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1 - Mr. Simpson

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December 31, 1959

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked December 24, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Phoenix (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, PHOENIX

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

While the Bureau has conducted no investigation of the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International, Bufiles reveal numerous complaints and inquiries concerning L. Ron Hubbard and the various organizations with which he is associated. The above organization has headquarters at 1812 19th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and

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allegedly advances a new method of curing mental illness known as "Dianetics." The April 24, 1951, issue of the "Times-Herald," Washington, D. C., revealed that Hubbard's wife charged in a divorce suit that he was "hopelessly insane" and had subjected her to "scientific torture experiments." According to the article, "competent medical advisors recommended that Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as paranoid schizophrenia." (62-94080)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested to be advised if the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International has a clean slate as far as the FBI is concerned. She advised that she and her husband have become interested in the group and plan to become members; however, they do not wish to become connected with an organization which may in the future damage their family, business and reputation. She requested a reply prior to 1-14-60 on which date the next meeting of the group is scheduled in Tucson.

Reference is made to postmark date since incoming dated 12-22-60.