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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA,)	No. C 420153
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Plaintiff,)	MEMORANDUM OF
)	INTENDED DECISION
vs.)	
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GERALD ARMSTRONG,)	
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Defendant.)	
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MARY SUE HUBBARD,)	
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Intervenor.)	
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In this matter heretofore taken under submission, the Court announces its intended decision as follows:

As to the tort causes of action, plaintiff, and plaintiff in intervention are to take nothing, and defendant is entitled to Judgment and costs.

As to the equitable actions, the court finds that neither plaintiff has clean hands, and that at least as of this time, are not entitled to the immediate return of any document or objects presently retained by the court clerk. All exhibits

1 received in evidence or marked for identification, unless
2 specifically ordered sealed¹, are matters of public record and
3 shall be available for public inspection or use to the same
4 extent that any such exhibit would be available in any other
5 lawsuit. In other words they are to be treated henceforth no
6 differently than similar exhibits in other cases in Superior
7 Court. Furthermore, the "inventory list and description," of
8 materials turned over by Armstrong's attorneys to the court,
9 shall not be considered or deemed to be confidential, private,
10 or under seal.

11 All other documents or objects presently in the possession
12 of the clerk (not marked herein as court exhibits) shall be
13 retained by the clerk, subject to the same orders as are
14 presently in effect as to sealing and inspection, until such
15 time as trial court proceedings are concluded as to the severed
16 cross complaint. For the purposes of this Judgment, conclusion
17 will occur when any motion for a new trial has been denied, or
18 the time within such a motion must be brought has expired
19 without such a motion being made. At that time, all documents
20 neither received in evidence, nor marked for identification
21 only, shall be released by the clerk to plaintiff's
22 representatives. Notwithstanding this order, the parties may
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25 1. Exhibits in evidence No. 500-40; JJJ; KKK; LLL; MMM;
26 NNN; OOO; PPP; QQQ; RRR; and 500-QQQQ.

27 Exhibits for identification only No. JJJJ; Series
28 500-DDDD, EEEE, FFFF, GGGG, HHHH, IIII, NNNH-1, OOOO, ZZZZ,
CCCC, GGGG, IIII, KKKK, LLLL, OOOO, PPPP, QQQQ, BBBB,
OOOO, BBBB.

1 at any time by written stipulation filed with the clerk obtain
2 release of any or all such unused materials.

3 Defendant and his counsel are free to speak or communicate
4 upon any of Defendant Armstrong's recollections of his life as
5 a Scientologist or the contents of any exhibit received in
6 evidence or marked for identification and not specifically
7 ordered sealed. As to all documents, and other materials held
8 under seal by the clerk, counsel and the defendant shall remain
9 subject to the same injunctions as presently exist, at least
10 until the conclusion of the proceedings on the cross complaint.
11 However, in any other legal proceedings in which defense
12 counsel, or any of them, is of record, such counsel shall have
13 the right to discuss exhibits under seal, or their contents, if
14 such is reasonably necessary and incidental to the proper
15 representation of his or her client.

16 Further, if any court of competent jurisdiction orders
17 defendant or his attorney to testify concerning the fact of any
18 such exhibit, document, object, or its contents, such testimony
19 shall be given, and no violation of this order will occur.
20 Likewise, defendant and his counsel may discuss the contents of
21 any documents under seal or of any matters as to which this
22 court has found to be privileged as between the parties hereto,
23 with any duly constituted Governmental Law Enforcement Agency
24 or submit any exhibits or declarations thereto concerning such
25 document or materials, without violating any order of this
26 court.

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1 This court will retain jurisdiction to enforce, modify,
2 alter, or terminate any injunction included within the
3 Judgment.

4 Counsel for defendant is ordered to prepare, serve, and
5 file a Judgment on the Complaint and Complaint in Intervention,
6 and Statement of Decision if timely and properly requested,
7 consistent with the court's intended decision.
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9 Discussion

10 The court has found the facts essentially as set forth in
11 defendant's trial brief, which as modified, is attached as an
12 appendix to this memorandum. In addition the court finds that
13 while working for L.R. Hubbard (hereinafter referred to as
14 LRH), the defendant also had an informal employer-employee
15 relationship with plaintiff Church, but had permission and
16 authority from plaintiffs and LRH to provide Omar Garrison with
17 every document or object that was made available to Mr.
18 Garrison, and further, had permission from Omar Garrison to
19 take and deliver to his attorneys the documents and materials
20 which were subsequently delivered to them and thenceforth into
21 the custody of the County Clerk.

22 Plaintiff Church has made out a prima facie case of
23 conversion (as bailee of the materials), breach of fiduciary
24 duty, and breach of confidence (as the former employer who
25 provided confidential materials to its then employee for
26 certain specific purposes, which the employee later used for
27 other purposes to plaintiff's detriment). Plaintiff Mary Jane
28 Hubbard has likewise made out a prima facie case of conversion

1 and invasion of privacy (misuse by a person of private matters
2 entrusted to him for certain specific purposes only).

3 While defendant has asserted various theories of defense,
4 the basic thrust of his testimony is that he did what he did,
5 because he believed that his life, physical and mental well
6 being, as well as that of his wife were threatened because the
7 organization was aware of what he knew about the life of LRH,
8 the secret machinations and financial activities of the Church,
9 and his dedication to the truth. He believed that the only way
10 he could defend himself, physically as well as from harassing
11 lawsuits, was to take from Omar Garrison those materials which
12 would support and corroborate everything that he had been
13 saying within the Church about LRH and the Church, or refute
14 the allegations made against him in the April 22 Suppressive
15 Person Declare. He believed that the only way he could be sure
16 that the documents would remain secure for his future use was
17 to send them to his attorneys, and that to protect himself, he
18 had to go public so as to minimize the risk that LRH, the
19 Church, or any of their agents would do him physical harm.

20 This conduct if reasonably believed in by defendant and
21 engaged in by him in good faith, finds support as a defense to
22 the plaintiff's charges in the Restatements of Agency, Torts,
23 and case law.

24 Restatement of Agency, Second, provides:

25 "Section 395f: An agent is privileged to reveal
26 information confidentially acquired by him in the course
27 of his agency in the protection of a superior interest of
28 himself or a third person.

1 "Section 418: An agent is privileged to protect
2 interests of his own which are superior to those of the
3 principal, even though he does so at the expense of the
4 principal's interest or in disobedience to his orders."

5 Restatement of torts, Second, section 271:

6 "One is privileged to commit an act which would
7 otherwise be a trespass to or a conversion of a chattel in
8 the possession of another, for the purpose of defending
9 himself or a third person against the other, under the
10 same conditions which would afford a privilege to inflict
11 harmful or offensive contact upon the other for the same
12 purpose."

13 The Restatement of Torts, Second, section 652a, as well as
14 case law, make it clear that not all invasions of privacy are
15 unlawful or tortious. It is only when the invasion is
16 unreasonable that it becomes actionable. Hence, the trier of
17 fact must engage in a balancing test, weighing the nature and
18 extent of the invasion, as against the purported justification
19 therefore to determine whether in a given case, the particular
20 invasion or intrusion was unreasonable.

21 In addition the defendant has asserted as a defense the
22 principal involved in the case of Willig v. Gold, 75
23 Cal.App.2d, 809, 814, which holds that an agent has a right or
24 privilege to disclose his principal's dishonest acts to the
25 party prejudicially affected by them.

26 Plaintiff Church has asserted and obviously has certain
27 rights arising out of the First Amendment. Thus, the court
28 cannot, and has not, inquired into or attempted to evaluate the

1 merits, accuracy, or truthfulness of Scientology or any of its
2 precepts as a religion. First Amendment rights, however,
3 cannot be utilized by the Church or its members, as a sword to
4 preclude the defendant, whom the Church is suing, from
5 defending himself. Therefore, the actual practices of the
6 Church or its members, as it relates to the reasonableness of
7 the defendant's conduct and his state of mind are relevant,
8 admissible, and have been considered by the court.

9 As indicated by its factual findings, the court finds the
10 testimony of Gerald and Jocelyn Armstrong, Laurel Sullivan,
11 Nancy Dincalcis, Edward Walters, Omar Garrison, Kima Douglas,
12 and Howard Schomer to be credible, extremely persuasive, and
13 the defense of privilege or justification established and
14 corroborated by this evidence. Obviously, there are some
15 discrepancies or variations in recollections, but these are the
16 normal problems which arise from lapse of time, or from
17 different people viewing matters or events from different
18 perspectives. In all critical and important matters, their
19 testimony was precise, accurate, and rang true. The picture
20 painted by these former dedicated Scientologists, all of whom
21 were intimately involved with LRH, or Mary Jane Hubbard, or of
22 the Scientology Organization, is on the one hand pathetic, and
23 on the other, outrageous. Each of these persons literally gave
24 years of his or her respective life in support of a man, LRH,
25 and his ideas. Each has manifested a waste and loss or
26 frustration which is incapable of description. Each has broken
27 with the movement for a variety of reasons, but at the same
28 time, each is, still bound by the knowledge that the Church has

1 in its possession his or her most inner thoughts and
2 confessions, all recorded in "pre-clear (P.C.) folders" or
3 other security files of the organization, and that the Church
4 or its minions is fully capable of intimidation or other
5 physical or psychological abuse if it suits their ends. The
6 record is replete with evidence of such abuse.

7 In 1970 a police agency of the French Government conducted
8 an investigation into Scientology and concluded, "this sect,
9 under the pretext of 'freeing humans' is nothing in reality but
10 a vast enterprise to extract the maximum amount of money from
11 its adepts by (use of) pseudo-scientific theories, by (use of)
12 'auditions' and 'stage settings' (lit. to create a theatrical
13 scene') pushed to extremes (a machine to detect lies, its own
14 particular phraseology . . .), to estrange adepts from their
15 families and to exercise a kind of blackmail against persons
16 who do not wish to continue with this sect."² From the
17 evidence presented to this court in 1984, at the very least,
18 similar conclusions can be drawn. In addition to violating and
19 abusing its own members civil rights, the organization over the
20 years with its "Fair Game" doctrine has harassed and abused
21 those persons not in the Church whom it perceives as enemies.
22 The organization clearly is schizophrenic and paranoid, and
23 this bizarre combination seems to be a reflection of its
24 founder LRH. The evidence portrays a man who has been
25 virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history,
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28 2. Exhibit 500-HHHHH.

1 background, and achievements. The writings and documents in
2 evidence additionally reflect his egoism, greed, avarice, lust
3 for power, and vindictiveness and aggressiveness against
4 persons perceived by him to be disloyal or hostile. At the
5 same time it appears that he is charismatic and highly capable
6 of motivating, organizing, controlling, manipulating, and
7 inspiring his adherents. He has been referred to during the
8 trial as a "genius," a "revered person," a man who was "viewed
9 by his followers in awe." Obviously, he is and has been a very
10 complex person, and that complexity is further reflected in his
11 alter ego, the Church of Scientology. Notwithstanding
12 protestations to the contrary, this court is satisfied that LRH
13 runs the Church in all ways through the Sea Organization, his
14 role of Commodore, and the Commodore's Messengers.³ He has, of
15 course, chosen to go into "seclusion," but he maintains contact
16 and control through the top messengers. Seclusion has its
17 light and dark side too. It adds to his mystique, and yet
18 shields him from accountability and subpoena or service of
19 summons.

20 LRH's wife, Mary Sue Hubbard is also a plaintiff herein.
21 On the one hand she certainly appeared to be a pathetic
22 individual. She was forced from her post as Controller,
23 convicted and imprisoned as a felon, and deserted by her
24 husband. On the other hand her credibility leaves much to be
25 desired. She struck the familiar pose of not seeing, hearing,
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27 3. See Exhibit K: Flag Order 3729 - 15 September 1978
28 "Commodore's Messengers."

1 or knowing any evil. Yet she was the head of the Guardian
2 Office for years and among other things, authored the infamous
3 order "GO 121669"⁴ which directed culling of supposedly
4 confidential P.C. files/folders for purposes of internal
5 security. In her testimony she expressed the feeling that
6 defendant by delivering the documents, writings, letters to his
7 attorneys, subjected her to mental rape. The evidence is clear
8 and the court finds that defendant and Omar Garrison had
9 permission to utilize these documents for the purpose of
10 Garrison's proposed biography. The only other persons who were
11 shown any of the documents were defendant's attorneys, the
12 Douglasses, the Dincalcis, and apparently some documents
13 specifically affecting LRH's son "Nibs," were shown to "Nibs."
14 The Douglasses and Dincalcises were disaffected Scientologists
15 who had a concern for their own safety and mental security, and
16 were much in the same situation as defendant. They had not
17 been declared as suppressive, but Scientology had their P.C.
18 folders, as well as other confessions, and they were extremely
19 apprehensive. They did not see very many of the documents, and
20 it is not entirely clear which they saw. At any rate Mary Sue
21 Hubbard did not appear to be so much distressed by this fact,
22 as by the fact that Armstrong had given the documents to
23 Michael Flynn, whom the Church considered its foremost
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28 4. Exhibit AAA.


1 lawyer-enemy.⁵ However, just as the plaintiffs have First
2 Amendment rights, the defendant has a Constitutional right to
3 an attorney of his own choosing. In legal contemplation the
4 fact that defendant selected Mr. Flynn rather than some other
5 lawyer cannot by itself be tortious. In determining whether
6 the defendant unreasonably invaded Mrs. Hubbard's privacy, the
7 court is satisfied the invasion was slight, and the reasons and
8 justification for defendant's conduct manifest. Defendant was
9 told by Scientology to get an attorney. He was declared an
10 enemy by the Church. He believed, reasonably, that he was
11 subject to "fair game." The only way he could defend himself,
12 his integrity, and his wife was to take that which was
13 available to him and place it in a safe harbor, to wit, his
14 lawyer's custody. He may have engaged in overkill, in the
15 sense that he took voluminous materials, some of which appear
16 only marginally relevant to his defense. But he was not a
17 lawyer and cannot be held to that precise standard of judgment.
18 Further, at the time that he was accumulating the material, he
19 was terrified and undergoing severe emotional turmoil. The
20 court is satisfied that he did not unreasonably intrude upon
21 Mrs. Hubbard's privacy under the circumstances by in effect
22 simply making his knowledge that of his attorneys. It is, of
23 course, rather ironic that the person who authorized G.O. order
24 121669 should complain about an invasion of privacy. The
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26 5. "No, I think my emotional distress and upset is the
27 fact that someone took papers and materials without my
28 authorization and then gave them to your Mr. Flynn."
Reporter's Transcript, p. 1006.

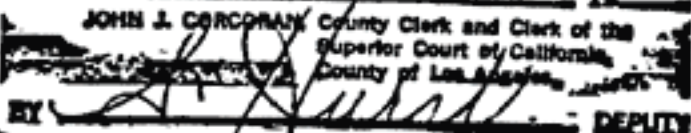
1 practice of culling supposedly confidential "P.C. folders or
2 files" to obtain information for purposes of intimidation
3 and/or harassment is repugnant and outrageous. The Guardian's
4 Office, which plaintiff headed, was no respecter of anyone's
5 civil rights, particularly that of privacy. Plaintiff Mary Sue
6 Hubbard's cause of action for conversion must fail for the same
7 reason as plaintiff Church. The documents were all together in
8 Omar Garrison's possession. There was no rational way the
9 defendant could make any distinction.

10 Insofar as the return of documents is concerned, matters
11 which are still under seal may have evidentiary value in the
12 trial of the cross complaint or in other third party
13 litigation. By the time that proceedings on the cross
14 complaint are concluded, the court's present feeling is that
15 those documents or objects not used by that time should be
16 returned to plaintiff. However, the court will reserve
17 jurisdiction to reconsider that should circumstances warrant.

18 Dated: June 10, 1984

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21 PAUL G. BRECKENRIDGE, JR.
22 Judge of the Superior Court

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24 THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS AT-
25 TACHED IS A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE
26 ORIGINAL ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE.

27 ATTEST AUG 8 1984 19
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2 Appendix

3 Defendant Armstrong was involved with Scientology from
4 1969 through 1981, a period spanning 12 years. During that
5 time he was a dedicated and devoted member who revered the
6 founder, L. Ron Hubbard. There was little that Defendant
7 Armstrong would not do for Hubbard or the Organization. He
8 gave up formal education, one-third of his life, money and
9 anything he could give in order to further the goals of
10 Scientology, goals he believed were based upon the truth,
11 honesty, integrity of Hubbard and the Organization.

12 From 1971 through 1981, Defendant Armstrong was a member
13 of the Sea Organization, a group of highly trained
14 scientologists who were considered the upper echelon of the
15 Scientology organization. During those years he was placed in
16 various locations, but it was never made clear to him exactly
17 which Scientology corporation he was working for. Defendant
18 Armstrong understood that, ultimately, he was working for L.
19 Ron Hubbard, who controlled all Scientology finances,
20 personnel, and operations while Defendant was in the Sea
21 Organization.

22 Beginning in 1979 Defendant Armstrong resided at Gilman
23 Hot Springs, California, in Hubbard's "Household Unit." The
24 Household Unit took care of the personal wishes and needs of
25 Hubbard at many levels. Defendant Armstrong acted as the L.
26 Ron Hubbard Renovations In-Charge and was responsible for
27 renovations, decoration, and maintenance of Hubbard's home and
28 office at Gilman Hot Springs.

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1 In January of 1980 there was an announcement of a possible
2 raid to be made by the FBI or other law enforcement agencies of
3 the property. Everyone on the property was required by
4 Hubbard's representatives, the Commodore's Messengers, to go
5 through all documents located on the property and "vet" or
6 destroy anything which showed that Hubbard controlled
7 Scientology organizations, retained financial control, or was
8 issuing orders to people at Gilman Hot Springs.

9 A commercial paper shredder was rented and operated day
10 and night for two weeks to destroy hundreds of thousands of
11 pages of documents.

12 During the period of shredding, Brenda Black, the
13 individual responsible for storage of Hubbard's personal
14 belongings at Gilman Hot Springs, came to Defendant Armstrong
15 with a box of documents and asked whether they were to be
16 shredded. Defendant Armstrong reviewed the documents and found
17 that they consisted of a wide variety of documents including
18 Hubbard's personal papers, diaries, and other writings from a
19 time before he started Dianetics in 1950, together with
20 documents belonging to third persons which had apparently been
21 stolen by Hubbard or his agents. Defendant Armstrong took the
22 documents from Ms. Black and placed them in a safe location on
23 the property. He then searched for and located another twenty
24 or more boxes containing similar materials, which were poorly
25 maintained.

26 On January 8, 1980, Defendant Armstrong wrote a petition
27 to Hubbard requesting his permission to perform the research
28 for a biography to be done about his life. The petition states

1 that Defendant Armstrong had located the subject materials and
2 lists of a number of activities he wished to perform in
3 connection with the biography research.

4 Hubbard approved the petition, and Defendant Armstrong
5 became the L. Ron Hubbard Personal Relations Officer Researcher
6 (PPRO Res). Defendant claims that this petition and its
7 approval forms the basis for a contract between Defendant and
8 Hubbard. Defendant Armstrong's supervisor was then Laurel
9 Sullivan, L. Ron Hubbard's Personal Public Relations Officer.

10 During the first part of 1980, Defendant Armstrong moved
11 all of the L. Ron Hubbard Archives materials he had located at
12 Gilman Hot Springs to an office in the Church of Scientology
13 Cedars Complex in Los Angeles. These materials comprised
14 approximately six file cabinets. Defendant Armstrong had
15 located himself in the Cedars Complex, because he was also
16 involved in "Mission Corporate Category Sort-Out," a mission to
17 work out legal strategy. Defendant Armstrong was involved with
18 this mission until June of 1980.

19 It was also during this early part of 1980 that Hubbard
20 left the location in Gilman Hot Springs, California, and went
21 into hiding. Although Defendant Armstrong was advised by
22 Laurel Sullivan that no one could communicate with Hubbard,
23 Defendant Armstrong knew that the ability for communication
24 existed, because he had forwarded materials to Hubbard at his
25 request in mid-1980.

26 Because of this purported inability to communicate with
27 Hubbard, Defendant Armstrong's request to purchase biographical
28 materials of Hubbard from people who offered them for sale went

1 to the Commodore's Messenger Organization, the personal
2 representatives of Hubbard.

3 In June of 1980 Defendant Armstrong became involved in the
4 selection of a writer for the Hubbard biography. Defendant
5 Armstrong learned that Hubbard had approved of a biography
6 proposal prepared by Omar Garrison, a writer who was not a
7 member of Scientology. Defendant Armstrong had meetings with
8 Mr. Garrison regarding the writing of the biography and what
9 documentation and assistance would be made available to him.
10 As understood by Mr. Garrison, Defendant Armstrong represented
11 Hubbard in these discussions.

12 Mr. Garrison was advised that the research material he
13 would have at his disposal were Hubbard's personal archives.
14 Mr. Garrison would only undertake a writing of the biography if
15 the materials provided to him were from Hubbard's personal
16 archives, and only if his manuscript was subject to the
17 approval of Hubbard himself.

18 In October of 1980 Mr. Garrison came to Los Angeles and
19 was toured through the Hubbard archives materials that
20 Defendant Armstrong had assembled up to that time. This was an
21 important "selling point" in obtaining Mr. Garrison's agreement
22 to write the biography. On October 30, 1980, an agreement was
23 entered into between Ralston-Pilot, ncv. F/S/O Omar V.
24 Garrison, and AOSH DK Publications of Copenhagen, Denmark, for
25 the writing of a biography of Hubbard.

26 Paragraph 10B of the agreement states that:

27 "Publisher shall use its best efforts to provide
28 Author with an office, an officer assistant and/or

1 research assistant, office supplies and any needed
2 archival and interview materials in connection with
3 the writing of the Work."

4 The "research assistant" provided to Mr. Garrison was
5 Defendant Armstrong.

6 During 1980 Defendant Armstrong exchanged correspondence
7 with Intervenor regarding the biography project. Following his
8 approval by Hubbard as biography researcher, Defendant
9 Armstrong wrote to Intervenor on February 5, 1980, advising her
10 of the scope of the project. In the letter Defendant stated
11 that he had found documents which included Hubbard's diary from
12 his Orient trip, poems, essays from his youth, and several
13 personal letters, as well as other things.

14 By letter of February 11, 1980, Intervenor responded to
15 Defendant, acknowledging that he would be carrying out the
16 duties of Biography Researcher.

17 On October 14, 1980, Defendant Armstrong again wrote to
18 Intervenor, updating her on "Archives materials" and proposing
19 certain guidelines for the handling of those materials.

20 It was Intervenor who, in early 1981, ordered certain
21 biographical materials from "Controller Archives" to be
22 delivered to Defendant Armstrong. These materials consisted of
23 several letters written by Hubbard in the 1920's and 1930's,
24 Hubbard's Boy Scout books and materials, several old Hubbard
25 family photographs, a diary kept by Hubbard in his youth, and
26 several other items.

27 Defendant Armstrong received these materials upon the
28 order of Intervenor, following his letter of October 15, 1980,

1 to her in which Defendant stated, at page 7, that there were
2 materials in the "Controller Archives" that would be helpful to
3 him in the biography research.

4 After these materials were delivered to Defendant
5 Armstrong, Intervenor was removed from her Scientology position
6 of Controller in 1981, presumably because of her conviction for
7 the felony of obstruction of justice in connection with the
8 theft of Scientology documents from various government offices
9 and agencies in Washington, D.C.

10 During the time Defendant Armstrong worked on the
11 biography project and acted as Hubbard Archivist, there was
12 never any mention that he was not to be dealing with Hubbard's
13 personal documents or that the delivery of those documents to
14 Mr. Garrison was not authorized.

15 For the first year or more of the Hubbard biography and
16 archive project, funding came from Hubbard's personal staff
17 unit at Gilman Hot Springs, California. In early 1981,
18 however, Defendant Armstrong's supervisor, Laurel Sullivan,
19 ordered him to request that funding come from what was known as
20 SEA Org Reserves. Approval for this change in funding came
21 from the SEA Org Reserves Chief and Watch Dog Committee, the
22 top Commodores Messenger Organization unit, who were Hubbard's
23 personal representatives.

24 From November of 1980 through 1981, Defendant Armstrong
25 worked closely with Mr. Garrison, assembling Hubbard's archives
26 into logical categories, copying them and arranging the copies
27 of the Archives materials into bound volumes. Defendant
28 Armstrong made two copies of almost all documents copied for

1 Mr. Garrison - one for Mr. Garrison and the other to remain in
2 Hubbard Archives for reference or recopying. Defendant
3 Armstrong created approximately 400 binders of documents. The
4 vast majority of the documents for Mr. Garrison came from
5 Hubbard's personal Archives, of which Defendant Armstrong was
6 in charge. Materials which came from other Archives, such as
7 the Controller Archives, were provided to Defendant Armstrong
8 by Scientology staff members who had these documents in their
9 care.

10 It was not until late 1981 that Plaintiff was to provide a
11 person to assist on the biography project by providing Mr.
12 Garrison with "Guardian Office" materials, otherwise described
13 as technical materials relating to the operation of
14 Scientology. The individual appointed for this task was Vaughn
15 Young. Controller Archives and Guardian Office Archives had no
16 connection to the Hubbard Archives, which Defendant Armstrong
17 created and maintained as Hubbard's personal materials.

18 In addition to the assemblage of Hubbard's Archives,
19 Defendant Armstrong worked continually on researching and
20 assembling materials concerning Hubbard by interviewing dozens
21 of individuals, including Hubbard's living aunt, uncle, and
22 four cousins. Defendant Armstrong did a geneology study of
23 Hubbard's family and collected, assembled, and read hundreds of
24 thousands of pages of documentation in Hubbard's Archives.

25 During 1980 Defendant Armstrong remained convinced of
26 Hubbard's honesty and integrity and believed that the
27 representations he had made about himself in various
28 publications were truthful. Defendant Armstrong was devoted to

1 Hubbard and was convinced that any information which he
2 discovered to be unflattering of Hubbard or contradictory to
3 what Hubbard has said about himself, was a lie being spread by
4 Hubbard's enemies. Even when Defendant Armstrong located
5 documents in Hubbard's Archives which indicated that
6 representations made by Hubbard and the Organization were
7 untrue, Defendant Armstrong would find some means to "explain
8 away" the contradictory information.

9 Slowly, however, throughout 1981, Defendant Armstrong
10 began to see that Hubbard and the Organization had continuously
11 lied about Hubbard's past, his credentials, and his
12 accomplishments. Defendant Armstrong believed, in good faith,
13 that the only means by which Scientology could succeed in what
14 Defendant Armstrong believed was its goal of creating an
15 ethical environment on earth, and the only way Hubbard could be
16 free of his critics, would be for Hubbard and the Organization
17 to discontinue the lies about Hubbard's past, his credentials,
18 and accomplishments. Defendant Armstrong resisted any public
19 relations piece or announcement about Hubbard which the L. Ron
20 Hubbard Public Relations Bureau proposed for publication which
21 was not factual. Defendant Armstrong attempted to change and
22 make accurate the various "about the author" sections in
23 Scientology books, and further, Defendant rewrote or critiqued
24 several of these and other publications for the L. Ron Hubbard
25 Public Relations Bureau and various Scientology Organizations.
26 Defendant Armstrong believed and desired that the Scientology
27 Organization and its leader discontinue the perpetration of the

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1 massive fraud upon the innocent followers of Scientology, and
2 the public at large.

3 Because of Defendant Armstrong's actions, in late November
4 of 1981, Defendant was requested to come to Gilman Hot Springs
5 by Commodore Messenger Organization Executive, Cirrus Slevin.
6 Defendant Armstrong was ordered to undergo a "security check,"
7 which involved Defendant Armstrong's interrogation while
8 connected to a crude Scientology lie detector machine called an
9 E-meter.

10 The Organization wished to determine what materials
11 Defendant Armstrong had provided to Omar Garrison. Defendant
12 Armstrong was struck by the realization that the Organization
13 would not work with him to correct the numerous fraudulent
14 representations made to followers of Scientology and the public
15 about L. Ron Hubbard and the Organization itself. Defendant
16 Armstrong, who, for twelve years of his life, had placed his
17 complete and full trust in Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and the
18 Scientology Organization, saw that his trust had no meaning and
19 that the massive frauds perpetrated about Hubbard's past,
20 credentials, and accomplishments would continue to be spread.

21 Less than three weeks before Defendant Armstrong left
22 Scientology, he wrote a letter to Cirrus Slevin on November 25,
23 1981, in which it is clear that his intentions in airing the
24 inaccuracies, falsehoods, and frauds regarding Hubbard were
25 done in good faith. In his letter he stated as follows:

26 "If we present inaccuracies, hyperbole
27 or downright lies as fact or truth, it
28 doesn't matter what slant we give them, if

1 disproved the man will look, to outsiders
2 at least, like a charlatan. This is what
3 I'm trying to prevent and what I've been
4 working on the past year and a half.

5 . . .

6 "and that is why I said to Norman that
7 it is up to us to insure that everything
8 which goes out about LRH is one hundred
9 percent accurate. That is not to say that
10 opinions can't be voiced, they can. And
11 they can contain all the hype you want.
12 But they should not be construed as facts.
13 And anything stated as a fact should be
14 documentable.

15 "we are in a period when
16 'investigative reporting' is popular, and
17 when there is relatively easy access to
18 documentation on a person. We can't delude
19 ourselves I believe, if we want to gain
20 public acceptance and cause some betterment
21 in society, that we can get away with
22 statements, the validity of which we don't
23 know.

24 "The real disservice to LRH, and the
25 ultimate make-wrong is to go on assuming
26 that everything he's ever written or said
27 is one hundred percent accurate and publish
28 it as such without verifying it. I'm

1 talking here about biographical or
2 non-technical writings. This only leads,
3 should any of his statements turn out to be
4 inaccurate, to a make-wrong of him, and
5 consequently his technology.

6 "That's what I'm trying to remedy and
7 prevent.

8 . . .

9 "To say that LRH is not capable of
10 hype, errors or lies is certainly [^]sic; not
11 granting him much of a beingness. To
12 continue on with the line that he has never
13 erred nor lied is counterproductive. It is
14 an unreal attitude and too far removed from
15 both the reality and people in general that
16 it would widen public unacceptance.

17 . . .

18 ". . . That is why I feel the
19 falsities must be corrected, and why we
20 must verify our facts and present them in a
21 favorable light."

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23 The remainder of the letter contains examples of facts
24 about Hubbard which Defendant Armstrong found to be wholly
25 untrue or inaccurate and which were represented as true by the
26 Hubbards and the Scientology Organization.

27 In December of 1981 Defendant Armstrong made the decision
28 to leave the Church of Scientology. In order to continue in

1 his commitment to Hubbard and Mr. Garrison in the biography
2 project, he copied a large quantity of documents, which Mr.
3 Garrison had requested or which would be useful to him for the
4 biography. Defendant Armstrong delivered all of this material
5 to Mr. Garrison the date he left the SEA Organization and kept
6 nothing in his possession.

7 Thereafter, Defendant Armstrong maintained friendly
8 relations with Hubbard's representatives by returning to the
9 Archives office and discussing the various categories of
10 materials. In fact on February 24, 1982, Defendant Armstrong
11 wrote to Vaughn Young, regarding certain materials Mr. Young
12 was unable to locate for Omar Garrison.

13 After this letter was written, Defendant Armstrong went to
14 the Archives office and located certain materials Mr. Garrison
15 had wanted which Hubbard representatives claimed they could not
16 locate.

17 At the time Defendant Armstrong left the SEA Organization,
18 he was disappointed with Scientology and Hubbard, and also felt
19 deceived by them. However, Defendant Armstrong felt he had no
20 enemies and felt no ill will toward anyone in the Organization
21 or Hubbard, but still believed that a truthful biography should
22 be written.

23 After leaving the SEA Organization, Defendant ARMstrong
24 continued to assist Mr. Garrison with the Hubbard biography
25 project. In the spring of 1982, Defendant Armstrong at Mr.
26 Garrison's request, transcribed some of his interview tapes,
27 copied some of the documentation he had, and assembled several
28 more binders of copied materials. Defendant Armstrong also set

1 up shelves for Mr. Garrison for all the biography research
2 materials, worked on a cross-reference systems, and continued
3 to do library research for the biography.

4 On February 18, 1982, the Church of Scientology
5 International issued a "Suppressive Person Declare Gerry
6 Armstrong," which is an official Scientology document issued
7 against individuals who are considered as enemies of the
8 Organization. Said Suppressive Person Declare charged that
9 Defendant Armstrong had taken an unauthorized leave and that he
10 was spreading destructive rumors about Senior Scientologists.

11 Defendant Armstrong was unaware of said Suppressive Person
12 Declare until April of 1982. At that time a revised Declare
13 was issued on April 22, 1982. Said Declare charged Defendant
14 Armstrong with 18 different "Crimes and High Crimes and
15 Suppressive Acts Against the Church." The charges included
16 theft, juggling accounts, obtaining loans on money under false
17 pretenses, promulgating false information about the Church,
18 its founder, and members, and other untruthful allegations
19 designed to make Defendant Armstrong an appropriate subject of
20 the Scientology "Fair Game Doctrine." Said Doctrine allows any
21 suppressive person to be "tricked, cheated, lied to, sued, or
22 destroyed."

23 The second declare was issued shortly after Defendant
24 Armstrong attempted to sell photographs of his wedding on board
25 Hubbard's ship (in which Hubbard appears), and photographs
26 belonging to some of his friends, which also included photos of
27 L.R. Hubbard while in seclusion. Although Defendant Armstrong
28 delivered the photographs to a Virgil Wilhite for sale, he

1 never received payment or return of his friend's photographs.
2 When he became aware that the Church had these photographs, he
3 went to the Organization to request their return. A loud and
4 boisterous argument ensued, and he eventually was told to leave
5 the premises and get an attorney.

6 From his extensive knowledge of the covert and
7 intelligence operations carried out by the Church of
8 Scientology of California against its enemies (suppressive
9 persons), Defendant Armstrong became terrified and feared that
10 his life and the life of his wife were in danger, and he also
11 feared he would be the target of costly and harassing lawsuits.
12 In addition, Mr. Garrison became afraid for the security of the
13 documents and believed that the intelligence network of the
14 Church of Scientology would break and enter his home to
15 retrieve them. Thus, Defendant Armstrong made copies of
16 certain documents for Mr. Garrison and maintained them in a
17 separate location.

18 It was thereafter, in the summer of 1982, that Defendant
19 Armstrong asked Mr. Garrison for copies of documents to use in
20 his defense and sent the documents to his attorneys, Michael
21 Flynn and Contos & Bunch.

22 After the within suit was filed on August 2, 1982,
23 Defendant Armstrong was the subject of harassment, including
24 being followed and surveilled by individuals who admitted
25 employment by Plaintiff; being assaulted by one of these
26 individuals; being struck bodily by a car driven by one of
27 these individuals; having two attempts made by said individuals
28 apparently to involve Defendant Armstrong in a freeway

1 automobile accident; having said individuals come onto
2 Defendant Armstrong's property, spy in his windows, create
3 disturbances, and upset his neighbors. During trial when it
4 appeared that Howard Schomer (a former Scientologist) might be
5 called as a defense witness, the Church engaged in a somewhat
6 sophisticated effort to suppress his testimony. It is not
7 clear how the Church became aware of defense intentions to call
8 Mr. Schomer as a witness, but it is abundantly clear they
9 sought to entice him back into the fold and prevent his
10 testimony.