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December 6, 1968

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

Constituents of mine have contacted me about the Hubbard
Scientology Organization in New York at the Hotel
Martinique, Broadway and 32nd Street. They are extremely
concerned about their training and procedures.

I am confident you are aware of this organization. The
purpose of this letter is to ask what has been done
about investigating this school and others they evidently
operate in the United States.

What action is contemplated for the future? It seems to
me that it should be possible to prove that this organi-
zation is not a religion.

If legislation should be required, I am most ready and
willing to cooperate in introducing whatever might be
required.

Your comments will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Edwin D. Eshleman
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Honorable Edwin D. Eshleman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of December 8th concerning the Hubbard Scientology Organization in New York.

While I would very much like to be of assistance, the FBI has not investigated this organization and therefore, I cannot make the type of evaluation you requested.

With regard to any legislation which may be desired, it has always been my policy to refrain from injecting the FBI or myself into matters relating to this subject. Within the Department of Justice, it is the function of the Attorney General to determine the desirability of legislation.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - New York - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)



NOTE: See G. E. Malmfeldt memo to Mr. Bishop dated 12-10-68 captioned, "Correspondence From Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman Requesting Information Concerning the Hubbard Scientology Organization in New York."

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12-10-68

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONGRESSMAN
EDWIN D. ESHLEMAN REQUESTING
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HUBBARD
SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK

By letter dated 12-6-68, Congressman Eshleman (R-Pennsylvania), with whom we have had limited cordial relations, inquired about the above mentioned organization.

Bufiles disclose Ronald Lafayette Hubbard is the founder of the Founding Church of Scientology and is President of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc. In March, 1951, the Board of Medical Examiners, State of New Jersey, had a case against the latter organization on the grounds that it was conducting a school of medicine and surgery without a license. On 4-24-51 the "Washington Times Herald" carried an article indicating that Hubbard's wife, in suing for divorce, claimed he was "hopelessly insane." According to the article, competent medical advisors recommended that he be committed to a private sanatorium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as "paranoid schizophrenia." In August, 1966, the Department of Justice requested information concerning his Church due to the fact the Tax Division was involved in litigation concerning its tax exempt status. This organization has also been investigated by the Food and Drug Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and the Army. The Bureau has not investigated these organizations or Hubbard.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached letter to Congressman Eshleman, for record purposes, be approved and thereafter delivered by someone in your (Mr. Bishop's) Office.

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(2) That at the time of delivery, the Congressman or his Administrative Assistant be confidentially advised of the above information concerning Hubbard and his organization.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 12/17/68

FROM: *Lee* LEON, BORN (163-2262) (P)

SUBJECT: SCIENTOLOGY MOVEMENT

England
Germany - U.S.A.

FPC

Re: Ronald Lorraine Hubbard

Enclosed are 5 copies of a self-explanatory letter dated December 10, 1968, received from [redacted]

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Please handle in accordance with [redacted] request in the last paragraph of their letter. It is believed that the information desired can be obtained from directories and public sources. Their request for personal data and relevant information about persons associated with these firms can be limited to that which would normally appear in the records of [redacted] or similar credit agencies.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/10/69

FROM SAC, WFO (163-1791) (RUC)

SUBJECT SCIENTOLOGY MOVEMENT;
~~ABC - AMERICAN BUSINESS COLLEGE~~
- FPC

Re Bulet to WFO 12/24/68 and Bureau communication
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No active investigation conducted by WFO and case
considered RUC.

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March 3, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

(Handwritten notes)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently you had a program on television about Scientology. I am very interested in anything concerning this Cult, and nothing would make me happier than to hear that all the people who have anything at all to do with this have been arrested (and convicted).

My daughter was talked into visiting this organization, and being easily lead, she joined. Shortly afterward she left home and took her 4 year old child. The child wasn't satisfied to stay away from what she considered home as she had lived with us all her life. My daughter sent the child back to us but said she could not help support her. We (my husband and I) had already grieved ourselves sick over this matter and was more than glad to have our grandchild back. Over a year has passed and we have constantly prayed and hoped that our daughter would return also. Instead, she went to Los Angeles, Calif. to further her knowledge of this Cult. She seems completely brain-washed.

Is there anything the F.B.I. can do to bring back one person? If so, I'd be most happy to co-operate in any way necessary. I only want to save my child, if it isn't too late. I would also like to help save others from getting mixed up in this horrible organization.

Enclosed are clippings from our newspaper. Months ago I turned coppies of these clippings and several magazine articles along with odd pieces of mail that were sent to my daughter, over the District Attorneys office, but nothing has been done.

Any information you can furnish that would be of benefit in this situation would be most grateful.

Yours Truly,

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District Attorney's Office
New Orleans, La.

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'SOCIALLY HARMFUL'

British Scientology Group Under Government Fire

By DAVID LANCASHIRE
EAST GRINSTEAD, England (AP) — "They say we have orgies here," said the young Englishman, pointing at the swimming pool. "We're too busy to have orgies—we don't even have time to go swimming."

This was at the country mansion once owned by the Maharajah of Jaipur. It is now headquarters of the Scientology movement, a semireligious organization from the United States. This "largest mental health organization in the world," as it calls itself, has become a storm center in Britain.

VILLAGERS in East Grinstead, a centuries-old market center 30 miles from London, seek a ban on the Scientologists, claiming they spread their influence in the town.

London's press has campaigned against the movement.

Health Minister Kenneth Robinson last month denounced Scientology as "socially harmful . . . a potential menace," and moved to keep foreigners from coming to Britain as students enrolled at the College of Scientology here.

"We used to get about 100 letters a day, most of them abusive," said David Gaiman, spokesman for the College of Scientology.

1,000 a day and none of them are abusive—they ask for information.

The health minister has refused to disclose what he called government evidence against Scientology. The Scientologists say no government representative has ever come to East Grinstead to hold an investigation.

IN PARLIAMENT Robinson said Scientology "alienates members of families from each other and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it. Its authoritarian principles and practices are a potential menace to the personality and well-being of those so deluded as to become its followers."

Scientology's founder, American science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, 57, is barred from returning to England. He moved his headquarters here 11 years ago but now reportedly lives aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean.

Scientology calls itself "a practical religious philosophy interested in ability and increasing it . . . the most vital philosophic movement on the

planet . . . the freeing of the soul by wisdom." Its publications contend it makes people "more aware, more alert, more successful." It has groups in the United States and around the world and claims millions of members.

A Scientology minister, called an "auditor," gives confessionals. "The confessional in Scientology is not solely the recounting of sins or wrongs that the person has done," one of its publications says. "The purpose of auditing is to make the person more spiritually able, more aware, more free."

THE EAST Grinstead college has 290 to 300 students and a staff of about 150. Roughly half the students and staff come from outside Britain. The government restrictions ruled foreign students or staff members would no longer be admitted to Britain or allowed to prolong their stay.

Gaiman said Scientology has more than 100,000 members in Britain. It also has its own legal department of five lawyers, all Scientologists. They are now busy with 64 libel suits—largely against British newspapers.

'Scientology' Banned in Britain

Americans traveling to Great Britain to practice "Scientology," a group which claims to be "applied religious philosophy," have been barred by the British Ministry of Health.

Kenneth Robinson, minister of health, declared that "scientology is socially harmful." The government's action was taken on the basis of complaints—some of them raised in Parliament — about teachings of the group.

Followers of the group previously known as Dianetics and now calling itself the Church of Scientology, reportedly adhere to the ideas originated by L. Ron Hubbard, former science fiction writer. Hubbard's book, *Dianetics*, became a best seller in the 1950's.

Curb on Growth. The British health minister said there was no power under existing law to prohibit the practice of Scientology, but he said he could take steps to curb its growth.

"Its authoritarian principles and practices are a potential menace to the personality and well-being of those so deluded as to become its followers," he said.

Founded in U.S.: Scientology was founded in the United States as *Dianetics* by Hubbard, who moved his world headquarters to East Grinstead, Sussex, a London suburb in 1959. Reports say there are some 50 full-time Scientologists in East Grinstead and some 250 students.

The government reported that there have been complaints by friends and relatives of those involved in the Scientology program. It was charged that mentally disturbed or weak persons are taken into the group and taught to hate their families.

The British health ministry reported receiving some 65 letters of complaint from former Scientologists or others in late 1967, all urging government action.

Course for Children: The Dept. of Education and Science began its investigation after a course was offered for children, designed to teach them "communications." A spokesman for Hubbard Assn. for Scientologists

International was reported to have replied that the course was intended to make shy children less afraid to exert their own personalities and to communicate with other children and grown-ups.

Publications of the group speak of its "message of total freedom for all mankind," and it calls itself the "most widespread self-betterment movement on earth today."

"Scientology is the route from human being to total freedom or total beingness," a publication says. "Dianetics was the route from aberrated to normal to capable human being."

Device Misbranded: The "Hubbard E. Meter," an electrical device used by the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C., was ruled to be a misbranded medical device by a federal court jury in 1967.

The Food and Drug Administration had ordered more than 100 of the devices seized in Washington, D. C., in 1962, and a U.S. district judge ordered destruction of the meters in July, 1967, following the jury ruling.

Government attorneys contended that false and misleading therapeutic claims were made for the devices and

their only demonstrated effect was to measure skin resistance to electrical currents (*The AMA News*, July 24, 1967).

The FDA charged the devices were misbranded under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act because of labeling claims that they were effective for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, detection, and elimination of the causes of all mental and nervous disorders.

Information on the number of Scientology members in the U.S. is unavailable, but a spokesman for the organization claimed there were "millions." The group says it has 20 main organizations throughout the world, with some 11 "centers" in the U.S. Headquarters for Scientology in the U.S. is in Los Angeles.

Scientologists Lose Tax-Exempt Status

The Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D.C. (*The AMA News*, Sept. 2, 1968) has lost its tax-exempt status because a federal court says its activities were too commercial.

Donald E. Lane, trial commissioner of the U.S. Court of Claims in Washington, ruled that the church received substantial income from its "processing and auditing" services, and that the value of these services was over and above the organization's religious and spiritual aspects.

Government officials have indicated the decision would signal the end of the tax-exempt status which has been granted to various alleged "personality development" centers for Scientology across the country.

Refund Sought: The federal claims court ruling resulted from a suit filed by the Founding Church of Scientology seeking a tax refund for 1956.

A review by the full claims court is scheduled, with arguments expected

in 1969.

Commissioner Lane's opinion rejected the tax-exempt arguments of the organization, noting that the Founding Church was organized in 1955 and incorporated "to act as a parent church for the propagation of a religious faith known as 'Scientology,' and to act as a church for the religious worship of faith."

Spirit Immortal: Lane added that Scientologists "believe that the spirit is immortal and that it receives a new body upon the death of the body in which it resides. They also believe

that in the course of various lives the spirit is inhibited by 'detrimental aberrations' or 'engrams' which result from misdeeds or unpleasant experiences."

The commissioner explained that the objective of Scientology is to counteract this burden through processing, also called auditing. He said the goal of Scientology "is for the individual to advance through various levels of accomplishment leading to the state of 'clear,' and ultimately to become an 'operating thetan' (spirit)."

The report states that founder L. Ron Hubbard was paid a salary of \$125 a week and an additional fee of \$125 a week, plus 10% of the gross income of the "church."

"Persons coming to plaintiff (the Founding Church) for processing were usually required to sign a contract for a stated amount of processing," the commissioner said. "The normal contract covered 25 hours of processing at a rate of \$20 per hour."

6% Interest: He said when a person was unable to pay cash, the center often would have the individual sign a note bearing 6% annual interest plus 25% service charge.

There was advertising under "Personality Development" and "Personnel Consultants" in the yellow pages of telephone directories, the opinion said, in addition to newspaper advertisements.

The Hubbard E-Meter, described by Lane as essential to the practice of Scientology, costs \$12.50 to manufacture, but the selling price was \$125 to \$144, the opinion said. Lane said every auditor was expected to acquire the meter.

A federal court jury ruled in 1967 that the meter was a misbranded medical device, and a federal judge ordered destruction of the devices.

A U.S. Treasury Dept. spokesman said the legal action in the Washington claims court was the first U.S. litigation from a tax standpoint involving Scientology.

California previously had permitted a tax exempt status to Scientologists in that state, but this has been revoked.

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Dear [Redacted]

I can certainly understand the concern which prompted your communication received on March 10th.

The FBI has not sponsored a television program such as you mentioned, and although I would like to be of service to you, based on the facts you furnished, there has been no violation of Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I regret I am unable to be of help.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Lafayette Ron Hubbard and the Founding Church of Scientology have been known to the Bureau since 1951, and are the subject of Bufile 62-94080. Neither Hubbard nor his organization 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 assistance in removing mental problems. In August, 1966, the Department requested information concerning the Founding Church of Scientology, inasmuch as the Tax Division was involved in litigation as to whether or not this organization is exempted from Federal income taxation as a religious organization. This organization has been investigated by the Food and Drug Administration, Internal Revenue Service and the Army.

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