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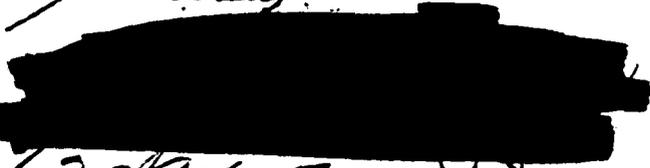
Charles Percy  
U. S. Senator  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Percy:

I would like to know what our government is doing about L. Ron Hubbard's scientology cult that is preying on our confused young college students. I think this should be investigated and all information made available to the public - more & more of our inquisitive young minds are being taken in by this clever science fiction writer. There is a group at the dormitory of the University of Illinois Urbana - Does our government consider it a fraudulent cult?

Please advise me on this matter.

Thank you very much

Sincerely,  
  
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Please send any information available.

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Honorable Charles H. Percy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Percy:

Your communication of February 9th concerning [redacted] has been received.

While I understand your constituent's concern, 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. Consequently, I cannot comment in response to the inquiry posed by [redacted]

As you requested, your enclosure is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

Enclosure  
Constituent's letter

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- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose cordial relations with Senator Percy and no record of [redacted]. Bufiles reflect that we have received information from Ron Hubbard who runs the Academy of Scientology. Hubbard's theory of "Scientology" is that this alleged science instills self-confidence and assists

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Honorable Charles H. Percy

individuals in removing mental problems and obtaining human ability. Hubbard has been described by his wife as being "hopelessly insane." (105-55601).

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February 13, 1973

Certified Mail

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Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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This letter is being written to request your immediate investigation and assistance in connection with a critical situation that involves my son, [REDACTED]. It is so critical that I am literally petrified at this point that he has been brainwashed by the "processing" he has undergone in "Scientology" to the point where he has become extremely dangerous to himself, to members of his immediate family and his friends, and eventually could become a danger to society.

Three years ago, when my son was a junior in college, he was introduced to "Scientology." He then dropped out of school and since that time has given all of the money he could earn or obtain to this organization in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. It appears that the techniques used result in self-hypnosis, and then the brainwashing procedures begin. At this point my son is concerned about his own sanity, but as a result of the conditioning through "Scientology auditing" he is so deluded that he has utter contempt for any established form of psychiatry or scientifically-endorsed approach to mental health problems. He is now convinced that the only way he can make it is through "Scientology," its founder--L. Ron Hubbard, and continued "auditing" until he reaches the state of "clear" or "thetan." If anyone interferes or tries to discourage him from continuing his "auditing," he is instructed to "disconnect" from them.

Through investigation I have located reports on "Scientology" in the American Medical Association's magazine, Today's Health, pages 34 to 39, inclusive, of the December, 1968, issue. This article is entitled "SCIENTOLOGY--Menace to Mental Health," by Ralph Lee Smith. In this article he states, "Few have heeded the warning of the American Psychological Association that Hubbard's claims are 'not supported by empirical evidence.' They ignore the statement by the late Dr. William Menninger, one of the founders of the famed Menninger Clinic, of Topeka, Kansas, that Hubbard's system and ideas 'can potentially do a great deal of harm.' "

I quote, also, from pages 37 and 38 of the above-mentioned article:

"What goes on in Scientology auditing sessions? Preclears won't tell you--they are forbidden to discuss their experience with anyone. They also are forbidden to speak any word of



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disparagement of Scientology to the press or to listen to any condemnation of the cult. If the preclear's superiors think that he is guilty of any conduct 'undertaken knowingly to suppress, reduce, or impede Scientology or Scientologists,' he may find himself labeled a P.T.S.--potential trouble source--and charged with 'high crimes.' The penalty is dismissal from Scientology. Others in Scientology, who might presumably include his friends and/or members of his family, are instructed to 'disconnect' from him.

However, the procedures used in Scientology auditing are easily obtained without imperiling any preclears. Hubbard goes into them in detail in his books.

The first step is to get a preclear 'securely under the auditor's command.' "

In spite of the action taken against this organization in some foreign countries where, I understand, it has been banned, it seems to be uncurbed in the United States. From the last paragraph of the Today's Health article, page 39, I again quote: "Before it finally goes the way of all cults, Scientology may leave behind a legacy of tragedy unmatched in the annals of fads and fallacies to mental health."

I call your attention, also, to an eleven-page article in Life Magazine November 15, 1968, issue, entitled "SCIENTOLOGY - A growing cult reaches dangerously into the mind." On page 100B of this article Alan Levy begins an account of his personal experiences. This article has the following heading: "An exploring writer becomes personally involved 'A TRUE-LIFE NIGHTMARE' by Alan Levy."

These articles in Today's Health and Life Magazine will, I am sure, convince you of the seriousness of the situation and further convince you that I am not just an overly-concerned mother.

A most serious episode occurred during the Christmas holiday season which could have had disastrous consequences. I firmly believe that my son is "hooked" and cannot get well unless he receives professional help to remove the "auditing" brainwashing now imbedded in his mind. He has not, since becoming involved with "Scientology," been able to hold a position of any kind for any length of time. He states that he is, through "Scientology," going to control his environment and everyone in it.

I have read some of the "Scientology" literature--both books authored by L. Ron Hubbard and some of the endless free literature with which my son has been bombarded. The minute, limited investigation I have been able to make of this organization has put me, at times, in a state of panic. I have seen my son's personality deteriorate and become progressively worse to the point where now there seems to be

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

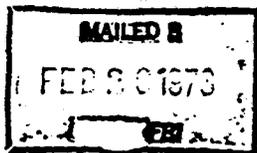
I have received your letter of February 13th and certainly understand the concern which prompted you to contact the FBI. While I do wish it were possible to be of help to you, the facts you presented do not disclose a violation of Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI and I am, therefore, unable to take the action you requested.

With regard to your request for information on Scientology, 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. I deeply regret that I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director



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Bureau files disclose no record identifiable with correspondent [REDACTED]

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NOTE: The Bureau has received information in the past from Ron Hubbard who runs the Academy of Scientology. Hubbard's theory of "Scientology" is that this alleged science instills self-confidence and assists individuals in removing mental problems and obtaining human ability. Hubbard has been described by his wife as being "hopelessly insane." (Bureau

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October 10, 1973

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Internal Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

*Handwritten initials*

Gentlemen:

Scientology, Houston  
Re: Scientology of Austin(Texas) Church

I would like to know as soon as possible if your division has any subversive information on the above referenced organizations.

The only information I have now is through the Houston Better Business Bureau who informed me that this organization sell courses of study to the public; these courses are written by a science fiction writer, and is a Science of Mental Anatomy.

I am most concerned about this as I have a nineteen year old nephew who is attending the University of [redacted] at [redacted] on a four year scholarship. My nephew came to me two days ago and asked to borrow a large amount of money to attend courses at Scientology of Austin Church. He will have to withdraw from college and lose about \$4,000.00 of the funds from his scholarship. *b7c*

I sincerely believe that the people at this so called school have brain washed this young man. They have thoroughly convinced him to give up the only financial assistance he has to finish college: his scholarship from the [redacted] in Galveston, Texas. *b7c*

It will be greatly appreciated if you will answer my letter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
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October 18, 1973

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 10th and certainly understand your concern in writing.

With respect to your request, 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. I regret we cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Based on available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Academy of Scientology has been the subject of citizen inquiries in the past. Ron Hubbard runs this Academy and his theory of "Scientology" is that this alleged science instills self-confidence and assists individuals in removing mental problems and obtaining human ability. Hubbard has been described by his wife as being "hopelessly insane." Bufile (105-55601)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Office  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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It has come to our attention that the assailant of Senator Stennis, Tyrone Marshall, and his companion, were present at Scientology and at the RAP houses on 19th St., N.W. the night of the attack. This information was disclosed in the reports of the trial, as well as the fact that the FBI had conducted an investigation of both Scientology and RAP. We would like to have access to your investigative report of both of these addresses.

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The Association is appearing as a party in two cases before the Board of Zoning Adjustment involving these two places which you have investigated, and wish to present for the record whatever facts you have developed. The first case, on Scientology, will be heard October 17, and the second, on RAP, will be heard November 14th.

We would be grateful for your assistance in these matters.

Sincerely,

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