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b7c As is readily apparent from the enclosed explanations of the personnel involved, there is no basis, in fact, for [REDACTED] claim, and it is recommended that such claim be denied.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *4/1* DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/29/77

FROM : *CEP/AL* SAC, RICHMOND (47-3535) RUC

SUBJECT: *B* SITOL

Enclosed for the Bureau is a booklet entitled, "Press View the FBI Raid" along with a cover letter and the envelope in which it was sent to the FBI at Richmond, Virginia, from the Ministry of Public Relations, United States, Church of Scientology of California, 5930 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90028.

The Richmond Division is not aware of how widely disseminated the attached booklet has been nor if FBIHQ has received a copy. Richmond is forwarding this booklet for the information of FBIHQ and whatever disposition of same they deem appropriate.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
 UNITED STATES  
 CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA  
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7 November 77

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for your information is a booklet entitled, PRESS VIEW THE FBI RAID. The booklet consists of a collection of press concerning the FBI raid upon the Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. headquarters of the Church of Scientology.

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This information is provided to your office for the purpose of having it placed in your files on the Church of Scientology.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Mark W. Fisk*

Rev. Mark W. Fisk  
 Director of Public Relations  
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# PRESS VIEW

# THE FBI RAID

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Science Center, Berkeley

## Scientologists Charge Narcotics Cover-Up

For the past three years, the Church of Scientology has filed numerous Freedom of Information suits, seeking to prove that files maintained by the FBI, CIA and other government agencies contained statements and false statements. The Church has also targeted Internal, the French based international police agency, for harassing and slandering U.S. citizens and being involved in illegal drug smuggling activities.

## The Hawaii Enterprise

## Scientology Church sues FBI over 'Gestapo-like' office raids

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The Church of Scientology in a \$7 million federal court suit, accused the FBI of "Gestapo-like" tactics in raids at the Hollywood and Washington offices that were alleged to have involved their official actions. The suit charged search and seizure and violation of Constitutional guarantees.

## Los Angeles Times

### Church Sues FBI Agents, Attorneys for \$7 Million

Scientologists Claim Raids, Seizure of Documents Were in Retaliation for Suits Against Government

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Charge FBI Raids on Church offices were part of drug

# HERALD EXAMINER

## Scientologists Charge FBI Raid to Steal Papers

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1977

WASHINGTON—The Church of Scientology, comparing raids on their offices in Washington and Los Angeles Friday to the Watergate scandal, is gearing up for a fierce battle with the federal government.

small army of FBI agents... against them. Church lawyers... means of the Freedom of Information Act, which... if the "Scientology" story were not so... Over a period of 23 years, the federal government has... a malicious... a dozen... in the attack.

Los Angeles  
The Church of Scientology, whose offices were raided by federal agents July 8 in Los Angeles and Washington, filed a \$7 million damage suit in federal court yesterday, accusing the FBI of using "Gestapo-like" tactics in the raids.

The church named as defendants two deputy U.S. attorneys and 124 FBI agents who conducted the simultaneous early morning raids in the two cities.

### Judge Calls Warrants Too Broad to Justify Seizure of Papers From Scientology Files

BY ANTHONY MARRO  
WASHINGTON, July 27—A federal judge ruled today that raids by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on two Church of Scientology offices July 8 had been conducted with improper search warrants and ordered the bureau to surrender hundreds of documents it had seized.

By Isaiah J. Poole  
WASHINGTON—The Church of Scientology, comparing raids on their offices in Washington and Los Angeles Friday to the Watergate scandal, is gearing up for a fierce battle with the federal government.

Young said, pointing to a large... Young said attorneys for the church are now in the process of determining if legal action can be taken against the FBI. Currently the religious group has a \$5 million suit pending against the FBI.

The members... when members... to supply keys... for the agents... hammers, batter... saw, power drills... force their way in.

About 20 agents... Los Angeles... "FBI, we have a... but went direct... covered by it... allowed, it said.

California

BY JOHN B. T... (UPI) The... the government wins the battles... Scientology regarding... here yesterday regarding... offices in Los Angeles and... The Rev. Jim Thompson... San Diego Church... interviewing yesterday... the church has won... churches from the... — The right to... consulting from... — Exonerat... — Administration wh... if the church or... — Access... various app... ogy, throug...

# **PRESS VIEW THE FBI RAID**

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**A collection of photographs and press  
covering the FBI raid of July 8, 1977  
on the Church of Scientology**

# INTRODUCTION

On July 8th, 1977, 134 agents of the FBI, along with two U.S. attorneys, illegally entered three locations of the Church of Scientology using chain saws, battering rams, sledgehammers and crowbars. They broke into filing cabinets and safes, and harassed Church Ministers by denying them access to areas being searched by misquoting the law. Rooms where married couples were sleeping were entered; occupied showers were entered; one Church member was injured when struck on the forehead with a clipboard by an agent.

Within hours, Church ministers were holding press conferences, planning the long involved legal strategy that would inevitably follow, and seeking a court restraining order to prevent any further illegal destruction of Church property. In the weeks that followed, the work began to pay off. Within two weeks of the raid, a federal judge in Washington, D.C., ruled that the raids were illegal, as they were based on an illegally broad search warrant, and ordered all materials seized by the FBI during the raid in Washington, D.C., impounded pending appeal. On August 8th, exactly one month after the raid, a federal judge in Los Angeles ruled that the D.C. decision applied to the Los Angeles raid. The Church meanwhile has filed two suits against the FBI, one for \$7.8 million for the Los Angeles raids, and one for \$1 million for the D.C. raid.

This incident is one in a long series of attempts by government agencies to suppress and harass the Church of Scientology. Documentation of this fact was published in a Church publication entitled *The American Inquisition*. The Church has had a suit pending against the FBI and other government agencies for \$750 million charging conspiracy and harassment based on long years of experience in dealing with these government agencies.

The Nazi mentality of this latest tactic has not gone unrecognized by the American public and the press. This booklet contains pictures taken by Church ministers during the raid as well as a chronological display of some of the press related to the raid. It shows conclusively that the American public has not lost sight of the reason people came to America over two hundred years ago—religious freedom. Religious freedom is not only guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States of America, but is vital to the survival of any freedom-loving people, as revivals of religious values are the only factor that has brought man out of the dark ages. The great civilizations of this planet have had in their culture an inherent acknowledgement of spiritual values. Attempts to deny these values have been recognized to be the last dying spasms of a doomed culture.

The Church of Scientology believes that man is basically good, and that an acknowledgement of spiritual values is vital for the survival of a race. It is towards these ends that we are stepping up our relentless campaign to halt government agency ignorance and betrayal of the Constitution of the United States.

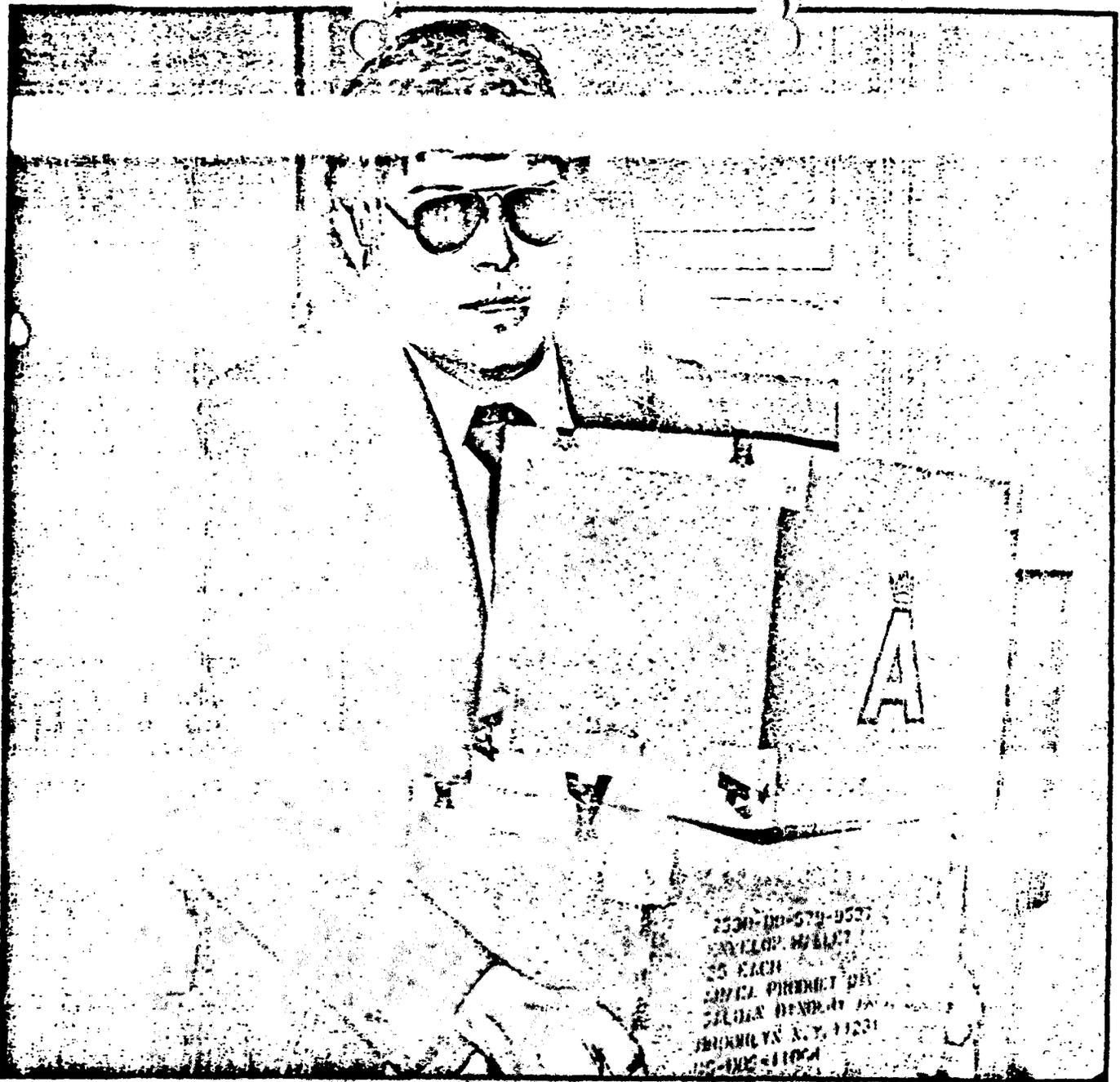
*"Look at the Scientology raid. A few more like that and we'll look like the Tuscaloosa sheriff's department."*

*Unnamed FBI agent  
Los Angeles Times  
August 28, 1977*



**"At 6 a.m. July 8, roughly 134 FBI agents simultaneously hit the Washington, D.C., Hollywood and Los Angeles offices. They descended with crowbars, battering rams, sledgehammers and power saws. They invaded living quarters where married members of the Church staff were still in bed. FBI agents brought their own stenographers, even their own typewriters. For 18 to 20 hours, they ransacked Church files, including files that deal with the Church's pending lawsuits against the government. It was gangbusters all over again."**

**(James J. Kilpatrick, August 4, 1977)**



**"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated . . ."**

**(The Fourth Amendment of the  
Constitution of the United States of America)**