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Aug 1, 1968 91316

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My son is deeply involved with  
an Organization called the Church  
of Scientology. He has spent  
some \$1300 in courses offered here  
in Los Angeles, and is in the  
process of borrowing a large sum  
to further his studies in East  
Oxford, Sussex, England. There  
are many things about this  
Organization which seem strange  
and rather frightening to me.

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I have learned  
the Church of Scientology is being  
investigated. Is this true?

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... Any information on this Organization  
you are able to give me would  
be greatly appreciated. I have  
heard some wild stories of boys  
chained in dungeons, brain-  
washing and the like which  
may or may not be true.

I am unable to convince  
my 22 year old son this may be  
a fraud and dangerous. He is  
an idealist and believes this  
to be a new and great thing  
for mankind

The borrowed money is a  
loan from a 22 year old boy from  
[redacted] whom my son met here.

b7C of [redacted] He is supposedly loaning a total  
of [redacted] to six or seven Scientolog  
The money is on deposit in a  
bank here, as I have checked.  
Where would a boy that age  
get such a sum, and why

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Would he 'loan' it to anyone?  
or such short acquaintance?  
A promissory note was signed  
involving "Scientology Ethics" &  
not paid, and Scientology is  
holding a copy.

The fact that the Organization  
also has ships - called the Sea Org.  
which cannot be touched by any  
nation, and calls itself a Church  
with the protection afforded, such  
has me deeply concerned for  
my son's welfare & future.

Please send me any  
information you have, or  
complaints made, post haste  
as it will be too late for  
my son.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 1st 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 hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

I regret I am unable to answer your question or be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*[Handwritten signature]*

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Lafayette Ron Hubbard, the founder of the Founding Church of Scientology has been known to the Bureau since 1951. Neither Hubbard nor the organization headed by him has been investigated by the Bureau. He has been described as "hopelessly insane" by his wife in connection with divorce proceedings. His theory of "Scientology" is an alleged science which instills self-confidence and assists in removing mental problems. In August, 1966, the Department requested information concerning the Founding Church of Scientology, inasmuch as the Tax Division is involved in litigation as to whether or not the alleged Church of Scientology is exempt from Federal income taxation as a religious organization. Pertinent information contained in Bufiles has been provided to the Department. This organization has also been investigated by the Food and Drug Administration, Internal Revenue Service and the Army.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: NAME CHECK SECTION

DATE: 7/19/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (163-1744) (P)

SUBJECT: HUBBARD EXPLORATIONAL COMPANY, LTD.  
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On 7/18/68, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that three yachts, "Royal Scot Man," "Enchanter" and "Avon River," have recently visited Spanish ports. Two of these yachts, "Royal Scot Man" and "Enchanter," are presently in the port of Melilla, Spain. According to [redacted] the yachts are registered to the above-captioned company in Sierra Leone, Africa.

The leader of this exploration company, presently in Spain, is one LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD, born 3/13/11 at Tilden, Nebraska, who reportedly founded the "School of Scienceology" (not further explained) in California in 1950. This school was then moved to Esat Grinstead, Sussex, England, and subsequently to London, England.

According to [redacted] these yachts appear to be floating universities and it has been noted that a large volume of activity ensues each time a yacht reaches a Spanish port. The passengers of these yachts appear to be extremely well-to-do people and are made up of many different nationalities and of both sexes. [redacted] further advised that these passengers have been known to spend large amounts of money, as well as participate in conferences and long distance telephone calls.

[redacted] further advised that they had heard that "scienceologists" have recently come into criticism in the British parliament and that they have been condemned by the British health authorities. It was also reported that six United States "scienceologists" have been recently denied entry into England.

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**HUBBARD EXPLORATIONAL COMPANY, LTD.**  
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Reurlet 7/19/68 captioned as above.

There are attached two copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination to [REDACTED]

There is also attached a copy of FBI Identification Record Number 244 210 B, which probably pertains to subject, Hubbard.

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August 13, 1968

**RONALD LAFAYETTE HUBBARD;  
HUBBARD EXPLORATIONAL COMPANY, LTD.**

No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning Hubbard. However, our files reveal that he was the founder and president of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc., which was incorporated in New Jersey during April, 1950.

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In the past, Hubbard has corresponded with this Bureau and the 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

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Ronald Lafayette Hubbard;  
Hubbard Explorational Company, Ltd.

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With regard to Hubbard Explorational Company, Ltd., no specific pertinent information is available.



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RONALD LAFAYETTE HUBBARD  
Also known as L. Ron Hubbard  
Born: March 13, 1911  
Tilden, Nebraska

Reference is made to your letter dated July 25, 1968, your reference CSCY 316/02737-68, wherein you requested additional information concerning Hubbard.

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