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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would be so appreciative if you would take time from your many important duties to reply to this letter.

There is a man named "Sam" [redacted] (I do not know the full name, but he also uses a first-name [redacted].) purported to be head of a psycho-political group from Los Angeles which has recently been set up as a church. [redacted] July he is supposed to have gone to Washington, D.C. [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, to open an office "at the foot of the [redacted]" (quotes are from the person who told me about him) claim to be a consultant of the F.B.I. The group has units in Elgin, Illinois, Los Angeles and Phoenix, and I have heard one is to be started in Denver, Colorado.

They claim to be fighting a Russian attempt to drive important and key people in the United States insane. They have "students" who "audit" other people in restaurants, bars and other public places where they might get acquainted, to find out whether or not this person has yet been driven insane by Russian agents. They fear that such people as dentists can purposely drive patients insane while under anesthetics.

It has occurred to me with horror that this might be not only a crackpot organization but it might even be Communist (rather than save other people from going insane) to drive their so-called "patients" insane and through them their friends and family.

This group in Los Angeles dabbles in dianetics but from their speech reports they seem to give the patients other odd ideas such as a theory about the soul hopping from the body of a dead person into the body of a newly born baby. 7-26034

This organization has adversely affected two people I know, and I would be tremendously grateful to know whether or not they are legitimate. All I ask is that you please tell me whether or not they are trusted consultants of the F.B.I. If they are doing any service for the country I would of course be satisfied and would stop worrying about by my friends.

Thanking you in advance for a reply,

Sincerely yours,

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