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fb The enclosed editorial is not comforting to those of us who want to see the FBI engaged in really serious pursuits, such as keeping a close eye on the Russians, apprehending violent criminals, etc. **EX-110** **REC-3447-56689-218** **SEP 13 1977** **CORRESPONDENCE** **ack 9/1/77** **SEP 23 1977** **ENCLOSURE** **b7c**

gists really pull your careful attention? What harm do they do? Can't people be trusted to shop carefully for helpers in a free society? Let's leave the "thought criminals" alone.

*Sincerely,*

## World of Politics

# FBI vs. Scientology

Mary McGrory

THE FBI is determined to protect the Church of Scientology.

They will go out on the street and ask people if the Scientologists have anything for them. They'll all say no.

Government agencies often try to get us from things we never noticed. The Civil Rights Commission, for instance, put out a report the other day saying that Mary Tyler Moore should not call her boss "Mr. Grant." Her defection is said to diminish all women.

The CIA, we discover, spent our money looking for the cure for hypertension. Why? Many people develop hypertension 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 Scientologists 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 G-Man is really an E-Man? You'd need someone who is 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 snake-handling?

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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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 Federal courts concerning this matter and, in view of this, I am unable to comment further.

Sincerely yours,

C M Kelley  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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RE WFO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 17, 1977.

*b7c* ON AUGUST 17, 1977, AUSA BRIAN SHAUGHNESSY, WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT THE MOTION HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 11:30 A.M. ON AUGUST 17, 1977, WAS ACTUALLY HELD AUGUST 16, 1977, BEFORE JUDGE FRATT. A STAY WAS GRANTED UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1977. AUSA SHAUGHNESSY ADVISED THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WDC, WILL FILE A COUNTERMOTION PRIOR TO AUGUST 23, 1977. THUS, WASHINGTON FIELD WAS ADVISED TO TAKE NO ACTION REGARDING JUDGE BRYANT'S ORIGINAL ~~ORDER~~ <sup>ORDER</sup> OF AUGUST 16, 1977.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WDC, BELIEVES NO ACTION REGARDING ~~THE~~ <sup>THE</sup> ORIGINAL ORDER WILL NEED BE TAKEN THROUGH THE END OF THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22 - 26, 1977.

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