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September 19, 1977

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REGARDING ATTACHED LETTER FROM:

Mr. Hugh Wilhere

Dear Sir:

Attached is a letter recently received in this office. Please provide us with a report on this matter at your earliest convenience and return the correspondence to Senator Nelson.

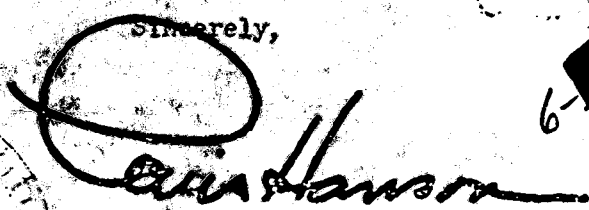
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Thank you very much for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

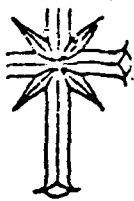


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Rev. William Francis,
Secretary

7 September 1977

Dear Sir:

Last July 8th, the Federal Bureau of Investigation raided the Los Angeles and Washington offices of the Church of Scientology, allegedly looking for stolen documents. The government claimed that the Church sent staff members into government agencies to copy documents that we were unable to obtain under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The documents that were confiscated by the FBI were FOIA documents which disclosed that the government had infiltrated the Church under cover, and the raid itself was ruled illegal and unconstitutional and the government was ordered to return the documents.

Currently, the Justice Department is carrying on an inquisition using a Grand Jury to obtain evidence for the allegations mentioned above. One of our ministers, the Reverend Arthur Maren, who just happened to be the first person present at the Los Angeles office during the raid, was served with a "John Doe" subpoena. Maren, a minister and also publisher of the Church's newspaper, exercised his First Amendment rights before the Grand Jury, and refused to give testimony or be part of the witch hunt that has been going on against our religion for over 35 days. Recently, as a last ditch attempt to have Rev. Maren break down, he was placed in solitary confinement. The reason given was "for his own protection," yet when the press began to put pressure on the Justice Department, by making inquiries into the confinement, he was immediately moved to a regular cell.

For over 25 years, the Church has been the victim of false reports throughout government files, harassment, false arrests, electronic surveillance, and infiltration. We have recently released a publication entitled The American Inquisition which outlines some of these tactics. The publication is a compilation of sample documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act from government files on the Church. The booklet itself shows a pattern of harassment that is unmistakable.

This publication is described in detail in the second of two enclosed editorials by James Kilpatrick. The first is, in addition to an excellent article, a very fair description of the events of the raid.

We have only guessed why 130 FBI agents would raid a non-violent group, with sledge hammers, crowbars, and buzz saws, ripping apart files and knocking down doors, in the largest FBI raid to date in the United States. We have been setting legal precedents under FOIA and have obtained an affidavit that the Justice Department has ordered its lawyers when fighting Scientology cases to "come back with your shields held high, or dead on them." We uncovered a massive drug smuggling ring in government that involves Interpol, and two days prior to the raid broke the story over the national wires. We have published the IRS Papers, a compilation of 200 documents which the IRS attempted to keep secret, and we were placed on the IRS Enemies List. As early as 1959, we publicly attacked a mental health bill that would permit police to arrest and send people indiscriminately to mental institutions in Alaska, and we mentioned then Vice President Nixon's name, as a supporter. Within two days of this expose, Secret Service agents came to the Church in Washington and threatened us never to use Nixon's name again in a publication.

I have also enclosed a recent article by Mary McGrory of the Washington Star, another example of editorial reaction following the raid.

We have only been able to guess so far, why the current raid and Grand Jury attack has occurred. We would greatly appreciate it if you would write to Attorney General Bell on our behalf, and ask him what the justification for this massive and overwhelming raid would be.

I'll be awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

Hugh Wilhere
Hugh Wilhere
Ministry of Public Affairs

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Honorable Gaylord Nelson
 United States Senate
 Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Nelson:

Your communication of September 19, 1977, enclosing a letter dated September 7, 1977, from Mr. Hugh Wilhere, Ministry of Public Affairs, The Founding Church of Scientology, has been referred to the FBI by the United States Department of Justice. The correspondence which you forwarded is being returned to you as you requested.

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Pursuant to Federal search warrants authorized by the appropriate United States Attorneys and issued by United States Magistrates, the FBI searched properties of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., and the Los Angeles area in July, 1977. The search warrants were issued for the purpose of recovering stolen Government property and to obtain evidence of other violations of Federal law. The United States Department of Justice investigation of alleged violations of criminal statutes is continuing.

On July 27, 1977, Chief United States District Judge William B. Bryant, United States District Court, Washington, D. C., ruled that the search warrant in question amounted to a "general warrant" and, thus, violated the guarantee of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution against unreasonable searches and seizures.

On August 22, 1977, the Solicitor General of the United States authorized the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., to enter an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. This appeal will be based in part on the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in Andresen v. Maryland, 427 U.S. 463.

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Honorable Gaylord Nelson

I am certain you appreciate that further comment on this matter would be inappropriate in view of our continuing investigation and the pendency of the search and seizure issue in the United States Court of Appeals.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

NOTE TO SAC, WFO AND SAC-CRIMINAL LOS ANGELES: This pertains to the case captioned "SITOL", WFO file 47-10713 and Los Angeles file 47-12230. This is the Bureau's reply to the enclosed letter received at FBIHQ. Insure copies of these communications are furnished to the appropriate USA in your district.

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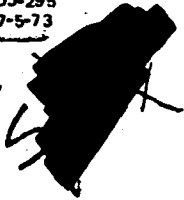
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October 7, 1977

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Honorable Patricia Schroeder
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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transcribed in FD-302 form, as all the above individuals may be required to testify in this matter.

UACB, Tampa will conduct investigation as previously set out by WFO.

THE ABOVE DEALS WITH SENSITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COS, WHICH IN THE PAST HAS ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE THE FBI. DISSEMINATION OR DISCUSSION OF THIS INFORMATION IS ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS. LEADS ARE TO BE HANDLED IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. 1) Conduct investigation previously set out by WFO.

2) Submit FD-302's on interviews of individuals described above.

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