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b7C [REDACTED] who identified himself as the lawyer representing the Church of Scientology, accepted receipt of a 467 page revised inventory of documents and evidence seized as a result of a search warrant executed at the Cedars-Sinai Complex located at 4833 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood, California, on July 9, 1977. Mr. [REDACTED] accepted this inventory in the Office of Mr. RICHARD A. STILZ, Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Building, 312 North Spring Street.

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PART IV

TAFT BUILDING SEARCH

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During the execution of a Federal Search Warrant at the Scientology Office located at the Cedars-Sinai Complex, 4833 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood, California, information was developed which indicated that additional stolen government documents were stored at the Hollywood Taft Building, Suite 918, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California.

At approximately 9 p.m., July 8, 1977, I affirmed by affixing my signature to an affidavit in support of a request for a search warrant for suite 918, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California. Magistrate JAMES J. PENNE thereafter issued a search warrant for that premises.

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At approximately 9:20 p.m., July 8, 1977, Special Agent Supervisor [REDACTED] gave to Special Agent Supervisor [REDACTED] a search warrant for Suite 918, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California.

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At 9:50 p.m., a search was conducted of Suite 918, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California. Forced entry was made into the suite after it was determined that the manager, [REDACTED] was unable to open the door with her keys. She stated that apparently the locks had been changed without her knowledge or permission. Forced entry was made by the following Agents assigned to the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED] (Photographer)

Efforts were made to do as little damage as possible to the door and frame to effect entry.

Behind the main door was a small anti-room containing telephone directories. A second locked door was broken open into the main room, which was empty. No items were seized during the search.

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PART V

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

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Records, Clerk of the Court, Los Angeles District Court, as reviewed on July 12, 1977, disclosed that the Church of Scientology filed a motion on July 11, 1977, requesting the Federal search warrants executed at Scientology locations in Hollywood, California on July 8 - 9, 1977, be squashed, as they were unconstitutionally general, violated first amendment rights and the search and seizure were unreasonably general. A hearing was set for this motion for August 8, 1977, before Judge MALCOLM M. LUCAS, United States District Court.

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On July 13, 1977, inventories totaling 512 pages, and which constituted a complete accounting of all documents seized during the execution of search warrants at 4833 Fountain Avenue and 5930 West Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California on July 8 -9, 1977, were returned to Magistrate HARVEY SCHNEIDER. Lawyers for the Church of Scientology were present and argued that making public this document would be a violation of the first amendment right of freedom of religion for the Scientologists named in these inventories. Magistrate SCHNEIDER concurred and sealed the return until the legality of the search warrants could be ruled on.

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Judge MALCOLM M. LUCAS ordered on July 19, 1977, that copies of all documents with the exception of those that were sensitive and stolen which have been seized by FBI in pursuant to search warrants at Scientology locations on July 8-9, 1977, were to be returned to representatives of the Church of Scientology, as they were needed to prepare arguments for presentation on August 8, 1977.

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[REDACTED] Counselor representing the Church of Scientology, appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, and took possession, in the name of the Church, of a copy of the documents seized during a search warrant execution at the Church of Scientology. [REDACTED] acknowledged that the copy of documents transferred did not contain the material specifically exempt by the Federal court order during the document turn over. [REDACTED] acknowledged the turn-over of these documents by affixing his signature to a receipt.

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