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IN REPLY REFER TO  
OI-211/JK:kk  
6 DEC 1979

MICHAEL

Mr. Richard Shannon  
P.O. Box 1526A 1526  
Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear Mr. Shannon,

This is in response to your letter of November 29 in which you requested information concerning Lieutenant Hubbard's medical record.

This office has not received your original request which you state was dated September 25. Therefore, it is suggested that you resubmit your request and mail it to the following office as a matter under their cognizance:

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer  
Navy Department  
2300 "E" Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20372

Sincerely,

J. K. KEEFER  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy  
Freedom of Information Officer

FOIA REQUEST

PER ENCLOSED - THE LOS ANGELES TIMES PUBLISHED THE STATEMENT BY THE 'UNIDENTIFIED' SPOKESMAN RE LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD WHO, AS LEADER OF CULT SCIENTOLOGY, IS A PERSON IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, IS THE SUBJECT OF MY BOOK, 'IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM'. HUBBARD BASES HIS FAITH HEALING PHILOSOPHY UPON HIS BEING ABLE TO CURE HIMSELF FROM SEVERE INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE IN COMBAT DURING HIS NAVAL CAREER.

I KNOW THIS IS UNTRUE, IF YOU WILL CHECK HIS RECORDS YOU WILL KNOW THIS IS UNTRUE. BUT I CAN'T PUBLISH IT IF I DON'T HAVE DOCUMENTATION

OVER





INFORMATION I HAVE SAID HE WAS HOSPITALIZED @ OAK HOLLOW  
 MILITARY HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CA (SEE ENCLOSED ABSTRACT OF HIS  
 NAVY RECORD) FOR AN ULCER, BURSTITIS, ARTHRITIS AND  
 BLEPHARO-CONJUNCTIVITIS, WAS AWARDED A 40% PERMANENT DISABILITY.

IF YOU CANNOT COMMENT ON THE REASON(S) FOR HIS HOSPITALIZATION  
WILL YOU AT LEAST VERIFY THAT HE WAS NOT TREATED OR  
OPERATED ON FOR BATTLE INJURIES (NO PURPLE HEART!)?

PLEASE CONSIDER THAT 5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN HIS  
 'CHURCH' HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO LEARN HIS  
 'PHILOSOPHY' WHICH IS LITTLE MORE THAN LIES, AND

THAT THE FOIPA 5 USC 522 A (b) (6) STATES THAT THE REASON  
 FOR THE REQUEST CAN BE, AT YOUR DISCRETION, A DETERMINING  
 FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER THIS INFORMATION IS OR IS NOT  
 TO BE RELEASED.

*Handwritten initials*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I AM ENCLOSED THE  
 AFFIRMED ABSTRACT TO FACILITATE LOCATING HIS RECORDS.

SINCERELY,

Michael Lenin Shannon



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