

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Ingram
1 - Mr. E. X. O'Brien
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August 10, 1977

Your communication to President Carter dated July 18, 1977, was referred to the FBI on August 1, 1977, for acknowledgment.

The FBI remains dedicated to upholding the laws of the United States and the rights of the people guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America.

Pursuant to Federal search warrants authorized by the appropriate United States Attorneys and issued by United States Magistrates, Special Agents of the FBI searched the premises of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., and the Los Angeles area in July, 1977. As publicly announced to the press, the search warrants were issued for the purpose of recovering stolen Government property. Our investigation of alleged violations of criminal statutes is continuing. Litigation is presently pending in Federal courts concerning this matter and in view of this, I am unable to comment further.

Sincerely yours,

C M Kelley

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Director

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NOTE: This is in response to a letter from [redacted] to President Carter concerning why the FBI had to "smash their way into a church with axes and buzz saws." There is nothing in Bureau indices that can be positively identified with [redacted]

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