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From things we never noticed.
The Civil Rights Commission, for inmance, put out a report the other day
saying that Mary Tyler Moore should
not call her boss "Mr. Grant." Her
deference is said to diminish all women.

The CIA, we discover, spent our money looking for the cure for hypertension. Why? Many people develop bypertension from finding out things like that. Also the CIA was trying to find the formula for a "permanent high."

So THE FBI is not alone in doing something for which there is no popular demand — or as far as anyone can see, any particular need.

It is engaged in trying to protect us from the Church of Scientology, apparently, because it is there.

The church has always excited the unfriendly interest of the government, nobody is entirely sure why. What started the FDA, the first federal agency to enlist in the 20-year crusade, was a "Dianetic" device called an "E-Meter," which Scientologists believe helps clear the soul of painful past experiences.

Whatever their beliefs, the Scientologists are tough in practice. They strike back when the feds start pushing

them around. The FBI may have met its match.

The FBI acquires documents about them. They acquire documents about the FBI. The present engagement is over whether they get them by fair means (the Freedom of Information Act), which they claim, or foul (surreptitious entry) as the FBI is charging. That's a means to which the bureau has resorted itself in times past.

Now the Scientelegists have picked up another FBI trick, or so says the FBI. They have infiltrated the FBI, and the bureau does not believe that turnabout is fair play.

How Do You go about finding out if a GMan is really an E-Man? You'd need someone who B versed in the theology of Scientology, which is not taught at Fordham, the alma mater of many of the real G-Men.

in spite of what the FBI has been doing to them, the Scientologists hold to the tenet that people are really nice deep down, once they've been metered.

If the people in the bureau think the Scientologists are ripping off the faithful by using their E-Meters, let them pause and consider the cost of psychiatry. If they think that E-Metering is dangerous, what about makehandling?

The FBI should call the men in and tell them to forget the Scientologists and go out and find Jimmy Hoffa's kidnapers.

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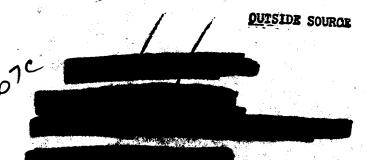


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Your communication of August 29th has been received, and I can readily understand the concern you expressed if you based it upon the belief that the FBI arbitrarily conducted a raid on a religious institution without due cause. Let me assure you that this was not the case.

Pursuant to duly authorized Federal search warrants, Special Agents of the FBI searched the premises of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., and the Los Angeles area in July, 1977. As publicly announced to the press, the search warrants were issued for the purpose of recovering stolen Government property. Our investigation of alleged violations of criminal statutes is continuing. Litigation is presently pending in Pederal courts concerning this matter and, in view of this, I am unable to comment further.

Sincerely yours MAILED 5 C M Kelley SEP 7 1977 SEP 13 1977 Clarence M. Kelley Director FBI 1 - General Government Crimes Unit - Enclosures (2) LV.M 1 - 47-56689 (SITOL)

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