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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: HUBBARD DIANETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 23, 1951, Mrs. LUCILE MAUERER, 6333 North Hermitage, Chicago, and R. ROSS LAMAREAU, 111 E. Oak, Chicago, were interviewed as complainants concerning the possible use of captioned organization and individuals connected with it, for influencing patients to join the CP.

MAUERER and LAMAREAU advised that the captioned organization has headquarters in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was founded by LAFAYETTE RON HUBBARD about two years ago. It has branches in Chicago and Los Angeles. They explained that the foundation's function is to treat by means of "psycho-therapy" and added that the treatment has been extremely successful. The treatment is administered by "auditors", trained by the Hubbard Foundation, who have audiences with the patients over a period of time. These audiences continue for from two to six hours. Complainants were of the opinion that the "auditors" become influential with the patients especially when the treatment is successful and opinioned that if the "auditors" are communists they could conceivably influence the patients along communist lines.

The Chicago Foundation is directed by FRED LEO WEST who came to Chicago from St. Joseph, Michigan in August, 1950. On March 22, 1951, the Chicago Foundation personnel had a meeting called for the purpose of deciding on whether or not the personnel should sign loyalty oaths as required by the National Office. In the presence of 12 people, WEST said that he is a Communist but is not active at present, that he has not

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- 2cc: Los Angeles
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