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Re LON 12/8/67 and Bufile 62-94080, captioned "LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD."

HUBBARD is currently heading up an organization known as Hubbard's Association of Scientologists, International.

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Above submitted for information.

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-94080)**

**FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (163-2106) (P)**

**LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD,**  
aka  
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Reinvestigation conducted in early 1967 by Bureau,  
culminating in PHairtel 4/14/67.

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The avowed purpose of this organization is not too clear but it would appear it is a religious-type cult. The police are not in anyway disputing the religious aspect of this organization but are now concerned because of the "extra curricular" activities of the organization.

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Police also state that individuals who become members of this organization completely bare their entire life history to the organizers and there is an extreme proclivity to blackmail. It is estimated there are approx [REDACTED]

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C. C. Bishop

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LON 163-2106

In order to assist the police in preparing a report assessing the organization, as it exists, they have asked that the name of the organization as well as the names of individuals on the enclosed list be searched through Bufiles and Ident. Records Section. In this regard, the list has been restricted to U.S. male citizens born prior to 1940, and Bureau is requested to search only those which have been marked on enclosure.

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- 1 - Foreign Liaison (Detached)
- 1 - W.F. Woods

February 16, 1968

Legat, London (163-2106)

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LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD; AKA  
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Reurairtel dated February 5, 1968, regarding captioned individual, et al. Of the 52 names searched through the indices, it was determined that there is no pertinent information which can be identified with any of them.

There is attached a Xerox copy of the names you submitted along with copies of Identification Division records. They may be identical to six of the individuals of interest to [REDACTED]

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Relative to the Hubbard Association of Scientologists, International and Mr. Hubbard, you are referred to Bulet to you dated February 21, 1967, your same file number and to letterhead memorandum dated at Los Angeles, April 13, 1967, forwarded to you April 19, 1967, and letterhead memorandum dated at Philadelphia, April 14, 1967, also forwarded on April 19, 1967.

No additional information available concerning captioned individual and others.

Enclosures (7)

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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan 1/2
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# It's the craziest cruise on earth!

# AHOY THERE

By Len Adams

HEAVE TO, me hearties, while I tell you a seafaring tale. A tale, me dears, of queer goings-on aboard ship and of swift and strange promotion on the high seas.

The world of Scientology—the mind-bending cult that has set up home in Sussex—is a crazy world, indeed, with its preposterous jargon of “comms,” “cleats” and “orgs.”

When its leader, Mr. L. Ron Hubbard, took over the 3,200-ton Royal Scotsman and set sail two months ago with 50 of his faithful, one could only imagine the maritime burlesque that must be taking place. . . .

Mr. Stanley Churcher, seaman, late of the Royal Scotsman, recounted something of life aboard, surely, the

... sailed from Southampton under a Sierra Leone flag, as the ship's carpenter. By the time she docked in Valparaiso, he was the ship's chief officer!

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"THE PEOPLE"

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Editor:

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Now Mr. Churcher, back from Fareham, Hants, after being sacked for so-called "mutinous conduct," has revealed to me that he was one of only a handful of professional seamen aboard, including a chief engineer and a boatswain.

"But there were seven officers of this Scientology lot who used to swank about in blue-and-gold-braid uniforms," he said. "I reckon they knew next to nothing about seamanship. Four of them were women."

Certainly the captain of the vessel was none other than Mr. L. Ron Hubbard himself—a wartime officer in the United States Navy. "He called himself commodore and had four different types of peaked cap," said Mr. Churcher.

### Floating college

Mr. L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the cult which has been described in Parliament as "potentially harmful," has claimed to have visited Venus and Heaven.

This time his travels were less ambitious. After a call at Monaco and Sardinia, the Scotsman was docked at Valencia, where it is a floating college for men and women Scientology students, mostly American.

Mr. Churcher, who is 24, had no idea what sort of vessel she was when he joined the Scotsman at Southampton.

"I began to suspect things were a bit odd the minute I met this captain," he said. "He told me he thought I was a reporter and at first refused to have anything to do with me. Only when he checked my seaman's log book did he take me on."

That was the log book that

# The chief officer was a carpenter and the skipper says he's been to Venus



Mr. Stanley Churcher (right) found many things unusual on the Royal Scotsman, captained by Mr. L. Ron Hubbard (above), boss of the Scientologists.



now records Mr. Churcher as a "Chief Officer."

Mr. Churcher found that the passengers also were very unusual.

"Every day they went below for lectures but we seamen were never admitted," he said. "It was all so blooming mysterious I tried to find out more."

"I offered to give them seamanship lectures and they were so pleased at these that they gave me a free beginners' course in Scientology."

"I was given a test on their E-meter, a sort of lie detector, and a woman

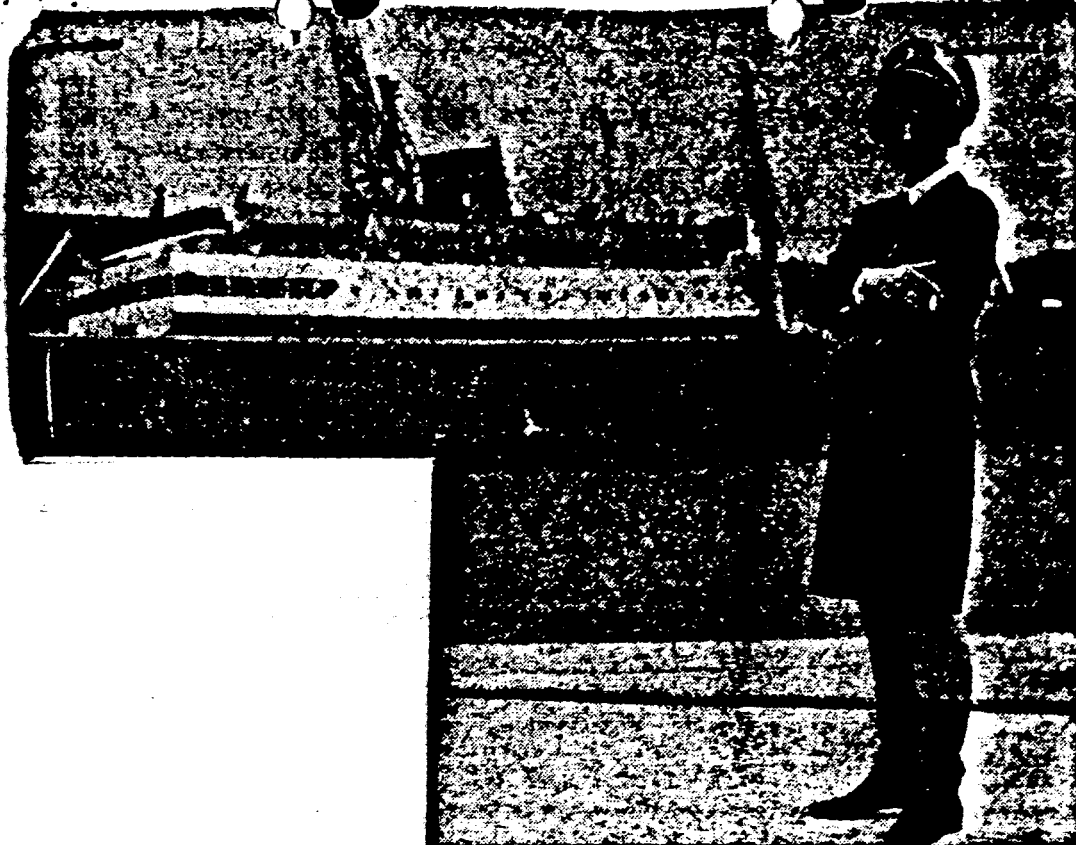
officer asked me a lot of personal questions, including details of my sex life.

"I could never make head or tail of their instruction but I played along because it made life easier."

All the time, the Scotsman was sailing through the Mediterranean in the hands of Almighty God—and Commodore Ron Hubbard.

Then, however, Mr. Churcher's co-operation was rewarded — by promotion to chief officer.

"I had once taken a course in navigation so I set the course mostly," he said. "Hubbard's wife, who has now had an officer's uniform made for her, used to read my instructions



● Believe it or not but you are looking at the "third officer" of the 3,300-ton Royal Scotsman (tied up in the background at Southampton). She is Jill van Staden, another disciple of the Scientology cult.

down to the engine room. She seemed to enjoy playing sailors.

"When we reached port, a pilot would come out and take over."

Most of the students were young. "Some paired off in romances," said Mr. Churcher. "But the oldest student was a woman of 75 who told me she was convinced that Mr. Hubbard would fix her up with a new body when she died."

Scientology has its own grades of punishment. Said Mr. Churcher: "Some students who hadn't done their homework were placed in what is known as a Condition of Doubt."

### "Mutinous"

"Others were put in a Condition of Non-Existence. This meant they had to sleep on the floor instead of a bunk and were forbidden to talk to anyone."

And eventually, at Walsingham, where the Scotsman took on some Spanish women, the strange Scientology discipline hit the British press.

Mr. Churcher was placed in a "Condition of Doubt" for "defying an order, encouraging desertion, instigating mutinous meetings, and attempting to usurp the chief engineer."

His friend, the boatswain, was placed in a "Condition of Enemy" for "undermining the Spanish crew, habitual drunkenness, holding nightly and morning meetings and derogating Scientology."

Said Mr. Churcher: "By this time we had had enough of their numbo-jumbo. I told them what I thought of them. I was sacked."

A Board of Trade officer told me: "As the Royal Scotsman is technically a foreign vessel we have no jurisdiction over it or its crew."

Then it is time someone, somewhere, should have some jurisdiction over this sect who are seeking recruits in a e.g. Britain's young people.

At one point in London, the former Scientology leader, James Earl Ray, was seen in a public house.

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# SCIENTOLOGISTS TO BE SUED

THE Church of Scientology of California, the British-based mind-training cult founded by a former science-fiction writer from America, is being sued for £1,190 by a Londoner who says that he took their instruction courses for five years.

Mr Robert Michael Bayford, of Belsize Park Gardens, Hampstead, has issued a High Court writ claiming the sum which, he alleges, he paid to the organisation for "a consideration which has wholly failed."

Scientology was founded by Lafayette Ron Hubbard and has its headquarters at Saint Hill Manor, a Georgian mansion near East Grinstead, Sussex. Followers from many parts of the world go there to take courses.

## BROCHURE

The cult claims to be "the road to total freedom." An organisation brochure calls it an applied philosophy dealing with the "art of knowledge."

£191 for a Hubbard Professional Auditor course, which is said to qualify people to apply Scientology processes to others.

For a Saint Hill Special Briefing Course, which according to the brochure provides the professional auditor with the "facilities, precision and velocity necessary to progress further in Scientology," he claims £285.

## COURSE

For the Power Processing Grade V course he claims £180. This course is meant to "release a person from deeply accented areas of hidden problems and produce a being who can be truly aware of power and who can handle life and livingness at a much higher cause level than before."

Lastly Mr Bayford claims £75 for Mark IV and Mark V meters and electrodes. Hubbard meters are "electronic aids" for measuring the mental state and change of state of individuals."

No date has been set for the hearing.

Mr Hubbard is believed to be at sea in one of a flotilla of ships he has bought in the last few years to make up what he calls his "fleet."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"NEWS OF THE WORLD"

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[REDACTED] title previously carried, "SCIENTOLOGY, IS - MISCELLANEOUS."

Re Norfolk letter to Bureau, 2/28/68; and Bureau letter to Norfolk, 3/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies of an LHM reflecting contents of referenced communications for dissemination purposes as directed in referenced Bureau letter.

ENCLOSURE

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[REDACTED], advised of nature of Scientology as  
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SA [REDACTED] Investigation in enclosed LHM conducted by

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