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Dallas, Texas

Re: "Scientology"

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6/13/87 BY [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Pursuant to your request on September 14, 1959, the following information from the Dallas FBI files concerning the above captioned subject defines "Scientology" as follows:

Information was received on May 9, 1956, to the effect that a new religion had been formed in Dallas known as "Scientology." The information coming to our attention indicated that this organization had held a meeting one Sunday in 1956 at the YMCA in Dallas. An informant advised that this organization was formed by L. Ron Hubbard in Washington, D.C., and is known in Dallas as the First Church of Scientology. As of 1956, it was reported to hold its meetings on Sundays in Room 71 of the YMCA, Jackson and North Ervay Streets in Dallas. It was reported that [REDACTED] was in charge of this group in Dallas and announced that free courses could be received in Washington, D.C., by night. It was reported that

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Texas, held special meetings in Dallas each Sunday. It was the informant's belief that all persons present at the meeting informant attended appeared to be atheists, believing in materialism. Informant stated that the group appeared to believe that all power is in a man's mind. It was informant's opinion that the whole movement might be Communistic because of their atheistic beliefs. Informant made available a book entitled "Brain-Washing, A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics." This book in informant's belief was obtained from an anti-Communist and the literature therein was originally prepared by a man named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] of Fort Worth, Texas. Informant did not believe that this mimeographed book had anything whatever to do with Communism or Communist activities in the United States but believed that the book may have played

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some part in Communist Party activities in Great Britain. Informant stated that she had no reason to believe that [redacted] the local leader, was sympathetic with the Communist movement.

No other pertinent information appears in this office concerning this organization. It is noted that other informants who are familiar with some phases of the Communist Party activity in the Dallas area have not reported any information concerning this organization.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge