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September 6, 1967

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

We have recently come in contact with a person who states that he is a member of a religion called Scientology. This individual claims that the correct title of the organization is the Church of Scientology with headquarters in Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, Sussex, England, Great Britain. I understand this church is a world wide organization and that there are several centers in this country (i. e. Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis, New York City, Washington, D. C., etc.).

We have received information of a limited nature from their Seattle, Washington center of the Church of Scientology of California. However their information appears to be ambiguous. Of course the information received is largely promotional.

Inasmuch as the information received appears to be ambiguous, please send any information you may have concerning this religion (providing the information is not privileged, classified or against the best interests of the United States) - if possible. Thank you.

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Sincerely yours

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: Liaison Section

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (163-262) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD, aka
L. Ron Hubbard
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Title is marked changed to reflect the name L. RON HUBBARD as used by subject when bankruptcy proceedings were held in Philadelphia, Pa., in December 1952.

Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau 4/12/67.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of an LHM setting forth the results of inquiries by the Philadelphia Division.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of an Affidavit in Support of Trustee's Application Under Section 10 of The Bankruptcy Act, in the matter of The Hubbard Dianetic Foundation, Inc., dated 12/16/52 and a copy of an order dated 12/19/52 signed by Judge ALLAN K. GRIM dismissing subject.

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LEO A. JILLY, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES

vs.

L. RON HUBBARD

In Bankruptcy

Cause No. 23747

ORDER

AND NOW, to wit, December 19, 1952, it appearing to the Court that the above named defendant has heretofore entered his recognizance before the Clerk of this Court in the sum of \$1000.00, conditioned for his appearance before this Court, and as security thereon there was deposited the sum of \$1000.00 in cash, which is now in the "registry of this Court; and it further appearing that the said defendant did appear and was dismissed and the bail exonerated, it is

ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court, pay from the Registry of the Court the sum of \$1000.00 to L. Ron Hubbard, whose address appears on the bond as Explorer's Club, New York, N. Y.

BY THE COURT,

Allen K. Thurman, J.

ENCLOSURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of) In Bankruptcy
THE HUBBARD DIANETIC FOUNDATION, INC.) Ancillary Proceedings
Bankrupt) No. 23747

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LEO A. WILLY, Clerk

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF TRUSTEE'S
APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 10 OF
THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

BERTRAM K. WOLFE being duly sworn according to law
deposes and says that the following affidavit is made and filed
in support of the Trustee's Application for the arrest of
L. Ron Hubbard pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the
National Bankruptcy Act and that the following facts are
averred by deponent from information received by him by letter
from McDonald, Tinker and Skaer, Wichita, Kansas, Counsel for
the Trustee in the above entitled matter and deponent's
correspondent.

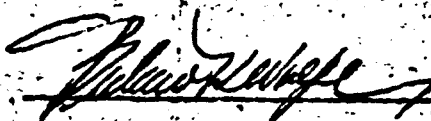
L. Ron Hubbard was the founder and in complete
control of the bankrupt corporation which operated in Wichita,
Kansas during 1951 and part of 1952. L. Ron Hubbard is the former
pulp magazine writer who wrote a book on "dianetics" and which was
published by a reputable book publisher and became a best seller.
Since then he has travelled throughout the country and in London
and Egypt preaching the theory of "dianetics", which appears to
be mainly a method of practicing psychiatry without having the
required medical training. He came to Wichita, Kansas from
Elizabeth, N. J., where he had been the dominant controller of

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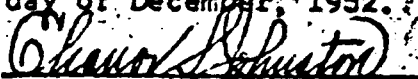
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Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc., a New Jersey corporation. He moved to Wichita and set up the bankrupt corporation when the New Jersey corporation became financially unable to pay its debts. After the Kansas corporation went into bankruptcy Hubbard opened what he called "Hubbard College" in another part of Wichita, Kansas and when creditors began claiming against this establishment he moved to Phoenix, Arizona and set up another organization there. It now appears that he is following the same procedure in Philadelphia.

Throughout his dianetic career Hubbard has displayed a fine talent for profiting personally although his firms and institutions generally fail. As indicated by his previous migratory nature there is every reason to believe that he will leave Philadelphia as soon as he has accomplished his ends, all of which is in utter contempt of the orders of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.



Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 16th
day of December, 1952.


Notary Public

My commission expires:
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires Mar. 19, 1953



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 14, 1967

LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD,
Also Known As
L. Ron Hubbard



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Review of Bankruptcy Docket, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, reflected the Hubbard Dianetic Foundation, Inc., filed for bankruptcy on December 16, 1952, under No. 23747.

A perusal of the bankruptcy file, 23747, located at the Federal Records Center, 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., revealed that a warrant was issued on December 16, 1952, for L. RON HUBBARD to bring him forthwith before the court for examination in Ancillary Proceedings in Bankruptcy. The warrant was signed by Judge ALLAN K. GRIM, executed by the U.S. Marshal and bail was allowed in \$1,000.

HUBBARD who is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hubbard Dianetics of Kansas, wrongfully withdrew \$9,286.99 from his bankrupt corporation. On December 17 and 19, 1952, he was examined before the bankrupt court and agreed with the Ancillary Receiver to make restitution. Judge GRIM then discharged HUBBARD.

The bankruptcy file also contains information that HUBBARD was the founder and in complete control of Hubbard Dianetics Foundation, Inc., of Wichita, Kan., during 1951 and part of 1952. He wrote a book on "dianetics" which appears to be a method of practicing psychiatry without having the required medical training. He has traveled through the United States, London, and Egypt preaching his theory of dianetics. The file also indicates that HUBBARD moved to Wichita, Kan., from Elizabeth, N.J., and set up the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc., after his New Jersey Corporation was unable to pay its debts.

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LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD,
Also Known As
L. Ron Hubbard

After the Kansas Corporation went bankrupt he opened the "Hubbard College" in Wichita, Kan., and when creditors began claiming against this establishment, he moved to Phoenix, Arizona. The file went on to say that it appears HUBBARD displays a fine talent for profiting personally although his firms generally fail.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *Enoch*

DATE: 1-16-68

FROM : *LESher*

SUBJECT: *L. Ron Hubbard*

The attached publication has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The letter of September 6th from you and [REDACTED] has been received.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

U.S. Encl. [Handwritten]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondents. The Church of Scientology has not been investigated by the Bureau. Scientology is the alleged science which instills self confidence and assists individuals in removing mental problems.

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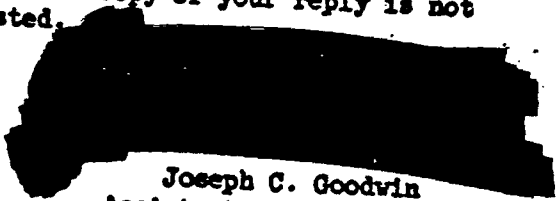
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Referral of Correspondence

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded for consideration, appropriate action, or direct reply to the writer who has not been notified of this referral. Information copy of your reply is not requested.



Joseph C. Goodwin
Assistant to the Director

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