was obtained by the Seattle Police Department and indicated that the group was affiliated with the Founding Church of Scientology, also known as Scientology, L. Ron. Hubbard, Founder, Hubbard Association of Scientologists International.

There is attached a copy of FBI Identification Record 244 210 B concerning LaFayette Ronald Hubbard who appears to be identical with the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosure