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doors, but if they wished to obtain keys to the doors, they would be given a reasonable amount of time to do so prior to the doors being broken. [redacted] and [redacted] advised they would attempt to secure keys by calling Church officials, both on the premises and at their homes off the premises.

At 6:20 a.m., SAC LINBERG advised [redacted] and [redacted] that they would be given one hour to come up with keys to the locked doors and cabinets. Supervisor [redacted] noted the time and it was agreed that 7:30 a.m. would be the deadline for obtaining keys. Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they did not have keys to the locked first floor area but that they would make telephone calls and attempt to locate individuals who were not on the premises who would have keys to the locked area. They were told that they would have until 7:30 a.m. to locate an individual who could furnish access to the locked area.

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At 6:22 a.m., SA [redacted] furnished both [redacted] and [redacted] with a copy of the search warrant for the premises.

They were also advised that a simultaneous search was going on at the Church of Scientology premises at Fifield Manor, 5930 West Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California, as well as at the Church premises in Washington, D. C.

At about 6:25 a.m., approximately 40 individuals came down the hallway carrying large push brooms and collected in the lobby. They milled among the Agents and started to sweep the area. SAC LINBERG immediately advised [redacted] and [redacted] that the continued operation of the sweepers would interfere with the search, and SAC LINBERG ordered all but one broom sweeper to clear the area. [redacted] told the sweepers to go outside, which they did, and they continued to sweep the circular driveway in the courtyard. They were also observed to cut the grass and trim the bushes.

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At 7:00 a.m., numerous individuals carrying clipboards, cameras, and tape recorders were observed in the lobby area. They identified themselves as affiliates of the Church and stated that they were there to observe and record the Agents' conduct.

After a conference with [redacted] it was agreed that no more than three observers would be permitted during the

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search to remain in the lobby portion of the building. The remainder of the observers would have to leave the lobby and go elsewhere inside and outside the building. Throughout the entire search two to three observers were permitted to remain in the lobby.

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At 7:30 a.m., SAC LINBERG asked [redacted] and [redacted] if the keys had arrived yet. [redacted] indicated that the keys had not arrived; however, one [redacted] (phonetic), Legal Advisor, was en route to the premises with the keys. SAC LINBERG extended the 7:30 a.m. deadline to 8:00 a.m. when [redacted] advised that [redacted] would be there in ten minutes.

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At 8:00 a.m. [redacted] advised SAC LINBERG that no keys had arrived for the locked doors and the locked cabinets. [redacted] Resident Director and Trustee for the Church of Scientology, was also present and advised that he did not have any keys.

SAC LINBERG then instructed the Agents to commence entering the locked doors and locked cabinets by force.

No one identifying herself as [redacted] arrived at the premises at all during the entire period of the search.

FBI Agents, after forcing entry into the offices, immediately began conducting a search of those offices pursuant to the search warrant.

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Shortly after the search started, [redacted] and [redacted] requested to have their people present on a continuous basis to photograph and observe. After consultation with Assistant United States Attorney HENRY F. SCHUELKE, III, it was decided that [redacted] and [redacted] and two photographers could immediately go into the area and photograph and observe; however, they would not be able to remain there continuously since it would interfere with the search. It was agreed that [redacted] and [redacted] and other limited members of the Church could periodically go through the area after consulting with FBI officials.

During the duration of the search, members of the Church were permitted to conduct requested tours of the area being searched and were escorted by a Special Agent of the FBI.

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In addition, Church members were advised that in the event any of them had personal belongings that they needed in the area to be searched, they would be permitted to enter the area and remove those personal items. No requests were made by any Church members to enter the area and remove personal belongings.

Immediately upon entry to the premises, FBI Agents were posted at the gate on Catalina Street, and only those individuals connected with the Church or having business with the Church were permitted to enter.

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At 2:30 a.m., July 9, 1977, the search and the preparation of the inventory of items taken pursuant to the warrant were completed, and a copy of the inventory and a true copy of the search warrant were presented to [REDACTED] who had identified herself as being a Legal Advisor of the Church of Scientology. [REDACTED] reviewed the inventory and signed a receipt on the inventory at 2:45 a.m. The review and signature were observed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Church.

Upon completion of the signing of the inventory, the items seized pursuant to the search warrant were loaded into a truck, and at 2:54 a.m. the last Special Agents of the FBI left the premises.

Prior to the last Agent leaving the premises, the premises were cleaned by the Agents.

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b7c At approximately 6:00 a.m., SAC ELMER F. LINBERG and SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] approached the main gate of the Cedars-Sinai Complex, Catalina Street entrance. The main gate was observed to be secured with a padlock and situated in close proximity was a call button.

b7c SAC LINBERG pushed a call button located outside the gate. A male was observed to exit the Cedars-Sinai Complex and proceed toward the gate. This individual stopped a short distance from the building whereupon SAC LINBERG announced "We are the FBI and have a search warrant." This individual remained stationary and failed to indicate any reaction to this announcement. SAC LINBERG thereafter ordered SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to cut the lock off. SA [REDACTED] accomplished this function through the utilization of a bolt cutter. The gate was opened and entry was made to the grounds.

b7c SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then monitored all individuals entering the premises entering through the gate while the search was in progress.

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b7c SAs [REDACTED]
by SAC ELMER F. LINBERG 41 Date dictated 7/12/77

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Date of transcription 7/18/77

Pursuant to Federal Search Warrant, entrance was gained at approximately 6:05 a.m. to the Cedars Sinai Hospital complex located at 4833 Fountain Street. A search was made of floors 2, 3, 4, 5, and the heating and boiler room basement by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. No documents were found, nor any file cabinets located.

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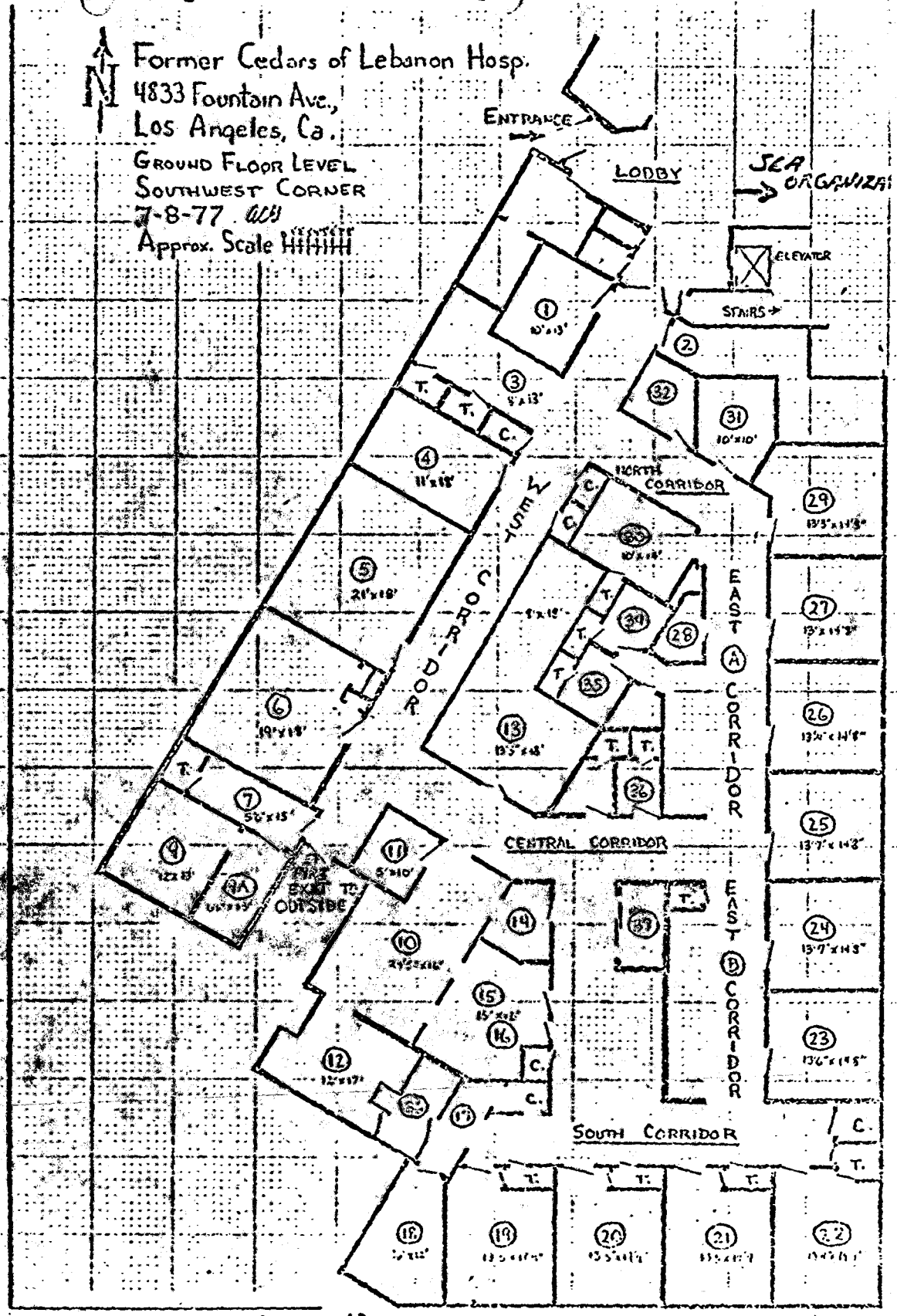
by SA [redacted] and SA 42 Date dictated 7/14/77



Former Cedars of Lebanon Hosp.
 4833 Fountain Ave.,
 Los Angeles, Ca.

GROUND FLOOR LEVEL
 SOUTHWEST CORNER
 7-8-77 *WJ*
 Approx. Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1'-0"

CATALINA



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 Fountain Ave.

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1Date of transcription 7/22/77

b7c At approximately 6:10 a.m., I was advised by SA [REDACTED] that locked offices had been located in an area directly east of the main entrance on the first floor of the Cedar-Sinai Complex, 4833 Fountain Avenue. I proceeded to the area and observed a quadrangle of approximately eight offices located in an area identified as the "Action Bureau". I was informed by SA [REDACTED] that all office doors were locked. I informed SA [REDACTED] that no locks were to be forced until after 7 a.m. and until Scientology representatives on the scene had been given the opportunity to provide keys.

b7c At approximately 7 a.m., a Scientology representative by the name of [REDACTED] appeared in the Action Bureau area with a ring of keys. [REDACTED] proceeded to open office spaces utilizing these keys, however, when she approached the last office in the quadrangle, she advised that she did not have a key for that office and did not know who did. I therefore, directed SA [REDACTED] to force the door to this office.

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by SA [REDACTED] 44 Date dictated 7/15/77

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b7c Prior to this, pursuant to Federal Search Warrant, of the Church of Scientology, 4833 Fountain Boulevard, Special Agent [REDACTED] was instructed by the search team leader to force entry to secure areas if keys were not available within two hours of the initial entry.

b7c Initial entry was at 6:00 AM, and at 8:02 AM, SA [REDACTED] forced entry into rooms numbered 6, 7, and 9A when keys were not produced and upon instructions of Special Agent [REDACTED] the on scene search team leader.

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b7c by SA [REDACTED] 45 Date dictated 7/18/77

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Prior to this search, pursuant to Federal Search Warrant, of the Church of Scientology, 4833 Fountain Boulevard, Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] were instructed by the search team leader to force entry to secure areas if keys were not available within two hours of the initial entry.

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Initial entry was at 6 a.m. and at 8:02 a.m. SAs [redacted] forced entry into the rooms numbered 4, 5, 27, 29, 31, 32, and the room not numbered designated as the locked door in the front lobby at the above location when keys were not produced, upon instructions of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] the on scene search team leader.

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b7c At approximately 2:45 AM, an inventory consisting of 453 pages, which detailed documents and evidence seized as the result of the execution of a Federal Search Warrant at the Cedar-Sinai Complex, 4833 Fountain Avenue, was presented to [REDACTED] who identified herself as a Legal Assistant to the Church of Scientology. [REDACTED] acknowledged receiving this document by affixing her signature to a receipt.

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by SA [REDACTED] 47 Date dictated 7/15/77
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