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FROM: Director, FBI (47-56689)

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Enclosed for Los Angeles and WFO is one copy each of three newspaper articles dated April 28, April 29, and May 2, 1978, by Washington Post Staff Writer Ron Shaffer.

These articles contain considerable factual information concerning the Sitol investigation which may be in violation of a court order by U. S. District Judge Malcolm Lucas, Los Angeles, California. Judge Lucas' order was directed to the U. S. Attorneys and any individuals examining the documents seized in the July, 1977, search of Church of Scientology offices in Los Angeles. It forbade the disclosure or dissemination of any information obtained from the seized documents until authorized by the court.

You should immediately review the enclosed newspaper articles to ascertain whether or not any of the information contained therein pertains to the seized documents. Is the information in these articles available through public source or any other source? Advise FBIHQ no later than COB, May 12, 1978.

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NOTE: Assistant U. S. Attorney Raymond Banoun, U. S. Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] General Government Crimes Unit, CID, on 5/2/78, that he is to attend a hearing in Los Angeles on 5/3/78 before U. S. District Judge Malcolm Lucas, Los Angeles, regarding three articles by Washington Post Staff Writer Ron Shaffer, which contain information that may have come from documents seized during the search of the Church of Scientology offices in Los Angeles in July, 1977. These documents are presently being reviewed by FBI Agents at Washington, D. C. Banoun stated that he was not requesting a full-scale investigation; however, he did want to be in a position to advise Judge Lucas that the FBI was making an internal inquiry to determine how Shaffer may have obtained his information. He requested that the inquiry be limited to the Los Angeles and Washington Field Offices.