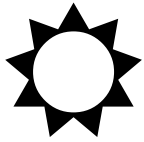


BRAINWASHING MANUAL PARALLELS IN SCIENTOLOGY

Revisiting
The Textbook on Psychopolitics
also known as
The Brainwashing Manual



An examination of the text upon which modern Scientology was built

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In 1950 *Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health* was published. Its author was Science-Fiction and Adventure story writer L. Ron Hubbard. Two years later the first Scientology book appeared.

In a *Hubbard Bulletin* entitled *What is Scientology?* he later wrote:

“Scientology is the science of human ability and intelligence. It was developed over a third of a century by Doctor Hubbard, American nuclear physicist and leading world authority on the subject of life sources and mental energies and structures.”

In 1954 L. Ron Hubbard announced that Scientology was to be regarded as a religion.

In 1955, in the midst of the cold war, Hubbard let it be known that *The Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics*, also called the Brainwashing Manual, had mysteriously come into his possession. The *Textbook on Psychopolitics* contained ideas and methods to be used in the long range plan of dominating the world through covert means. It also contained multiple references to Dianetics as an important adversary to the Communists; an adversary that had “experienced years of mauling and defamation at Communist hands.” Finally, here was proof of the Communist conspiracy against L. Ron Hubbard, and confirmation that his critics were Communists or Communist sympathizers. Hubbard had copies of the *Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics* printed in booklet form; these were distributed to media, government agencies, and various religious and political groups, “as a public service.” Then, over time, the enigmatic *Textbook on Psychopolitics* faded into obscurity.

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During the third year of the Kennedy administration, Hubbard wrote of a bleak future for what he regarded as an unfriendly U.S. government. In an untitled Information Letter, dated 8 January “A.D. 13” - “A.D.” meaning “After Dianetics”- he predicted the future of Washington, DC:

“We’ll still be alive when the cold wind moans through the girders of their gutted buildings. And we’ll be alive when the only movement on Pennsylvania Avenue will be the frightened scurry of a piece of paper in the dusty street. The sad part of it is, they [*the U.S. government, if they had cooperated*] could have been alive too.”

Despite the initial unwillingness of many to cooperate, Earth, Hubbard told his followers, must become a Scientology planet. Certain objectives must be achieved for this to occur.

The Policy Letter entitled *Department of Government Affairs*, states that Scientology must:

“...bring the government and hostile philosophies or societies into a state of complete compliance... This is to be done by high level ability to control and in its absence by low level ability to overwhelm...”

The Policy Letter entitled *Targets, Defense* lists as “vital targets”:

“De-popularizing the enemy [*critics and the uncooperative*] to a point of total obliteration.

“Taking over the control or allegiance of the heads or proprietors of all news media.

“Taking over the control or allegiance of key political figures.”

In Scientology sanity is measured by the degree of agreement with Scientology. People regarded as “critical” of Scientology are considered as “anti-Scientology” and are labeled as “anti-social personalities.” Hubbard wrote in the book *Science of Survival* that such people “should not have, in any thinking society, any civil rights of any kind.” From this outlook came many policies, including that of *Fair Game*, one wording of which instructed that “enemies”:

“May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued, or lied to or destroyed.”

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During the 1960s and 70s, and into the 1980s, L. Ron Hubbard continued to direct his organization and to write. From the 1960s onward, many of these writings became “confidential.” These confidential writings became the central and dominant doctrine. Newcomers are shown only the publicized portion of the subject as they are guided into Scientology.

Scientology, being secretive, has sought to keep ex-members from talking or writing of their experiences. It has been particularly concerned with silencing those who had direct personal knowledge of L. Ron Hubbard. It has also worked to prevent public access to the confidential portion of Scientology doctrine. Cover up, through various means, was and is a preoccupation.

Moving into the 21st century, Scientology has an undisclosed number of members, its own covert Intelligence service, front groups, private investigators, lawyers, public relations and sales persons. It has detailed personal counseling files on large numbers of people, and a sustained passion for infiltration of media and government.

Scientology seeks to nullify all “anti-Scientology” influences, and to increase its own influence and power. It is doing this, the membership are told, to save the world.

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A review of the out-of-print *Textbook on Psychopolitics*, a.k.a. the Brainwashing Manual, reveals dozens of key parallels with contemporary Scientology.

The Brainwashing Manual defines “Psychopolitics” as:

“The art and science of asserting and maintaining dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals, officers, bureaus, and masses, and the effecting of the conquest of enemy nations through ‘mental healing.’ ”

Questions arise: Why, if Scientology has as its primary objective the mental health, enlightenment and freedom of others, does it seek to covertly impose the ideas and methods of the Brainwashing Manual upon them? When L. Ron Hubbard distributed copies of the Brainwashing Manual in 1955, did he inadvertently reveal the basic guidelines for what would later become Scientology in its completed form?

(Much of the material quoted herein became available for public scrutiny as a result of Federal Criminal Court case no. 78-401, Washington, DC. This includes material from L. Ron Hubbard’s confidential covert Intelligence and Propaganda course, the *Information Full Hat*, which, as an item of evidence, is listed as exhibit 236.)

Hopefully those who have been touched by Scientology will find this information helpful.

A Brief Outline of Scientology Doctrine, Public and Confidential

“White Scientology”

L. Ron Hubbard’s mostly early writings include, among other things, theories and techniques which some people have described as positive developments in practical psychology and “Human Potential.” This portion of the subject has been called “White Scientology.”

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The doctrine of Scientology developed into its final form from the mid 1960s through to the early 1980s. It exists in books and taped lectures, and in the materials of various “course packs.”

Some of these course packs are “confidential,” such as those for the post-1965 “upper levels” of counseling. (New Scientologists typically know this as the only confidential part of Scientology.)

Also confidential are the materials for the very lowest levels: for “degraded beings” and “salvageable psychotics.” These include the Rehabilitation Project Force technology, or RPF “tech.”

Another confidential area would be the LRH Personal Public Relations Officer materials. They emphasize that Mankind will survive only through Scientology, and that Scientology will succeed only if “LRH image” and the “Legend of LRH,” are protected, disseminated, and preserved for “eternity.” Quoting LRH PPRO: “For it is LRH’s image on which all the rest of our expansion depends.”

Other confidential course packs include policy and tech from L. Ron Hubbard on such subjects as lying, harassment, “legal harassment” via frivolous lawsuits, propaganda, covert data collection, infiltration, and covert “dirty tricks” operations.

According to Hubbard, “Essentially, a covert operation is intended to embarrass, discredit or overthrow or remove an actual or possible opponent. It’s a small war being carried out without its true source being revealed.” Documents in this area include Hubbard’s voluminous *Information (Intelligence) Full Hat*, and his *Branch One (Intel) Hatting (job training) Letters*.

These and other Intelligence tech materials became public in 1980 as a result of Criminal Court case no. 78-401, United States District Court, Washington, DC. The text entitled *Information Full Hat* is listed as government exhibit 236, and is, in effect, a confidential *Administration (or “Green”) Volume*. It takes up where the non-confidential *Management Series*, and “Green” *Volume 7* (Executive Division policy letters) leave off.

Also amongst the court documents are records of numerous covert operations against specific “enemies.” One such “enemy” was author Paulette Cooper. The operation directed at her was entitled *Op PC Freak Out*, and was an application of Hubbard’s Covert Ops tech. This covert operation had, as its “major target,” having Cooper “set up” and framed, so she’d be “incarcerated in a mental institution or jail.” What appear to be Hubbard’s handwritten instructions are found throughout these materials.

Another one of Scientology’s many “enemies” was cartoonist Jim Berry. (Remember *Berry’s World* ?) He had unwisely drawn a cartoon featuring a businessman type speaking to a hippie type, with the businessman saying:

“I was into EST, Primal Therapy, Yoga, Scientology, Hare Krishna, Transcendental Meditation - now I’m into money.”

For this “attack” Hubbard ordered *Operation Funny Bone* into action to cause Berry to lose his newspaper syndication, and destroy his career.

The Battle Tactics Doctrine

One of the most important - and pervasive - confidential issues is the Policy Letter dated 16 February 1969, entitled *Battle Tactics*. It has broad philosophical and tactical implications.

How does one “win” when dealing with the government, the press, or with a not immediately compliant public? By adopting a philosophy of pure - amoral - expediency, and applying the tactics and strategies of “war.”

The first tactic of war is **deception**. Deception is for use on the “noncombatants” (the “Wogs” or “garden variety humanoids”), and also for use on the diabolical conspiratorial “enemy.” It ranges from face to face lying, exaggeration, evasion, manipulation, and emotional “button pushing,” to broadly distributed propaganda, and the use of “front groups,” and falls under the category of general sneakiness. The point is not that one must use deception, but that it’s perfectly OK to do so, if it *works*.

The next tactic is, “**Attack the attacker.**” And what does it take to be regarded as an attacker? Per the doctrine, not very much. One should, “Treat all skirmishes like wars.” And never “assign mild motives to the enemy.” Don’t be “reasonable.” Be “ruthless.”

As succinctly put in the August 1969 Policy Letter, *Discipline - SPs and Admin*:

“I am not interested in wog morality...

“...if anyone is getting industrious trying to enturbulate or stop Scientology or its activities, I can make Captain Bligh look like a Sunday School teacher.” [to enturbulate = to upset]

Open and free public discussion of Scientology is to be discouraged. Attack the reputations of “too curious” questioners and information providers. Avoid examination of actual issues. If possible, an “attacker” is to be “obliterated,” leaving a “vacuum.” One then is to “fill the vacuum” with Scientology “Public Relations.”

The policy of “Attack!” dates back at least to 1955, when Hubbard wrote in his *Manual on the Dissemination of Material*, originally published in Scientology’s *Ability Magazine*:

“The DEFENSE of anything is UNTENABLE. The only way to defend anything is to ATTACK, and if you forget that then you will lose every battle that you will engage in, whether it is in terms of personal conversation, public debate, or a court of law. NEVER BE INTERESTED IN CHARGES. DO, yourself, much MORE CHARGING, and you will WIN.” [Capitalization in original]

“Battle tactics,” and “playing dirty,” are necessary and justified, Hubbard later explained, due to the long-standing and ongoing planet-wide conspiracy to stop Dianetics and Scientology. The conspirators use any and all methods, no matter how dirty. Scientology has every right to defend itself using those very same tactics. **After all, this is “war.”**

In a 1969 confidential issue entitled *Intelligence Actions - Covert Intelligence Data Collection*, Hubbard describes some of the early conspirators in the “war”:

“The objective of the enemy is to discredit... Their first blast was the San Francisco papers, Sept. 1950, quoting the publisher (of Book One) Ceppos being critical of me (he was a communist) followed by the LA papers, pushed then by the Sara Komkovadamanov (alias Northrup) ‘divorce’ actions, followed by attempted kidnapping of myself. Other details were pushed into it including murder of four and so on. This was a full complete covert operation. At the back of it was Miles Hollister (psychology student), Sara Komkovadamanov (housekeeper at the place nuclear physicists stayed near Caltech), Gene Benton and his wife - president of the Young Communists League...

“This was a full war against Dianetics.”

Sara Northrup, in reality, was his second wife to whom he was married from 1946-51, and with whom he had a redheaded daughter named Alexis.

After the divorce Hubbard insisted that he and Sara Northrup had never been married, and that he had barely known her. He later stated that she was a Russian secret agent named Sara Komkovadamanov!

Sara, who had assisted her husband during the writing of *Dianetics*, or “Book One,” was both one of the first “non-persons” of Scientology, and one of its first “enemies of Mankind, the planet and all life,” later known as “Suppressive Persons” or “SPs.” She was followed, over the years, by a parade of other “non” (or “erased”) persons, and “SPs” (“criminal psychotics”). No one, who had ever worked closely with Hubbard, has managed to escape ending up in one of these two categories - usually as officially declared “SPs.”

During the 1950s and 60s Hubbard called many people Communists. And during that time period that was about the worst thing someone could be called. In the 1970s, with public opinion shifting, he reinvented his enemies as fascists and Nazis. He was apparently applying basic Propaganda tech which he understood well. As explained in the *Battle Tactics* Policy Letter:

“Standard wartime propaganda is what one is doing... Know the mores of your public opinion, **what they hate. That’s the enemy. What they love. That’s you.** You preserve the image or increase it of your own troops and degrade the image of the enemy to beast level.”

“Battle tactics” are for application in Intelligence activities, in Legal actions, and in Propaganda efforts. (The practice is an extension and refinement of the Fair Game law which officially made it OK to, “trick, sue, lie to, or destroy” the “enemies” of Scientology.) “Battle tactics” apply both to “enemies,” and to the “non-combatants” - the “humanoids” or “Wogs.”

The question is: To what extent did L. Ron Hubbard apply “battle tactics” to the Scientology membership?

Brainwashing Manual Tech

In 1955 L. Ron Hubbard had copies printed of a booklet titled *The Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics* also called the “Brainwashing Manual.” It was sent to selected persons, groups and government agencies.

Hubbard claimed this was the secret Russian psychological warfare text on how to utilize psychiatry as a vehicle or “front” with which to conquer the West. According to Hubbard, the Brainwashing Manual, which cites Dianetics as a foe, proved his contention that psychiatrists, and his critics generally, were with the Communists.

Unbeknownst to his followers, Hubbard later inserted many of the ideas and methods of the Brainwashing Manual into his teachings.

The Brainwashing Manual details methods for “asserting and maintaining dominion over... thoughts and loyalties...” These methods can be found throughout Scientology, but are most noticeable in its “Ethics” tech, Sea Organization tech, and in the Rehabilitation Project Force tech.

Few of today’s Scientologists have seen the Brainwashing Manual, but it influences their lives daily. Carefully studied, it can be a most revealing document.

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All these things (including “White Scientology”) constitute Scientology doctrine in its actual and complete form.

There are certain patterns in Scientology which are likely to escape the purview of someone familiar only with one segment of Scientology, or who chooses to ignore or explain away certain portions of the subject.

One’s understanding of Scientology as it actually is will be incomplete unless there’s some familiarity with these materials, or at least it’s known that they exist as relevant applied doctrine.

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Scientology uses the words “freedom” and “communication” as themes in the publicized portion of its doctrine. In reality, censorship is an important part of Scientology, which keeps its own membership carefully propagandized and selectively uninformed. Members are expected to report anything that is “anti-Scientology,” without looking too closely at it; since, at the same time, they’re expected to mentally block out anything that is “anti-Scientology” in order not to be contaminated by it.

Steering clear of all that is “anti-Scientology” extends even to avoiding, or self-censoring, one’s own potentially “anti-LRH” or “anti-Scientology” thoughts, an action which should be automatic and instantaneous in a properly indoctrinated and “ethical” individual.

Any action that “forwards Scientology” is regarded as “ethical.” Scientology, privately, regards “being ethical” as expediently - amorally - pursuing its own ends, and by that definition may be telling the truth - in a twisted sort of way - when proclaiming itself as, “the most ethical group on the planet.” Right and wrong are defined, entirely, in terms of win and lose.

Scientology is Multi-Layered

Scientology is multi-layered and compartmentalized. (“PR is overt. Intelligence is covert.” *PR Series #7*) For example, the essay *What is Greatness?* (which extols loving one’s enemies) is basically a PR piece. Hubbard’s “in-organization” and confidential writings during that same period make very clear what his actual views and policies were towards “enemies.” And it wasn’t “love.”

Scientology even has its own Public Relations tech.

In publicized statements Hubbard emphasizes the importance of “truth” in PR. It is usually overlooked that this means “truth” according to Hubbard. (One such “truth” is: “Only people with hidden crimes are critical of Scientology or LRH.”) Official prepackaged Scientology PR “truths,” and “False Report Correction packs,” are available, in case anyone has any doubt about what the “truth” is.

A little further along, in unpublicized or confidential writings, it turns out that the main problem with fabrication and manipulation is a practical one: These things need to be done tactfully, skillfully, and with “flair,” or can “recoil.” The bottom line is, *can you get away with it? Will it achieve the desired end? Will it work?* One needs to make certain that any PR or Propaganda line, black propaganda line, emotional “button pushing,” or any other “gimmick” used, be effective long enough for the attainment of the desired objective. If it then “recoils” somewhat, at least one is in a stronger position (having gained new “ground”) to deal with that PR “flap.” Only the “nice” portion of the writings on Public Relations is publicized, and even hailed as proof that Scientology PR is, “the first truly honest Public Relations.” And the over-all subject of Scientology follows the same pattern. Scientology is devious and secretive by design. You’re not likely to see the complete picture, and the patterns - “get the gestalt” as they say - until you put the pieces together, stand back and stare at it for a while.

Exploiting the Positives -The Cheese in the Trap

It was mostly during the 1950s that what is best in Scientology came into being. This is perhaps a reflection of what was best in L. Ron Hubbard.

During the 1960s the “war” philosophy and methodology were emphasized and asserted in what was an increasingly secretive subject. And, in addition to being in a state of covert “war” with the outside world, Hubbard seems to have been at “war” with his own followers. He lied to them, used propaganda and various “gimmicks” on them; and subjected them to many of the methods of the Brainwashing Manual, and incorporated those methods, and additional methods of achieving “dominion,” into Scientology tech and policy.

This is modern Scientology doctrine as designed by L. Ron Hubbard. This is the doctrine used by the Church of Scientology. It overrides, and exploits, the “positive” or “white” aspects of the subject.

What exactly *is* Scientology? Answering that question takes some extra time and effort since, oddly enough, Scientology seems to have been designed not to be fully understood.

The Brainwashing Manual Revisited

One of Scientology's secrets is that L. Ron Hubbard was the author of the 64 page "Russian Communist" instruction book on "brain-washing."

The "Russian Brainwashing Manual" came into being one summer day in 1955 in the leafy suburbia of Silver Spring, Maryland.

It was used as a public distribution propaganda piece with the objective of identifying Hubbard's critics with the Communists. It also served as a means of promoting the image of Hubbard, and of Dianetics and Scientology, as honest and patriotic. During the 1960s, Hubbard began to incorporate the manipulative and coercive basics of the Brainwashing Manual into the doctrine of Scientology. The Manual describes methods for "asserting and maintaining dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals..."

Background

In 1950 the term "brain-washing" was first used; Communist Chinese and North Korean brain-washing of prisoners of war became a news item.¹

In 1951 the book *Brain-washing in Red China*, by foreign correspondent Edward Hunter, further popularized the term.²

In 1955 L. Ron Hubbard, surreptitiously, was the author of a text entitled *Brain-washing, A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics*, also known as the Brainwashing Manual. The "Russian" Manual was then printed and distributed by Scientology as a "public service." L. Ron Hubbard - so the explanation went - was courageously helping to expose the Communist plan to subjugate America.³ (In the mid 1960s, the original Manual was reprinted by Scientology in Britain, followed by a revised edition, printed by the Scientology organization in America. These were available in Scientology organization bookstores for a time.⁴)

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The first page of the Manual features an "Editorial Note" supposed to have been written by one "Charles Stickley." This is followed by what is presented as a transcription of "An Address by Beria," that being Lavrenti Beria, the longtime head of the Russian Communist secret police. As for the main text, there is no author attribution anywhere in the Manual, only the implication that it was written by a Russian Communist psychiatrist.

According to Hubbard the Brainwashing Manual appeared mysteriously, and was the Russian handbook on how to take over the West using psychiatry as a vehicle or "front." Beyond this his story on the Manual varied: 1) It had been "gathered" and "synthesized" into a single volume "over the last ten years" by a mysterious American named "Stickley." 2) It had been published in Berlin in 1947, having been written by "Paul Fadkeller," or possibly "Fadkeller" was only the German translator of the Russian text. 3) The Russian Manual, now in English, inexplicably had become two different Manuals which were finally "compiled" into one text by Hubbard.

The uncertain origin of the Manual made it possible for an individual (a real person, not a Hubbard invention) by the name of Kenneth Goff⁵ to re-publish it in 1956 - deleting the "Stickley Editorial Note" and inserting his own. Some political periodicals and groups still circulate this version, believing it to be authentic.

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John Sanborn was the editor of several of Hubbard's Dianetic and Scientology books, and an editor of Scientology publications during the 1950s. He left Scientology in the early 1980s. In 1986 he recounted the inception of the Brainwashing Manual:

"I suggested it. Just kidding around on his front porch [on] Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. Talking about how are we going to 'get' these psychiatrists. I said, 'What we need to do is take over their subject. What we need to do is put out a manual of psych-military something or other... as coming from the Communists, and then put a lot of psychiatry in it.'

"And we're sitting there, with our chairs tipped back on the front porch, tipped up against the house, with our feet up on the railing, and all of a sudden he comes down on his chair and he grabs me.

"And I thought, 'I've had it.'

"And he said, 'That's it!'

"Then he disappeared into this little front room which was sort of a bedroom and study, and you could hear him in there dictating this book."

The method of writing by dictating into a tape recorder had earlier been used by Hubbard. It was a method he would use, intermittently, over the years that followed.

L. Ron Hubbard Jr., Hubbard's son by his first marriage, worked with his father throughout the 1950s, finally leaving the Organization in December 1959. During a short interval in the mid 1980s, when he felt free to speak openly on the subject of his father and Scientology, he told of the inception of the Brainwashing Manual:

"Dad wrote every word of it. Barbara Bryan and my wife typed up the manuscript off his dictation. And we took it up to New York and tried to get them to do a program with Charles Collingwood at CBS. Dad also tried to sell [*the authenticity of*] it to the FBI."⁶

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Several years after its initial appearance, the Manual was examined by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, both of which concluded it to be a fabrication. (The Brainwashing Manual, nevertheless, was noted in the Congressional record, as is all business before Congress. Hubbard would later cite it having been "in the Congressional record" as proof of its authenticity.⁷)

Dr. Sergius Yakobson, Senior Specialist for Russian Affairs of the Library of Congress, was unable to locate the alleged Russian text, or any record of a speech made by Beria to "American students at Lenin University" on the topic of "psychopolitics."

Anti-Communist author Edward Hunter was shown a copy of the Manual and responded

"The book is a hoax, and what it has mostly achieved is to fool people who think they are getting my *Brain-washing in Red China* which was based on first hand sources, and put the word into the language."⁸

L. Ron Hubbard writing to Scientologists on the subject of the Brainwashing Manual

L. Ron Hubbard first mentioned the Brainwashing Manual to the general membership in the 30 September 1955 issue of the *Professional Auditors Bulletin*. (Bolded lettering and bracketed material in the following excerpts have been added.)

Under the title *Psychiatrists* he wrote:

"Nearly all the backlash in society against Dianetics and Scientology has a common source: the psychiatrist-psychologist-psychoanalyst clique... I could tell you about the strange politics and ambitions of psychiatry, so well covered in the book *Psychopolitics*, and give you a proper riddle as to why we, a small group, the only ANGLO-SAXON DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF THE MIND AND SPIRIT [*sic*], have been subjected to so much attack and finance. But I am **not** telling you stories or being dramatic. I am inviting your cooperation in your own future security."

The Brainwashing Manual was mentioned a second time in the 13 December 1955 Scientology *Operational Bulletin # 8*:

"The Brainwashing Manual which came into our possession so mysteriously is being released, **not** with any intent to unmock psychiatry, but as a necessary piece of information... [*"unmock" = undo, erase*]

"Some of the mystery concerning the manuscript which came into our hands in Phoenix was resolved when it was discovered that the book called *Psychopolitics* (spelled with a K) is in the Library of Congress. It is in German. It was written by a man named Paul Fackeller, and was published in Berlin in 1947. Although I may be misinformed, and I definitely do not read German, this book is probably the Russian translation....

"If I am asked by press or persons in authority concerning our release of this, which I may well be, I will have to reassure them that there is no political significance attached to it. We couldn't be less interested..."

Departing briefly from the Manual:

A look at private tactics later shared with insiders

In the 1960s Hubbard expanded his organization and, out of necessity, was sharing some of his private know-how and "policy" with selected insiders.

The 16 February 1969 Confidential Policy Letter *Battle Tactics*, and other confidential writings, instruct Scientology Public Relations and Intelligence agents to use the strategies of war. These include "standard war-time propaganda" techniques.

Quoting from *Battle Tactics*:

"Know the mores of your public opinion, what they hate. That's the enemy. What they love. That's you."

Hubbard explained this further in a 12 January 1972 Confidential issue entitled *Black Propaganda* :

"The objective is to be identified as attackers of popularly considered evils. This de-classifies us from former labels. It re-classifies our attackers as evil people. Which they are."⁹

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In 1955 what "popularly considered evil" did the American public and government "hate"? That would be the assigned identity of Scientology's critics at that time; and it would be what Scientology would want to be viewed as passionately opposing for "the public good." (Even Hubbard's second wife, Sara Northrup, was not exempt from this "policy." After she filed for divorce in 1951, he called her a Communist. Later he claimed she was a Russian spy named "Sara Komkovadamanov."¹⁰)

A publicized statement

A contrasting example of the use of propaganda can be found in the mid 1960s during a period of unwelcome inquiries by the Australian and British governments. In a widely publicized 6 October 1965 *Executive Letter*, written from Scientology's then headquarters in East Grinstead, England, Hubbard, known for calling people Communists, inexplicably announced:

“McCarthyism has many faces. It is still abroad today.”

Hubbard had depicted himself as a World War II heroic figure and, particularly to Australians, as a defender of Anglo-Saxon civilization in the South Pacific. In the *Executive Letter* he reminded the Australians that:

“In 1942, as a senior US naval officer in Northern Australia by fluke of fate, I helped save them from the Japanese.”

Another World War II account by Hubbard had him fighting in the jungle on the Japanese occupied island of Java, taking a machine gun bullet in the back, and then miraculously making his way to Australia on a raft. In truth, he had never seen actual combat, and had only briefly been in Australia, in the city of Brisbane, before being sent back to the United States where he was stationed for the rest of the war.

A private explanation

The publicized 1965 *Executive Letter* had cited attacks on Scientology as examples of “McCarthyism.” Several months after the use of this term - unusual for Hubbard - there would be a private explanation. He had concluded that the left-leaning press would be sympathetic if Scientology appeared to be anti-Capitalist.

He wrote in a private (selected persons only) 9 February 1966 issue entitled *Enquiry Rumor UK*, concerning a pending Enquiry in Britain:

“The ‘news’ that some Lord is going to ask a question in the House [*Parliament*] as to ‘why the Health Minister here does not conduct an Enquiry into Scientology like in Melbourne’... ‘Planning would be if any more is heard of this:

“...Get a detective on that Lord’s past to unearth the tidbits. They’re there. “...We refuse to discuss or describe Scientology. As near as we come is, ‘Well Scientology isn’t like psychiatry. In psychiatry they think adultery is a cure for ---’ You get it. Curve every answer with answers that make lurid press to psychiatry’s cost. Papers by policy only want Blood and Sex - so give them psychiatry’s and they’ll print it. Further **couple the words Psychiatry with Capitalism - allege that Psychiatry is the Capitalist’s tool.** A Conservative opened the attack in the UK and found the press beating the drum for us.”¹¹

Apparently Hubbard was not satisfied with the results from this approach, and soon returned to the policy of calling his critics Communists. In the 1970s, responding to changes in public opinion, he shifted over to identifying his critics as fascists and Nazis. For this reason the *Brainwashing Manual*, where psychiatry is coupled with Communism, is not as effective a propaganda device as it was in the 1950s.

Hubbard vs. the “Asiatic Hordes”

The 17 February 1969 *Information Letter*, written mainly for Scientologists in Australia and New Zealand (“Anzo”), identifies the survival of their Anglo-Saxon civilization with the expansion of Scientology there:

“If the U.S. pulls out of Vietnam, that’s it for Australia and New Zealand... England is something like a year pulled back from Singapore to Portsmouth. That protection is ended forever. Anzo stands alone and won’t for very long!”

Without intervention by Scientology, Hubbard pointed out, it’s just a matter of time before Australia and New Zealand are, “deluged with Asiatic hordes.”

The *Information Letter* continues:

“Remember that I know Anzo. I once had a big share in saving its bacon from Japan. Note please that a small Jap force could have taken the lot and didn’t. A handful of us, months before the coming of U.S. troops, worked like mad to balk the Japs and change their minds. So I know exactly how real the threat is... So they [*the Australian public and government*] better listen. I don’t want to see my friends swallowed up [*by the Asiatic hordes.*] This is not a political statement. It is a statement and programme on pure survival of Anzo and all my friends there.”

What do people “love” most fundamentally? According to Hubbard, “Survival!” The often repeated message was “Scientology = Survival!” In the 1965 Policy Letter *Keeping Scientology Working* he warned:

“The whole agonized future of this planet, every Man, Woman and Child on it, and your own destiny... depend on what you do here and now with and in Scientology.”

Back to the Brainwashing Manual: Excerpts from Hubbard’s third public statement on it

In the 1950s there was a segment of the Scientology membership that had not yet thoroughly identified Hubbard and Scientology with their “survival.” They did not automatically “self-censor away” any doubts, or “non-compliant” or “critical” thoughts, and couldn’t overlook the similarity of Hubbard’s writing style with that found in the *Manual*; and it had leaked out that Hubbard had dictated the text of the *Manual* into a tape recorder at his Silver Spring, Maryland residence. This was a problem.

It was important that the Brainwashing Manual's actual origin remain unknown as it was, essentially, a vehicle for a covert black propaganda campaign.

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The May 1971 Policy Letter (*PR Series 7*) entitled *Black PR* defines the term Black Propaganda:

“Black Propaganda is in its technical accuracy, a covert operation where unknown authors publicly effect a derogatory reaction and then remain unknown.”

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It was unacceptable that a portion of the general membership would be looking toward L. Ron Hubbard as the Brainwashing Manual's author.

Hubbard acted the part of the aloof and dispassionate relay point for the Manual, while also emphasizing its importance in “research.” (“Research” that “proved” the existence of a Communist conspiracy against him.)

He improvised to conceal the actual source of the Manual, and produced a third revised account of it in the 19 December 1955 *Operational Bulletin 9*, demonstrating unflinching prevarication ability. This took the form of a largely fact-free verbal display, which made use of mental-fatigue-inducing (mostly bogus) “information” (dis-information) over-saturation.

(This sort of thing was referred to, subsequently, in confidential briefings and writings. Hubbard described what he called “no-answer answering,” and instructed his Intelligence and Public Relations agents to practice or “drill” this “skill,” and other similar skills. These, it turns out, were some of the same skills that he had been using *on them* for years! Amongst the exercises or drills was one for honing the skill of ordinary lying, called “TR-L” or Training Routine for Lying.¹²)

The following is presented, at painful length, to illustrate Hubbard's capacity for sustained emission of what, unkindly, might be referred to as “verbal swamp gas.” Yet it is only an excerpt. This and other related statements should be read, in their entirety, by any serious student of Hubbardian deviousness and trickery, and can be found in *Technical* (“Red”) *Volume no. 2*.

(It should be noted that the early “Red” Volumes also contain some of L. Ron Hubbard's most interesting positive work.)

Inserted into this quote [*in brackets*] is some commentary which, hopefully, will assist the reader in the deciphering of this *Operational Bulletin 9*:

“In our studies of brainwashing it has been necessary to procure what information existed on the subject. Fortuitously, in Phoenix [*In truth, the Brainwashing Manual originated after Phoenix, in Maryland.*] there came into our hands two [*two?*] manuscripts; as well as I can recollect...

[*This from a ‘clear’ with ‘full recall,’ who wrote a book entitled ‘History of Man,’ that begins, ‘This is a cold blooded and factual account of your last sixty trillion years.’*] they were left there at the front desk with the request that they be mailed back to the owner. **We are not sure exactly from whom they came,** [*Mailed back? But no return address?*] **but we understand now that this is unimportant** since the subject is broadly rather well known in the book on Psychopolitics. It is to be found in the Library of Congress. It is in German, but we suppose it is the same manual. As we needed this material for research, we read it off onto a tape, compiling the two manuals and removing from them some of their very verbose nomenclature, substituting for it more common English terms, [*Translation: This ‘explains’ why the Brainwashing Manual had been transcribed from Hubbard’s tape recorded dictation.*] and we have had a few copies of this struck off for use in our research.

“In the early pages of this manual, there is a letter from the person who purportedly gave these manuals to the organization, ‘Charles Stickley,’ supposed to be a professor at Columbia University in New York City. This letter [*written by the ‘purported’ source of the manual(s), the ‘supposed’ professor Stickley*] included in the [*mysteriously appearing*] manuals as printed, makes it definitely and adequately clear [*It does?*] that these manuals were reprinted for study by research workers. However, in handing out a copy of one of these manuals to one of our own people who had not heard of it, he made several wrong estimates of the manual itself.

“At first he thought it was a piece of Communist propaganda. Then he thought it was something that the organization had composed. Then, on further inspection, he did not know what to think, and it [*The Hubbardian propaganda line*] had to be pointed out to him very specifically that this was a synthesis of the Russian instruction book on the subject of brainwashing, and it had to be pointed out to him that it was reprinted for the benefit of people working to remedy and heal brainwashing. [*Not true, but the ultimate irony of this last statement is striking, considering the manual’s value in exposing ‘modern’ Scientology.*]

“It had to be pointed out to him additionally that there was a cover letter [*written by the hypothetical ‘Stickley’*] in it which explained these things. Thus if you have one of these copies and it gets away from you which it might, you might find it necessary to explain exactly what it is. [*Sure!*]

“In the original text of this book there was a warning to psychopolitical operatives that they must stamp out Dianetics ...we certainly have the right to know why we have been knocked around by press and governments to the degree that we have been. Hardly a word uttered against Dianetics and Scientology has any truth in it... [*Finally, the main PR line or propaganda message.*]

“We are **not** planning to use this reprinted manual for purposes of propaganda. However, to prevent any misunderstanding from occurring, the highest police in England and America have both received copies...”

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Neither the Russian version, nor the German version of the Manual, nor the two English versions with their “very verbose nomenclature,” were anywhere to be found, but the “explanations” may have served to relieve the concerns of some, who had been troubled by the idea that L. Ron Hubbard might have been manipulating them with an elaborate lie. It had been repeatedly indicated that the “Russian” Brainwashing Manual was in the Library of Congress:

Operational Bulletin 8:

“...*Psychopolitics* (spelled with a K) is in the Library of Congress.

“...the book is apparently on file at the Library of Congress, and naturally if it is on file at the Library of Congress, officialdom must know about it...”

“We probably should get a hold of the book at the Library of Congress and translate it in full, but we do not have the money or the time to do this just now.

“...as I say, this book has evidently been in wide circulation already and is on file at the Library of Congress so far as we know.”

There was a German-language text, written after World War II, which addressed philosophical issues. Its title was *Psycho-Politik, Zur Demokratisierung*. It was written by Paul Feldkeller, and had nothing to do with “brainwashing,” or with “psychopolitics” in the sinister sense that Hubbard used the term. But it *was* in the Library of Congress card catalog file, and it *was* in German.

And it had quickly become irrelevant, as a copy of the newly invented Brainwashing Manual had been sent to the Library of Congress - to serve as “proof.”

One difficulty with the Brainwashing Manual was that it had “mysteriously” appeared too close to home. As a Black Propaganda vehicle its actual origin was supposed to be unknown, and untraceable; yet its origin was traceable to Hubbard in various ways. In this sense the creation and distribution of the Manual was a flawed covert operation.

Kenneth Goff’s 1956 version of the Manual

Kenneth Goff was a Pentecostal minister, and his 1956 version of Hubbard’s Brainwashing Manual was circulated amongst conservative and Christian groups. Goff appears to have been oblivious to the significance of the Manual’s recurring references to Dianetics; having no familiarity with Dianetics or Scientology, he would not have spotted the Manual’s use of Scientology lingo such as “thinkingness,” “mental image picture” or “PDH” for “Pain-Drug-Hypnosis.” He also would not have seen Hubbard’s references to the Manual in various 1955 Scientology writings.

Goff used his version of the Manual for his own purposes; unknowingly, he did a service for Scientology by keeping the Manual in circulation, and by further clouding the Manual’s connection to Hubbard.

Goff removed the “Stickley Editorial Note,” substituting his own, and vouched for the Manual’s authenticity, declaring, “In its contents you can see the diabolical plot of the enemies of Christ and America.” Ironically, there is some truth to this statement if applied to Scientology, which tells its membership that they must make Earth a “Scientology planet.” This would mean the eradication of Christianity. “Upper level” Scientology teachings describe Christianity as, “a religion of the insane.”

Scientology’s “No-answer answers”

Scientology will probably never admit to Hubbard’s authorship of the Manual. This would be in accordance with the policy of never admitting to a lie or a hoax. Hubbard’s Confidential *Branch One* [Intelligence] *Hatting* [job orientation] *Letter*, transcribed from a taped briefing, in the late 1960s, concentrates on the skill of obtaining information, and compliance, through the use of “suitable guises.”

Hubbard to his senior covert operatives:

“All covert actions have as a basic common denominator, the factor of being designed or disguised as being something other than what they really are. The real intention or purpose of the activity must remain hidden and out of reach of any observers. They are and must be designed so that the victim of the hoax is not suspicious nor aware that the activity presented is anything other than the activity being presented. Therefore, whatever guise is used must be one that will be believed and believable...”

“Once it is decided that covert actions are needed, those actions take on and must maintain their hidden nature.”¹³

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If confronted with the subject of the Brainwashing Manual, Scientology will usually denounce, as criminal or insane, any source of information that is considered to be “critical”; it will then provide “false data correction” that avoids the subject of the Manual itself, concentrating instead on the general topic of “Brainwashing,” presented solely as a psychiatric activity. Lengthy statements by victims of drugging and shock treatments will be provided, along with quotes from Hubbard condemning such practices, including “pain-drug-hypnosis.” Such “false data corrections” function mainly as distractions (“No-answer answers”), having nothing to do with the two issues at hand: that Hubbard was the author of the Manual and, more importantly, that he used its “ends justify the means” philosophy, and its (non-medical) methods of manipulation and domination, on his own followers and on others.

Excerpts from the Brainwashing Manual

The original Manual begins with an “Editorial Note” which, it was said, was originally a “cover letter.” Here L. Ron Hubbard, assuming the guise of the phantasmal “Charles Stickley,” announces that Dianetics is “entirely above suspicion.”

(Bracketed inserts, accompanying references to Dianetics, refer to the revised Scientology edition of the Manual from the late 1960s.)

“This book is a synthesis of information gathered through observation, discussion, investigation and experience over the past ten years.

“I cannot entirely vouch for its authenticity. Disclosure of the sources from which it is drawn would undoubtedly lead to great difficulties for them. And in matters of this kind the Soviet is not accustomed to the issuance of validations.

“Having compiled this volume I did not easily discover any method of distributing it... the placement of this volume in anyone’s hands constituted to some degree a considerable risk to myself until I realized that there actually were two **American groups in the field of mental science** who were **entirely above suspicion**, particularly since they were often **mentioned as Soviet targets** by my informers and were mentioned in the actual text of this book as being antipathetic of this Soviet programme. These two groups were the Christian Scientists and the **Dianeticists**. [*Later changed to ‘Church of Scientology.’*] Christian Science is an American religion, intensely patriotic. **Dianetics** is the only **entirely American** development in the field of the human mind. [*‘Dianetics’ was later changed to ‘Scientology (and its substudy Dianetics)...’*]

“Knowing from my information sources that **Dianetics** [*Later changed to ‘the Church of Scientology.’*] and Christian Science **and their people have experienced years of mauling and defamation at Communist hands**, I am submitting to these organizations this work. **I wish to express here my appreciation for their bold resistance to Communism through the years.**

“I wish also to express my confidence in the future of the free nations of earth...”¹⁴ (All emphasis added)

After Mr. Stickley’s reassuring words, there follows more of L. Ron Hubbard in disguise. Here Hubbard, pretending to be Lavrenti Beria, chief of the Russian Secret Police, warns against “independent researchers.” Under the heading, “An Address By Beria”:

“American students at the Lenin University, I welcome your attendance at these classes on Psychopolitics... A Psychopolitician must work hard... until at last the entire field of mental science is entirely dominated by Communist principles and desires.

“To achieve these goals **the psychopolitician must crush every ‘home-grown’ variety of mental healing in America.** Actual teachings of Freud, James, Eddy and others amongst your misguided people must be swept away. **They must be discredited, defamed, arrested, stamped upon even by their own government** until... only Communist ‘healing’ remains... Psychopolitics is a solemn charge. With it you can erase our enemies as insects...

“However you labor under certain dangers... It may... occur that all mental healing might be placed in the hands of ministers and taken out of the hands of our psychologists and psychiatrists... But should this occur, should independent researchers actually discover means to undo psychopolitical procedures, you must not rest, you must not eat or sleep, you must not stint one tiniest bit of available money to campaign against it, discredit it, strike it down and render it void...

“In a Capitalistic state you are aided on all sides by the corruption... Use the courts, use the judges, use the Constitution of the country... to further our own ends... you can, by careful organization of healing societies, by constant campaign against the terrors of society, by pretense as to your effectiveness... finance a large portion of the quiet Communist conquest...”¹⁵

The Main Text of the Manual

Masquerading as an arrogant Russian Communist brainwashing expert, Hubbard proclaims:

“The stupidity and narrowness of nations not blessed with Russian reasoning has caused them to rely upon practices which are today too ancient and outmoded for the rapid and heroic pace of our time. And in view of the tremendous advance of Russian Culture in the field of mental technologies, begun with the glorious work of Pavlov and carried forward so ably by later Russians, it would be strange that an art and science would not evolve totally dedicated to the aligning of loyalties and extracting the obedience of individuals and multitudes...”¹⁶

“The definition of Psychopolitics is as follows:

“Psychopolitics is the art and science of asserting and maintaining dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals, officers, bureaus, and the masses, and the effecting of the conquest of enemy nations through ‘mental healing’...”¹⁷

“Mental Health organizations must carefully delete from their ranks anyone proficient in the handling or treatment of mental health. Thus must be excluded... trained **Dianeticists**. These **must be defamed** and excluded as ‘untrained,’ ‘unskillful,’ ‘quacks,’ or ‘perpetrators of hoaxes’...¹⁸ [*‘trained Dianeticists’ was later changed to ‘trained ministers of the Church of Scientology.’*]

“When a hostile **group dedicated to mental health** is discovered, the psychopolitician... should send persons, preferably well under his control, into the mental health group, and invite the group, whether Christian Science or **Dianetics** or other practice, to demonstrate its abilities upon the person... Midway in the course of their treatment, a quiet injection of peyote, mescaline, or other drug, or an electric shock, will produce the symptoms of insanity in the patient which has been sent to the target group... Officialdom will thus come into the belief that this group drives individuals insane by their practices, and the practices of the group will then be despised and prohibited by law...¹⁹

“The psychopolitical operative should also spare no expense in smashing out of existence, by whatever means, **any actual healing group, such as** that of acupuncture in China, such as Christian Science and **Dianetics** in the United States, such as Catholicism in Italy and Spain, and the practical psychology groups of England.” [*Dianetics* - in both references - was changed to ‘Church of Scientology’ in the revised Scientology edition from the late 1960s.]²⁰

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L. Ron Hubbard had written into his “Russian” Brainwashing Manual an explanation for those occasional embarrassing cases, where individuals exhibited “symptoms of insanity” after contact with Scientology. According to the Manual, a Communist agent would pre-select and send in the person, and then, “midway in the course of their treatment” provide “a quiet injection of peyote... or an electric shock.”

Scientologists were told a similar thing when the Brainwashing Manual was first mentioned to them in the 1955 Scientology Bulletin entitled *Psychiatry*:

“...that person had been given the insanity drug LSD... You’ll find the family physician or psychiatrist was called in midway in processing... And so testify that you suspect it. We will have on hand lots of literature on LSD...”

Years later he wrote in a Confidential Scientology policy issue of 29 June 1971, entitled only *Confidential*:

“Policy is that we assign any case or upset in Scientology to past damage and interference with the person by medicine or psychiatry. [*The PR line to the public is*] They were sent to us after medicine or psychiatry had already destroyed them. We cannot be blamed for psychiatric or medical failures.”

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In addition to the various hostile “Russian Communist” references to Dianetics in the Manual, there’s also an entire section entitled, “The Smashing of Religious Groups.” The year before the sudden and mysterious appearance of the Brainwashing Manual, Scientology had been formerly incorporated as a Church.

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The message awaiting any unsuspecting reader of the Manual was that people who were critical of Scientology - in the public or in “officialdom” - were members of the Communist party, or had somehow been influenced by the Communists, and perhaps had been drugged and/or shocked and/or hypnotized by them.

Now here was the Brainwashing Manual to confirm once and for all that Hubbard’s talk of a Communist conspiracy against him was indeed true. The Communists had been lying about Hubbard in order to discredit him. And why was this? Because he stood in the way of the Communist take over of America!

This is the primary propaganda message of the Brainwashing Manual; then there is the filler or “fluff” in which the message is cloaked. The “fluff” of the Manual denounces Man as a soulless animal, and exults in anti-Americanism, immorality, amorality, inhumanity, and the efficacy of electric shock and “pain-drug-hypnosis.” When the “fluff” is taken seriously, then the propaganda message, lurking in the background, can gently insert itself into the mind of the reader and become a “reality.”

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The original Manual from 1955 - complete with the original “Stickley Editorial Note” - mentions Dianetics six times.

The Goff 1956 version, deleting the original “Editorial Note” and inserting its own, mentions Dianetics three times. (The 1956 booklet is identical in size, page number and general appearance to the original Hubbard Manual, including its blank back cover.) This is the version that is still in circulation.

The late 1960s American Scientology version changes the “Stickley Editorial Note” and also the main text. It substitutes the references to Dianetics with Scientology, mentioning Scientology seven times (including prominently on the back cover), and Dianetics once, as a “substudy”; it replaces the 1955 Manual’s reference to “trained Dianeticists” with “trained ministers of the Church of Scientology.”

Reflecting these examples of dishonesty and intellectual corruption is the indoctrinated (“hatted”) Scientologist’s lack of candor toward non-members - sometimes referred to as “homo saps.”

More from the Brainwashing Manual:

“The constitution of Man lends itself easily to positive regulation from without of all its functions, including those of thinkingness, obedience and loyalty...²¹

[*‘Thinkingness’ is right below ‘effortingness’ on the Scientology ‘Know to Mystery Scale.’*]

The Brainwashing Manual continued:

“The mechanisms of stimulus-response are easily understood. The body takes pictures of every action in the environment around the individual. When the environment includes brutality, terror, shock, and other activities, the mental image picture gained contains in itself all the ingredients of the environment. If the individual, himself, was injured during that moment, the injury, itself, will re-manifest when called upon to respond by an exterior command source...”²²

“The stimulus we call the ‘incident of punishment’ where the response mechanism need only contain some small part of the stimulus to call into view the mental image picture, and cause it to exert against the body the pain sequence...”²³

“The mental image picture of the punishment will not become effective upon the individual unless the command content is disobeyed. It is pointed out in many early Russian writings that this is a survival mechanism...”²⁴

“Drugging the individual produces an artificial exhaustion, and if he is drugged, or shocked and beaten, and given a string of commands, his loyalties, themselves, can be definitely rearranged. This is P.D.H. or pain-drug-hypnosis.”²⁵

Pain-Drug-Hypnosis

Scientology PR statements, regarding the question of mind-manipulation and “brainwashing,” inevitably include references to “PDH” or “pain-drug-hypnosis,” and to electric shock, with the explanation that Scientology does not use these things and, therefore, could not be engaged in “brainwashing.”

The term “PDH” had been coined by Hubbard. It was defined as the infliction of pain to a drugged subject who was also receiving hypnotic commands. Ideally, this was supposed to produce a programmed puppet who would unconsciously obey his master’s directions, with family and friends having no idea that the person had been “PDHed.”

The idea of “pain-drug-hypnosis” was easy to explain to Scientologists. It’s just a deliberately induced “engram,” made more effective with drugs. Hubbard, in his Scientology writings, described an engram as:

“A mental image picture of an experience containing pain, unconsciousness, and real or fancied threat to survival.”

Engrams are a part of the reactive mind which is defined in Dianetics and Scientology as:

“That portion of the mind which works on a stimulus-response basis.”

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The psychopolitical operative was expected to have a full array of abusive know-how at his disposal. This even included the knowledge of how to accomplish the lobotomizing of others.

According to the Brainwashing Manual:

“Brain surgery, as developed in Russia, should also be practiced by the psychopolitical operative in training, to give him full confidence in the crudeness with which it can be done...”²⁶

“Brain operations should become standard and commonplace...”²⁷ ...insanity can only be met by shock, torture, deprivation, defamation, discreditation, violence, maiming, death, punishment in all its forms. The society, at the same time, must be educated into the belief of increasing insanity within its ranks. This creates an emergency, and places the psychopolitician in a savior role, and places him, at length, in charge of society.”²⁸

The psychopolitical operative should also practice sexual attack on patients; this is in keeping with the depraved and fiendish impulses inevitably found to be dwelling in the minds of Hubbard’s critics.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Exercises in sexual attack on patients should be practiced... to demonstrate the inability of the patient under pain-drug-hypnosis to recall the attack...”

“The actual simplicity of the subject of pain-drug-hypnosis, the use of electric shock, drugs, insanity producing injections, and other materials, should be masked entirely by technical nomenclature, by the protest of benefit by the patient, by an authoritarian pose and position, and by carefully cultivating governmental positions in the country to be conquered.”²⁹

Preferring methods of a duplicitous, overwhelming, or brutal nature, the “Russian” Manual belittles the therapeutic value of any form of psychotherapy that utilizes voluntary introspection. (Of course, to the psychopolitical operative, making someone “well,” if that were to occur, by whatever method, would not be an end in itself, but merely a means to an exploitative end.)

The Brainwashing Manual:

“There are those who have foolishly embarked upon some spiritual Alice-in-Wonderland voyage into what they call the ‘subconscious’ or ‘unconscious’ mind... There is no strength in such an approach.”³⁰

(Note: Such “Alice-in-Wonderland voyages,” by themselves, without added-on manipulative and coercive factors, do not necessarily bring about the desired end result of enthusiastically obedient followers.)

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The methods of the Brainwashing Manual are presented within a context of obnoxious Communistic rhetoric. "Pain-drug-hypnosis" and various "medical" approaches are cited sporadically; however, much of the Manual consists of descriptions of more practical non-medical methods of achieving "dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals..."

L. Ron Hubbard, in the coming years, would combine these methods with his publicized psychological

and philosophical imaginings, borrowings and innovations.

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The Brainwashing Manual describes itself as an instruction book for "psychopolitical operatives in the guise of mental healers." One characteristic of Scientology is that it uses "suitable guises." It was designed by its founder not to be fully known and understood.

The Layers of The "Scientological Onion" ³¹

Scientology could be described as a "layers of the onion" operation.

The outermost layer of the "Scientological Onion" is not identifiable with Scientology at all, being composed of front groups that conceal their connection to - and control by - the Scientology organization. Front groups might be said to constitute **Layer Zero**: a place where the tentacles of Scientology can grope incognito.

The first layer of the Scientological Onion is meant to be very visible.

(Television ads promoting Dianetics haunt late night TV. And Dianetics is somewhere between Layer Zero and Layer One, often being used as a "front" lead-in to Scientology.)

Layer One includes Scientology's pampered clique of celebrities, and various public relations ploys. It reverberates with noble sounding sentiments about creating a better world. Scientology seeks to equate itself, and its Founder, with anything broadly viewed as desirable or good. A little further along, this layer would include introductory courses and counseling with the stated aim of "knowing oneself" and "being free."

Here exist the potentially beneficial aspects of the many masked Scientology operation. The tragedy of Scientology is that the "positives" are used as "window dressing" and "bait on the hook," when they should have been the core and foundation. Thus the Scientology organization reeks of hypocrisy.

Also, at this much publicized layer, L. Ron Hubbard is presented as an engineer, war hero, nuclear physicist, and "the greatest Humanitarian of all time," and the author of "22 best sellers with more to come."

This "first layer" is what Scientology wishes the outside world to know as Scientology. And it is essentially what new converts to the "movement" believe.

It includes most of what is good in the subject: the dream of peace on earth, the desire to help, practical wisdom, civilized communication, and some potentially beneficial counseling procedures. The word freedom is used a great deal at this layer, and a heart-felt desire for greater personal freedom, and freedom for all Mankind, is not unusual in new recruits to Scientology.

(Any inconsistencies or contradictions between the publicly stated aims of the movement, and actual practices or facts, become irrelevant as the individual becomes subject to the Dark Side of Scientology. And the deeper one descends into the "onion" the darker it gets.)

Descending into the "onion" it is necessary to become a Scientologist. This means thinking like a Scientologist. This is **the Second Layer** where deception eases into "soft" forms of mind-manipulation. Love of Mankind is modified by the awareness that human beings are mere hapless "Wogs." ("Wog" is an old racial slur that was used by Hubbard - and is used in Scientology - to denote non-members.) The desire to help becomes the desire to recruit. The ideal of practical wisdom based on logic and science is superseded by the belief in the unfathomable mystery of the "tech." Indeed one is expected to be in a state of awe regarding the "tech," much in the same manner that a peasant woman might regard a piece of bone, said to have belonged to a Saint from centuries past.

The publicly promoted "policy" of honesty is modified by an awareness that deception is OK, as long as it serves to achieve the desired Scientological end. And the ideals of civility and democracy become a joke - just something upon which "panty-waists" and wimps fixate. One is slowly being "hatted" as a Scientologist.

(At this point an - unlucky - new Scientologist may be subjected to heavy handed "hard sell" tactics by a sales person or "registrar." Life savings have been lost, inheritances gobbled up, and lines of credit drained, all in a single arduous evening of "hard sell." This is really a premature taste of Layer Four.)

The Third Layer down is composed of never ending, expensive, highly advertised, but confidential “upper levels.” These go on and on - and on. Scientology has been selling the promise of “Total Freedom” since before most of its current membership were born. It remains the ever elusive “dangling carrot.”

Well known individuals who become involved in the movement - becoming “Scientology celebrities” - do not go deeper into the Scientological Onion than this.

They are also spared the abuses that “less valuable” beings may suffer at the hands of Scientology sales people, “Sea Org” recruiters, or “ethics” officers.

Celebrities are highly valued for their “public relations function,” and thus get the “red carpet treatment.” Wealthy people, who can be expected to have friends who are also well-to-do, are also seen as a valuable resource, and can expect “special treatment.” However, “ordinary” people with middle level incomes, some savings, or a good credit rating, can become targets for heavy handed “reg cycles,” and other unpleasant experiences.

At the upper fringes of the next layer down is local “Org staff,” and at the bottom of **Layer Four** can be found “Sea Org” personnel. This layer employs more pervasive and cruder forms of “persuasion” or “mind-control.” Here is the “slave-labor” supplying Rehabilitation Project Force, the Pavlovian “5 Card System,” and the grim but repressed awareness that one is merely a “post” and a “stat.” (i.e. statistic).

The Fifth Layer down includes intimidation of the mass media, use of lawsuits purely for purposes of harassment, and applications of policies and programs, such as those discovered as a result of the FBI search

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Pointing out that L. Ron Hubbard called people Communists and Nazis for propaganda purposes, and exploited people’s feelings toward these, in no way make light of anyone’s honest concerns about actual Communism or Nazism as threats to Liberty. Similarly, nothing here should be construed as minimizing anyone’s sincere criticisms of psychiatry. As for the term “psychopolitics,” it is a useful one, applicable to both medical and non-medical forms of “mind-control,” as practiced by totalitarian groups, and as practiced by the CIA during its MK-Ultra project. The term, as used by Hubbard in his “Russian Manual,” denotes the attainment of power over others through subterfuge, psychological manipulation, and various coercive measures. In the case of Hubbard³², this was, apparently, a self-initiated “one man act.”

L. Ron Hubbard’s Scientology is an ingeniously constructed psychopolitical operation; one that succeeds without drugs, lobotomy, or electric shock, having developed other means to achieve its objectives.

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The following correspondences with the Brainwashing Manual are presented, for the most part, in accordance with their placement in the “Scientological Onion.” The reader who wishes to search can find additional examples of Brainwashing Manual parallels - in Hubbard’s writings, and in descriptions of applications of those writings to be found in court records, affidavits, and other personal testimony.

warrants of July 1977. These materials were made available for public view by Federal court order in December 1979 and consist of organized applications of the Fair Game Law, and related confidential policies and “tech,” designed to illegally gain access to private files, infiltrate, harass, lie about, “sue, trick, lie to, or destroy” anyone perceived as an enemy. At this layer, also, would be secret bank accounts, “financial irregularities,” and behind-the-scenes “contacts,” and “deals,” with those in government.

Other aspects of this layer would be “blackmail,” including threats to publicize personal information obtained during “religious confessionals” (auditing sessions); and the inducement of duress of various kinds - including frivolous lawsuits - to obtain promises of “silence,” and to obtain “signed retractions” of earlier statements.

Here also can be found the handful of individuals who constitute the “Scientology hierarchy” : the board of directors of the Religious Technology Center, and its chairman David Miscavige or “DM.”

Layer Number Six appears to be the core of the Onion. It is a very temperamental and secret place.

Here lie the secrets of L. Ron Hubbard: his bad health, bad habits, undistinguished military service, flunked physics and mathematics classes. Here can be found the actual motivations behind, and sources of, Dianetics and Scientology. Here can be found Mary Sue Hubbard, languishing in prison for crimes committed under her husband’s direction, while her husband - in hiding - passes the time writing Science Fiction. Here are all the things you shouldn’t know about the founder of the “Science of Knowing How to Know.”

Brainwashing Manual Parallels in Modern Scientology

Quoting from the 1969 Confidential Policy Letter *Battle Tactics*:

“If you uniformly apply the tactics and strategy of battle to... press or legal or public confrontation, you will win.”

The ancient Chinese classic, *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, is mentioned by Hubbard in confidential writings and briefings. It is required reading for Scientology PR people and Intelligence operatives. According to *The Art of War*, the first tactic of battle is deception.

(In the 1970s Hubbard produced some sanitized writings on “Public Relations” for public consumption. Although revealing in many ways, and containing a portion of actual “PR tech,” these writings are cloaked in what Hubbard called “nicey nicey PR,” and are overruled by confidential writings. See Layer 5.)

Bracketed material is inserted into quotes from the Brainwashing Manual to illustrate parallels with Scientology. The paralleling of “Communism” with “Scientology” is not meant to imply that Scientology is part of a Communist movement. It is only that Hubbard’s (“cold war” era) statements in the Manual, made in the guise of a Communist instructor of psychopolitical operatives, often parallel the doctrine and activities of Scientology. (All bolded lettering has been added.)

Correspondences between the *Battle Tactics* policy and the Brainwashing Manual

Excerpts from Scientology’s *Battle Tactics*:

“**In these days of ‘cold war’** when actual warfare is impossible due to atomic weapons, the warfare is waged in the press and public in the form of ideas...

“If we and they [*anyone not complying with the wishes of Scientology*] are considered as two hostile and opposing nations at war, then a huge array of tactics and strategies become visible...

“**The end product of war...** is ‘to bring about a more amenable frame of mind on the part of the enemy’...

We must ourselves fight on the basis of total attrition of the enemy. So never get reasonable about him. Just go all the way in and obliterate him... One cuts enemy communications, funds, connections... He raids and harasses... Seeing it as a battle one can apply battle tactics to thought actions...

“**The cold war is a war. The West is losing it because it is fighting by other rules than the rules of war.**”

And from the Brainwashing Manual:

“**In this time of unlimited weapons**, and in national antagonisms where atomic war with Capitalistic powers is possible, psychopolitics must act efficiently as never before...

“The spread of Communism has never been by force of battle, but by conquest of the mind...”

“**The end of war** is the control of a conquered people...”³³

“**The Capitalist does not know the definition of war.** He thinks of war as attack with force performed by soldiers and machines. He does not know that a more effective if somewhat longer war can be fought with... the wisdom of our art.”³⁴

On “Survival”

Once a person has been convinced that his survival, and the survival of Mankind, depend upon Scientology, the door is opened to domination by Scientology. Hubbard warned that, without Scientology, a person’s destiny is to become “a cinder” trapped in a hell worse than any religion ever envisioned. With Scientology one is ensured of a “totally free eternity.” In the Brainwashing Manual the “survival mechanism” is mentioned in the context of enforcing hypnotic commands administered during “pain-drug-hypnosis.” In light of Scientology’s manipulative efforts, the Manual’s reference to “survival” may have additional significance.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“It is pointed out in many early Russian writings that this is a survival mechanism. [*Scientology’s ‘Dynamic principle of existence - Survive’ was known as ‘The Will to Live’ prior to Hubbard.*] It has already been well and thoroughly used [*as a ‘mechanism’*] in the survival of [*Scientology*] Communism.”³⁵

On Surviving the Atomic Bomb

In the 12 June 1956 Professional Auditor's Bulletin, Hubbard wrote:

"With man now equipped with weapons sufficient to destroy all mankind on Earth... The primary race on Earth is... the one being run between Scientology and the atomic bomb."

A year earlier, in the guise of a Russian Communist, he had written in the Brainwashing Manual:

"The failure of Psychopolitics might well bring about the atomic bombing of the Motherland..."

"The psychopolitical operative must succeed, for his success means world peace. His failure might mean the destruction of the civilized portions of the Earth by atomic power..."

"The end thoroughly justifies the means..."³⁶

On an individual Scientologist influencing leaders

In his June 1960 *Special Zone Plan*, Hubbard instructs Scientologists on obtaining influence in society:

"Locate its leader. Get a paid post as a secretary or officer of the staff..." A nation or a state runs on the ability of its department heads, its governors, or any other leaders. Its easy to get posts in such areas... Get a job on the secretarial staff or as the bodyguard, use any talent one has to **get a place close in..."**

And in the Brainwashing Manual:

"Planted beside a country's powerful persons the psychopolitical operator can also guide other policies to the betterment of our battle..."³⁷

"The rich, the skilled in finance, the well informed in government are particular and individual targets for the psychopolitician... Thus every rich man, every statesman, every person well informed and capable in government must have brought to his side **as a trusted confidant** a psychopolitical operator..."³⁸

Scientology is devious by design

Scientology, as designed by its founder, presents that version of itself to a specific person or group that will result in the attaining of a specific objective that benefits Scientology. Sometimes this version of Scientology is called "Scientology"; other times - in the form of "front groups" - it is called by another name, with the connection to and control by Scientology being downplayed, or denied. The person or group being contacted by Scientology is told whatever is needed to "handle" them.

Concealment and deception are essential to the approach outlined in the "Russian textbook on psychopolitics," a.k.a. the Brainwashing Manual. These are also central to the operation of Scientology, which maintains a supply of statements by Hubbard on the importance of "truth" in case anyone begins to receive the impression that Scientology is not an honest operation.

Front Groups - Layer Zero of the "Scientological Onion."

"It is not necessary that the term 'Communism' [Scientology] be applied at first..."

The Brainwashing Manual:

"As the conquest of a nation in Communism [*Parallels with Scientology*] depends upon imbuing its population with Communistic [*Scientology*] tenets, it is not necessary that the term 'Communism' [*Scientology*] be applied at first..."³⁹

"Psychopolitical operatives [*Scientology*] should at all times be alert to the opportunity to organize 'for the betterment of the community' mental health [*Front*] groups or clubs..."⁴⁰

"City officials, socialites, and other unknowing individuals... should be invited to full cooperation..."

"But the entirety of this activity should be to finance better facilities for [*Scientology*] the psychopolitical practitioner..."⁴¹

"The psychopolitical operative should bend consistent and continual effort toward forming and continuing in action innumerable mental health [*For the betterment of the community' Front*] groups..."⁴²

Front groups⁴³ are a means for Scientology to sneak in somewhere and covertly gain influence. They are very numerous and take a variety of forms.

The following list is but a small sampling of names: Committee on Public Health and Safety, Committee for a Safe Environment, The Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Education, Alliance to Protect Religious Liberty, Foundation for Religious Freedom, American Citizens for Honesty in Government, Concerned Businessmen's Association of America, Oslo International Peace Committee, Foundation for the Communication of Culture International, The National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice (also used as a "Church social reform" group), National Mental Health (telephone) Hot Line, The Way to Happiness Foundation, Applied Scholastics, Narconon. There are also numerous Fronts in the area of arts and entertainment, and in business management. Other Fronts, used in times past, include: American Society for Disaster Relief, Allied Scientists of the World, National Academy of American Psychology, Constitutional Administration Party, Citizens' Press Association, Society for Safety in Mental Healing, Freudian Foundation of America, Community Leaders of America, Operation Transport Company, Southern Land Development and Leasing, United Churches, and The Scottish Highlands Quietude Club.

Some Fronts are actual groups, while others are little more than official sounding titles. For example, the title United Churches was used as a disguise by Scientology when it purchased property in Clearwater, Florida in 1975, after which the name of United Churches was discarded. Similarly, property was purchased in the Southern California desert using the title of The Scottish Highlands Quietude Club. (This property has since been renamed Golden Era Studios and operates as a Front, or not, depending on the occasion.) Front groups can be used as a vehicle for recruitment into Scientology. A Front group name can lend an air of credibility to a PR leaflet, or news release, by providing a respectable sounding title to underscore the message. One Front can make a presentation of a "public service" award to another Front. A Front also can perform as a "suitable guise" in the collection of information, or in the conducting of a "noisy investigation."

Scientology's confidential text on covert Intelligence and Propaganda, *The Information Full Hat*, includes "TR L" or Training Routine for Lying. It uses a Front group title in its example of how to lie effectively:

"Coach: Where do you come from?"

"Student: I come from the Housewives' Committee on Drug Abuse.

"Coach: But you said earlier that you were single.

"Student: Well, actually I was married but am divorced. I have 2 kids in the suburbs where I am a housewife, in fact I'm a member of the P.T.A.

"Coach: What town is it that you live in?"

"Student: West Brighton.

"Coach: But there is no public school in West Brighton.

"Student: I know. I send my children to school in Brighton..."

An example of a Front that is an actual group would be Narconon, which promotes itself to the public as a drug rehabilitation group with no mention of Scientology. Someone looking into Narconon will discover that it is entirely based on the writings of Hubbard, and is "under the umbrella" of the Association for Better Living and Education International (ABLE International). Looking more deeply, it becomes apparent that both ABLE International and Narconon are under the control of Scientology. Narconon serves as a covert means of involving people in Scientology; and on those occasions when Scientology chooses to identify itself with Narconon, it is a source of good publicity, since who would oppose a "Church" that supports a group that has as its stated purpose the "freeing of people from drug addiction," and "saving lives"?

Another Front is The Way to Happiness Foundation. It promotes *The Way to Happiness Moral Code Booklet*, written by Hubbard in 1980 while he was in hiding from the FBI. The booklet contains no mention of Scientology, and its cover features no author attribution; however, Hubbard's name, in very small print, does appear at the back of the booklet. In the event that anyone accuses L. Ron Hubbard of having been unscrupulous or immoral, or amoral, *The Way to Happiness* booklet will quickly appear as "proof" that Hubbard (and Scientology) was (and is) very moral indeed. Its twenty one Precepts feature some notable observations.

Under the Precept “Don’t Be Promiscuous” Hubbard advises that:

“A ‘feeling of guilt’ is nowhere near as sharp as a knife in the back or ground glass in the soup.”

Another Precept “Do Not Murder” emphasizes, for those who might have any doubt about it, that:

“The way to happiness does not include murdering your friends, your family, or yourself being murdered.”

And the Precept “Don’t Do Anything Illegal” says of “illegal acts”:

“In a cloudy - and often crime ridden society - one has to consult an attorney or be specially trained to know them all... It is an action, which if done, can result in punishment by the courts and state; [and] being pilloried by the state propaganda machine... See that children and people become informed of what is ‘legal’ and what is ‘illegal.’”

In tiny print on the back of the booklet is stated:

“This may be the first non-religious moral code based wholly on common sense. It was written by L. Ron Hubbard as an individual work and is not part of any religious doctrine... it is therefore admissible for government departments and employees to distribute it...”

This would include the distribution to children in public schools. Ideas such as being “pilloried by the state propaganda machine,” or having “ground glass in the soup,” will likely be new ones to the average schoolchild.

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In 1954 Hubbard began utilizing what he had privately called the “religion angle.”⁴⁴ And this approach has served Scientology well. Yet, in certain instances, it is of use to Scientology to be thought of as secular in nature. Identical Hubbard writings, referred to as “religious sacred scripture” when called Scientology, will, in another place, be referred to as “LRH tech” and described as not religious.

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Perhaps the strangest sort of Front group is the kind that overtly promotes the name and “image” of L. Ron Hubbard. One of these, consisting of people who never knew him, is called “Friends of L. Ron Hubbard.” This type of Front exists in order to promote the idea of the popularity of Hubbard with “millions,” including multitudes of grateful “Wogs.” (On the topic of “LRH image,” there’s even “tech” for obtaining “City Proclamations” and the like, honoring Hubbard. These are displayed as though they were offered by appreciative non-Scientists, when, in truth, they were aggressively sought and obtained.)

One area where Hubbard’s name is publicized, with the pretense of being separate from Scientology, is in the world of Science Fiction literature. While there are non-Scientists who enjoy some of Hubbard’s early Fiction works, they too often think of Scientology as a bizarre departure from an otherwise respectable writing career. Scientology cannot use these people. It becomes necessary, therefore, to produce people who 1) adore all of Hubbard’s Fiction writings, 2) claim to have no connection to Scientology, 3) and have not a single “critical” thing to say about it, making such comments as, “I know *nothing* about Scientology. I’m an Episcopalian.” Hubbard’s Fiction writings (available through the Front group called Author Services) will be found to have a number of quietly catered to admirers; often these are aspiring authors hoping to receive sizable cash awards, and to be included in the *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future* short story anthologies. One such admirer was invited by Author Services to the premier of the movie *Battlefield Earth* in Los Angeles in May of 2000. As described in the Riverside, California *Press-Enterprise*:

“He walked on the red carpet down the center of Hollywood Boulevard and even shook hands with John Travolta. And even though some movie critics had panned the film, [he] had no complaints.”

In a sense, Scientology consists only of Fronts, with The “Church” of Scientology, itself, the main Front group. (True to its “smoke and mirrors” character, a peculiar and perhaps dizzying situation exists of “Fronts layered upon Fronts.”) The Scientology “Church” is only one of many corporate entities and names that exist under the total control of the senior corporate entity known as the Religious Technology Center or RTC. (Although the identity of the senior corporation can shift when expedient.) For the sake of simplicity, and brevity, all of these RTC controlled groups or titles are referred to here as part of “Scientology.” “Scientology” is a monolithic operation that is many-masked and multi-named. Despite efforts to make it seem otherwise, there are no autonomous groups or associations.

Layer One - The publicized portion of Scientology

Scientology presents the idea that it wants to create a “safe environment.” What isn’t publicly stated is that a “safe environment” is defined as a “safe environment for Scientology to expand into.” That means stopping access to information and preventing informed public discussion about Scientology. (Recently, there was even an attempt to have a peaceful placard carrying dissenter arrested and jailed by making accusations that this dissenter had committed “religious hate crimes.”) Into the “vacuum,” resulting from the “obliteration” of critics or dissenters, is to be inserted Scientology influence and “Public Relations,” including planned “friendly” encounters with “Wog opinion leaders.”

“Churches are looked upon as reform groups. Therefore we must act like a reform group,” instructs the Policy Letter of 25 February 1966. Scientology - which is a trademarked brand name - has a variety of groups that advertise the idea that it cares about “the betterment of the community.” Although these groups may be used as Fronts on occasion, they are, most of the time, identified with Scientology. The following are a few examples of such groups:

The “Citizens Commission on Human Rights” has the stated aim of “eliminating psychiatric abuse and restoring human rights.” As with all Scientology groups, its actual purpose is to empower Scientology.

The “Citizens Commission” concentrates its efforts on attacking psychiatry, one of Scientology’s main detractors over the years. Utilizing “standard wartime propaganda,” it seeks to identify contemporary psychiatry with psychiatrists who had worked for the Nazis in Germany. Its exploitation of the victims of the Holocaust for its own propaganda purposes has been shameless. Nevertheless, there is enough that is negative in the subject of psychiatry to provide a supply of genuine abuses, the most recent being the over-prescribing of the drug Ritalin to children. Scientology has played this issue to the hilt, while covering up its own history of abuse and neglect of the children of its “Sea Org” members.

The “Church” of Scientology, with “ministers” in clerical collars, strives to create the impression that it is passionately for religious freedom. It even has its own “Religious Freedom Crusade” - which is activated whenever needed. Routinely identified with Scientology, the “Religious Freedom Crusade” does not usually function as a Front group. Its stated objective, however, constitutes a false front, since freedom for “Wog” religions is considered relevant only to the extent that it assists Scientology.

There have been reformed “splinter” groups started by former members of the Scientology organization. In accordance with policy, their religious freedom was definitely not to be respected.

Wrote Hubbard in a 27 September 1965 (for Staff only) *Executive Letter* on “Amprinistics”:

“Treatment - They are each Fair Game, can be sued or harassed... Harass these persons in any way possible... Tear up any meeting held and get the names of those attending...”

Hubbard’s comments on Christianity can be found throughout his writings and taped lectures, with the most severe denunciations restricted to the confidential 1968 “upper level” Class 8 Course.

On the topic of Christianity in a July 1951 Scientology lecture, Hubbard stated:

“What did we have when this organization was in its greatest ascendancy? We had a dark ages for Man. [Then seeming to contradict himself, Hubbard said:]

“By the way, I’m saying nothing against organized religion. You understand me clearly. **I have nothing against organized religion.**

[In what would be an early example of the publicized/confidential doctrinal pattern, Hubbard seems to be saying, “Hey, ‘wink wink,’ this is the PR line for the general public.” He then reveals the point of view lurking behind the PR line:]

“**We’ve taken care of it. It’ll go by the boards shortly...** I just happen not to like it.” [Unless, as it turns out, he happens to be the object of worship.]

The Brainwashing Manual:

“While **we today seem to be kind to the Christian**, remember we have yet to influence the ‘Christian world’ to our ends. When that is done **we shall have an end to them everywhere.**”⁴⁵

A variation of Scientology “ministers” comes in the form of the Volunteer Minister program.

Volunteer Ministers are usually innocent new Scientologists, who have been taught to use simple introductory counseling methods. Believing that the “Church” of Scientology’s publicly promoted portion is illustrative of what Scientology actually is, they can be sent out to perform as “ministers” without realizing that they are serving a “PR function.” Thus the most naïve - and decent - of the membership have the attribute of genuine sincerity, and this can be utilized to create a positive, if misleading, image of Scientology. (Parallels the Brainwashing Manual’s reference to an “**unwitting mental practitioner**”⁴⁶ who’s been “taught... by psychopolitical operators.” The practitioner unwittingly participates in a “psychopolitical operation” that’s been disguised as a sincere humanitarian movement concerned with “mental healing.”) There seem to be few active Volunteer Ministers, but they have been known to appear after well publicized disasters, usually accompanied by a Scientology photographer.

Dianetic and Scientology books, written during the first half of 1950s, are another publicized portion of Scientology. Most well known is *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*, which was a bestseller for a time in 1950. In the 1970s a pattern began of manufacturing bestseller status for Hubbard’s books. It was possible to achieve placement on any bestseller list by utilizing a controlled group of people, who would visit selected bookstores, during a specific week, and purchase copies of the book “targeted” to achieve bestseller status.⁴⁷ The books would then either be stored in a warehouse, or later returned to the bookstore for reimbursement. (Note the 237,848 returns/reminders of the “best-seller” *Mission Earth* series.⁴⁸) In the years before Scientology realized it could manufacture bestseller status for any Hubbard book, and had the resources to do so, it concentrated solely on selling its books with the intention that people actually read them. Many did. And some became Scientologists as a result.

Scientologists usually have a first book that introduced them to the subject. For most this was *Dianetics*. Some will have been intrigued with texts such as *Scientology 8-8008* and *The Creation of Human Ability*. Each of these books promises “never before attained” states of being. New Scientologist are soon informed that “stable” results can be obtained only by traveling “up” the expensive and indeterminately long “Bridge Grade Chart.” While no one has ever actually crossed the Scientology “Bridge,” members are expected to be grateful for the opportunity to take the ever present “next step.”

Hubbard’s 1950s era “non-fiction” books contain exaggerations and fabrications, re-workings of earlier ideas and techniques, and some seemingly original insights and innovations. There are “self-help” and “New Age” authors, and even some psychoanalysts, who have borrowed from their pages.

The publicized portion of Scientology serves to “soften up” the individual for the next level of involvement. The non-publicized inner doctrine - including the Brainwashing Manual basics - inevitably overrides the publicized outer doctrine.

“White Scientology”

“White Scientology”⁴⁹ is an awkward and simplistic term that attempts to describe the positive aspects of Scientology. What might exactly constitute this “White Scientology” is a matter for discussion, and it is probably easier to describe what it is not, than to describe what it is. But the term is necessary (or some other term) to complete a description of Scientology. To deny that there is *anything* good or worthwhile in Scientology is to play into the hands of Scientology PR people and recruiters, who use the technique of demonstrating *one* apparently positive or true thing in the subject, in an attempt to “dead agent” someone. “Dead agent” is a term derived from Sun Tzu’s *Art of War*, and used in Scientology as a verb, meaning to discredit a source of information. This is to be done by finding *one thing* from that source that can be “disproved.” (While ignoring everything that can’t be “disproved.”) Thereafter, all information from that source is supposed to be regarded as not credible, and the source and all data from it are to be “discarded.”

(There is also the attempt to discredit through the use of “standard wartime propaganda,” through “curving” or distorting, or by the invention of bogus “facts.” There is the use of innuendo with “noisy investigations.” Then there is attempted discrediting - or shutting down of inquiry and dissent - through the obtaining of “signed retractions,” “confessions,” or promises of silence, by “finding or manufacturing enough threat,” or by creating financial duress by prolonged litigation. And, as a final resort, there are Covert “dirty tricks” Operations designed to “...discredit... or remove” an “enemy.” See Layer 5 of the “Onion.”)

Scenario: An application of “White Scientology”

One afternoon a new Scientologist shows up at an old friend’s apartment. The Scientologist notices that his friend is sullen and introverted - “down tone.” The Scientologist knows about the Scientology emotional Tone Scale, the short form of which is:

Serenity	40.0
Exhilaration	8.0
Esthetics	6.0
Enthusiasm	4.0
Cheerfulness	3.5
Strong interest	3.3
Conservatism	3.0
Mild interest	2.9
Boredom	2.5
Antagonism	2.0
Pain	1.8
Anger	1.5
Covert Hostility	1.1
Fear	1.0
Propitiation	0.8
Grief	0.5
Apathy	0.05

He concludes his friend is at “boredom,” tending toward “antagonism.”

The Scientologist sees that his friend’s kitchen is cluttered with dirty dishes which, in a deliberately bored manner, the Scientologist starts washing by himself. His friend finds this odd, but can “have” the Scientologist’s bored (and gradually “conservative” and finally cheerful) demeanor. Able to “have” and thus “duplicate” the condition of boredom, the friend eventually joins in, helping the Scientologist to wash the dishes. In an hour the kitchen is sparkling clean and orderly. The non-Scientology friend is feeling better.

The Scientologist then has him observe things in the environment by casually directing his attention to them. The Scientologist is doing a “locational.” This will raise the “havingness” of his friend.

“Havingness” is defined as, “the concept of being able to reach,” and “the experience of mass and pressure.” A person’s “havingness is up” when he vividly beholds the environment and is in “present time.”

The friend is now cheerful, admiring (and “having”) the environment and, encouraged by the Scientologist, is talking of goals and plans that excite him. He is another Scientology “success story” and he doesn’t even know it yet.

The Scientologist tells him about something called a “cycle of action”; which consists of start, change, and stop, with the completion of the cycle; and how a sink full of dirty dishes, when not “confronted” is an incomplete cycle of action, and will result in a lessening of personal morale, a drop in “tone,” and a tendency to accumulate unwanted “mental mass.”

He tells him about the Tone Scale. He tells him that it’s possible to free all of one’s life energy and potential through participation in Scientology, and hands him a book by L. Ron Hubbard. His friend is interested and will read it.

Several days after being introduced to Scientology, the friend tells another person about it. That person responds that Scientology is all nonsense. The friend is incredulous when hearing this. His experience tells him that Scientology is good. After all, it *did* help him.

Whatever anyone thinks of this particular “nook,” of this “compartment,” of this “layer,” of the many layered subject of Scientology (in this case, the “tech” of “Two Way Comm,” the Tone Scale, the Cycle of Action, and “Havingness”), it is not representative of the overall subject of Scientology and its application.

The positive aspects of Scientology are but one compartment of one layer. There’s more Scientology left. And it’s the dominant part.

“...by reason alone”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“It is fortunate that Communism [*Scientology*] so truly approaches [*in its description of itself*] an ideal state of mind, for this brings a certain easiness into changing of loyalties, since all other philosophies extant and practiced on Earth today are degraded and debased, compared to Communism [*Scientology*]. It is then with certain security that a psychopolitical operator functions, for he knows that he can change the loyalty of the individual to a more ideal level [*to Scientology*] by reason alone, and only expediency [*practicality*] makes it necessary to employ the various shifts [*applications*] of psychopolitical technology.”⁵⁰

When a person has been enticed into Scientology with some aspect of the “reason” portion, it becomes necessary to begin to implement “psychopolitical technology.” This is to ensure that the person will be willing to accept as true all official propaganda and “explanations,” no matter how implausible, and to ensure the practice of “unlooking” at any information considered “anti” or “critical.”

The use of “psychopolitical technology” is necessary to guarantee the existence of Scientologists who will seek to understand the “science of Scientology,” but never in such a way that would cause them not to be delighted with it; and who will enthusiastically applaud, on cue, giant pictures of L. Ron Hubbard, and huge stylized representations of his name.

The “reason” portion of the subject has as a central idea the therapeutic value of communication, and the desirability of increasing a person’s ability to communicate and experience. “Auditing” is presented as the primary means for doing this.

Auditing⁵¹

If you’ve ever sat down with someone and let him tell you his problems - get it off his chest - to a point where he felt better and, perhaps, even realized something about the situation which resulted in improved ability or willingness to deal with it, then you’ve been an auditor.

Auditing basically means to listen. It can also involve assisting another to look at the external environment of the world at large, and the internal environment of his thoughts and feelings, so as to improve his communication with these things, in the direction of greater mastery and freedom.

According to Scientology theory there are in the mind a great many outdated “answers.” A person goes through life largely unaware of these old “answers” while, unconsciously, being the effect of them. These answers or “solutions” might be described as “old programming” operating not unlike hypnotic commands, imposing upon the individual unwanted conditions, including pressures, fears, obsessions, and psychosomatic ills.

In the “lower levels” of Scientology auditing one is asked a question and invited to look for these outmoded, undesirable “answers.” The idea, so it is said, is to bring to the surface and analytically examine already existing answers, consisting of fixed, and un-inspected, decisions, agreements, and computations.

This is done, usually, until there is emotional relief or “release,” and a new realization regarding the particular area being addressed at the time.

This aspect of auditing resembles the psychoanalytic process of abreaction.

Abreaction is traditionally defined as, “The process of bringing to consciousness and, thus, adequate expression, material which has been unconscious.”

The Philosophical Library’s 1947 *Dictionary of Psychology* describes it as:

“The expression of emotion connected with a mental conflict hitherto repressed, but, with the help of the psychoanalyst, now brought into the conscious mind of the patient. The patient is aware of many symptoms, but he is not fully aware of the nature of the conflict; hence emotional tensions are built up. The abreaction has been likened to the conversion experience of the religious convert, who feels that a great weight has been lifted from his shoulders.”

Alfred Korzybski⁵², from whom L. Ron Hubbard derived so much of the “good stuff” of Dianetics and Scientology, described it this way in *Science and Sanity*, published in 1935:

“It is quite remarkable that ‘mental therapy’... is only successful when it succeeds in making the patient not only ‘rationalize’ his difficulties but also makes him emotionalize - **live through again**, so to say, and **evaluate anew** - his past experiences. This process can be compared with a glass of water in which some chalky sediment lies on the bottom... the different hurts, etc. may be compared to the water *and* the sediment. ‘Rationalization’ alone is like throwing away the clean water and letting the sediment remain. No improvement follows... But if we mix up the water *and* the chalk, then we can throw out both and **a clearing up will follow**... the ‘living through’ of past experiences is equivalent to [*the*]... stirring up of meanings before **eliminating the immature evaluations**.

“...new ‘hurts’ in practice are usually related or similar to the old ones; they would revive the older ‘hurts’...
“In most cases of insanity or ‘unsanity,’ there is a disorientation as to space and time...”

Korzybski’s “hurts” (similar to Scientology’s “engrams” and “secondary engrams”) usually contain “non-optimum” or “immature evaluations.” (Scientology’s “contra-survival postulates.”) These can be “revived” (in Scientology “keyed in”) by experiences in the present. “Hurts” and their subconscious connections with earlier similar “hurts” and with earlier “immature evaluations,” can absorb the “positive effective energy” of an individual. (In Scientology “positive effective energy” is called “theta,” which essentially means life force.) Locating and resolving “hurts” can be assisted with a simple bio-feedback device that passes a tiny electrical current through the body, measuring changes in the flow. Wrote Korzybski:

“Psycho-galvonic experiments [*with a device similar to the Scientology E-meter*⁵³] show clearly that every emotion or thought is always connected with some electrical current.”

On those occasions when genuine abreaction occurs, and the process is brought to a happy conclusion, the effect can be dramatic. In auditing an individual may find himself recalling incidents from early childhood long forgotten, putting past upsets into a new perspective and laughing about them, feeling brighter and lighter and more himself. In short, he may be very impressed with his newly discovered space-age religion. While this is happening he will be receiving approval, validation, and acceptance by the membership. Inevitably he’ll read about Scientology’s aim of “a world without crime, insanity or war... where Man is free to rise to greater heights.” He’ll be told that Scientology makes available, for the first time, “unimaginable” spiritual power, and that the “Church” is the only route to immortality. It is explained to him that he is on the “Bridge to Total Freedom.” He will also come to understand that without Scientology a being is doomed to what amounts to eternal damnation. And he will, somewhere in the course of these events, make a Leap of Faith: “If what I experienced was good, then it all must be good. This must be the Bridge to Total Freedom!” (Of course, there are those whose conversion is based mainly on the fear of Scientology’s Hell.) Once the “leap of faith” is made the person goes from being interested in Scientology to being *in* Scientology.

Descending into Layer Two of the Onion: The “In-Organization” Strata

Consider the following parallels with regard to the insertion of manipulative and malevolent ideas and methods into the publicized “benign” portion of Scientology.

“...[Scientology] under the guise of [‘White Scientology’]...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“...in the United States we have been able to **alter the works of William James, and others, [Parallels with the publicized ‘White Scientology’]** into a more acceptable pattern, and to place the tenets of Karl Marx, Pavlov... [*Parallels with - actual, behind the PR veneer - Scientology*] into the textbooks of psychology [*‘White Scientology,’*] **to such a degree that anyone studying psychology [‘White Scientology’] becomes at once a candidate to accept the reasonableness of Communism [Scientology].**⁵⁴

“...the transmittal of the tenets of Communism [**Scientology**] **under the guise of** [*disguised by and mixed with*] psychology [**‘White Scientology’**] ... bringing about a state of mind... where they will accept Communist [*Scientology*] tenets as those of their own action and as modern scientific principles.⁵⁵

“Marxist principle [*Scientology*] **smoothly slid into** a capitalist framework [**‘White Scientology’**]...”⁵⁶

Exploitation of the process of abreaction

Auditing, when utilizing the fundamental process of abreaction, can remove stale “programming.” This is undesirable unconscious programming. The idea, it would seem, is to free the person to do his own programming, to be the boss of his own mind. What isn’t realized is that, while the old programs are being deleted, a new Scientology program is being inserted. This is a gradual affair. One agrees, then agrees a little bit more, then a little more and so on.

For example: A new Scientologist realizes through auditing that he has been in his father’s “valence” (identity) all these years. Now he is free of it and can be himself. What a relief! He had unconsciously adopted his father’s mannerisms, habits, prejudices, and general outlook on life. And since his dad happened to be an anti-Semitic hypochondriac, it’s hard to argue that freeing himself of these traits is somehow bad. What the Scientologist doesn’t realize is that Scientology has a new “valence,” a new identity, new habits, prejudices and outlook waiting for him. And they are those which, for all practical purposes, will be adopted by him just as unwittingly as were his father’s characteristics. So he gradually loses his old enforcements and inhibitions, only to have them replaced by a collection of Scientology enforcements and inhibitions.

He was told, initially, that he could become the master of his own universe; but as it ends up, he finds himself swallowed up by the universe of Scientology. Typically, and this is the great tragedy, by the time the process is complete, he doesn’t know the difference. This is the other “Bridge,” the Hidden Bridge, the Bridge built upon the basics of the Brainwashing Manual - the textbook on Psychopolitics. It is the Bridge leading to Total Agreement and Total Compliance.

The “Bridge” over-all - publicized and behind-the-scenes aspects working together - serves to produce a state of heightened suggestibility to Scientology. In light of this, the question arises as to how often genuine abreaction occurs in Scientology, and how often what appears to be abreaction is merely an exercise in suggestion, in a highly controlling and propaganda saturated environment. Consider the possibility that Scientologists are “set up” for further indoctrination (including the “evaluation” and “implant” of the “upper levels,” complete with falsely reassuring E-meter responses) by first doing the “lower levels.” These lower levels consult the person’s own mind and do induce, at least occasionally, the occurrence of abreaction. (With E-meter responses with some basis in reality.) Consider the possibility that genuine emotional catharsis and self-discovery - by themselves positive actions - were too good of an “angle” for Hubbard to overlook. (The E-meter, which measures emotional response, not truth, is similarly used to mislead.)

It’s noteworthy that the confidential PR, Propaganda, and Covert Operations tech, normally directed at outsiders, also can be found to be applied (internally) to Scientologists. Interestingly enough, the “primary function” of Scientology’s Guardian Office (renamed the Office of Special Affairs) parallels what may happen to someone who undergoes - while in the environment of Scientology - the seemingly benign and therapeutic experience of abreaction.

Guardian Order of 10 October 1974 states, under “Primary Function”:

“To sweep aside opposition sufficiently to create a vacuum into which Scientology can expand.”

In a manipulative environment, the act of “erasing” or “blowing mental mass,” or “blowing” or changing one’s mind, would appear to be unwise.

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Aside from the issue of Scientology’s exploitation of abreaction in counseling, there is also the idea that, generally, simple persuasion is all that’s required to produce a convert.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“It is generally only necessary to **persuade with the rational and overwhelming reasonability of Communism [Scientology]** to have the person grant his loyalty to the Russian State [Scientology organization]. However... emotional distress... should be resorted to, should Communist [Scientology] propaganda fail...⁵⁷ These [reason and propaganda] are milder methods but have proven extremely effective. The greatest drawback in their practice is that they require time and concentration, the manufacture of false evidence, [One example of which is the ‘Russian’ Brainwashing Manual] and a psychopolitical operator’s [Scientology’s] time.”⁵⁸

Hubbard spent his time in the 1950s creating the major portion of the verbiage of the subject of Scientology. He had created a voluminous subject which did contain some “reason.” This “reason” portion could be used by someone to help another. In actual application, by Scientology, the “reason” portion is mixed with hyperbole and trickery. Scientology utilizes “reason,” persuasion, propaganda, the “manufacture of false evidence,” and the exploitation of the counseling process, as “milder methods.” “Emotional distress,” and harsher methods, can be utilized also.

Playing one thing off another or “Counter-playing”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“A continuous hope for prosperity [Any ‘ideal scene’ including ‘Total Freedom’] must be indoctrinated into the masses [Scientologists] with many dreams and visions of glut of commodity, and this **hope** must be **counter-played against the actuality** of privation [privation of intellectual freedom and, in the Sea Org, material privation] and the continuous threat of loss of all economic factors [‘lose your Bridge to Freedom,’ be sentenced to slave-labor level ‘rehabilitation,’ etc.] in case of disloyalty to the State [Scientology]...”⁵⁹

Besides “hope” counter-played against “actuality,” there is the counter-playing of dissimilar or contrary ideas or practices. These are to be seen as completely compatible.

Scientology publicly emphasizes communication and then inhibits communication and imposes censorship. While describing its membership as “the free people,” and posting signs atop some of its “Orgs” that proclaim, “Think for yourself,” Scientology is run as a totalitarian state, complete with “thought crime,” with members expected to cheerfully censor their own thoughts. (It should be noted that Scientology’s show biz celebrities, with their luxurious perks and pampered status, are least affected by restrictions on basic freedoms. Celebrities are to be kept happy and indulged in any way possible.)

“Loaded Language”: The enlightened “counter-played” with the manipulative

The “Russian” Brainwashing Manual emphasizes the importance of “continued propaganda,”⁶⁰ and mentions the idea of redefining words.⁶¹ Hubbard would briefly mention the propaganda technique of redefining words to his “PR Officers,” explaining in the 1971 Scientology *PR Series 12* :

“The technique is good or bad depending on the ultimate objective of the propagandist... A consistent, repeated effort is the key to success with this technique of propaganda. One must know how to do it.”

Scientology’s manipulative use of language is counter-played against the emphasis in Scientology of “never going by a misunderstood word.” All Scientology books are prefaced with an “Important Note” which informs the reader that, “The only reason a person gives up a study or becomes confused or unable to learn is because he or she has gone past a word or phrase that is not understood.” The least bad thing that can be wrong with someone who’s not enthralled by L. Ron Hubbard is that, “he’s gone by a misunderstood word.” (The idea that Scientology uses language manipulatively on its own membership would be considered ridiculous by a Scientologist.)

Some of the terminology of Scientology is innovative and, in a positive sense, useful; and the first words of “Scientologese,” learned by a new member, most likely will be in the “innovative and positive” category. New words. New ideas. This is part of the “softening up” process. Once confidence is obtained, further indoctrination is possible. Inevitably this will include the introduction of “loaded language.”

As stated by Robert J. Lifton in *Thought-Reform and the Psychology of Totalism*:

“The language of the totalist [ideologically absolutist] environment is characterized by the thought-limiting cliché. The most far reaching and complex human problems are compressed into brief... definitive sounding phrases, easily memorized and easily expressed. These become the start and finish of any ideological analysis... [Loaded language] is the language of non-thought.”

Loaded language in Scientology takes the form of thought-limiting clichés presented as “maxims” or “truths,” and also as single words with thought-limiting clichés as their definition. Thought-limiting clichés are useful in that they serve to instantly explain away anything that doesn’t correspond with the “party line,” or official “reality.”

Quoting from Eric Hoffer in *The True believer* :

“It is the true believer’s ability to ‘shut his eyes and stop his ears’ to facts that do not deserve to be either seen or heard which is a source of unequaled fortitude and constancy.... it is the certitude of infallible doctrine that renders the true believer impervious to uncertainties, surprises, and the unpleasant realities of the world around him.”

When loaded language takes the form of a single word or term, it sometimes has a relatively simple and straightforward definition. An example would be “Wog,” which is a “humanoid” too dumb and “aberrated” to recognize L. Ron Hubbard as “Mankind’s greatest friend.” More often these single words or terms have double or multiple definitions. One word with two or more obviously contradictory meanings. But not obvious to an indoctrinated Scientologist, who is expected to see only the “harmonious” relationship of one definition with another.

Tone 4, entheta, theta, Suppressive Person

The level of “**tone 4**” of the Emotional Tone Scale is described with the words “reason” and “enthusiasm.” (In his relationship with Scientology, an “in ethics” Scientologist would consider himself to be - at least - around tone 4.) Hubbard wrote that a person at this level of the Tone Scale will naturally, “Search for different viewpoints in order to broaden his own reality,” and be capable of a “full exchange of beliefs and ideas.” Additionally, a person at Tone 4 will “cut **entheta** lines,” meaning that he will not dwell on, or pass along, communications, “which, based on lies and confusions, are slanderous, choppy, or destructive...” *However*, as it turns out, “entheta” has an additional definition. It also means anything considered to be, in any way, “critical” of Scientology, including unwanted questions about it or its founder. (A Scientologist is expected to report such “entheta” to the higher Scientological authorities, but not to dwell on it himself, lest he become contaminated and have his progress on the “Bridge” hindered.) “**Theta**” is defined as spirit or “life energy,” and as goodness and truth. It *also* means anything that is flattering to “LRH image,” and that “aligns with” or empowers the Scientology organization.

An oft used term in Scientology is **Suppressive Person** or “S.P.” Originally this was defined as someone mentally stuck in a past traumatic incident which, unbeknownst to him, is superimposed over his current perceptions. An “S.P.” is attempting to deal with a disaster or emergency which occurred long ago, and unknowingly treats the people and situations in his current life as though they were the long ago dangerous people and situations. As a result of this condition he can be expected to be “anti-life,” and to dislike the idea of anyone becoming stronger or more able. This initial definition of Suppressive Person is then counter-played with an additional definition: An “S.P.” is someone who has a dissenting or non-compliant attitude toward Scientology. Usually a new Scientologist will be exposed to the first - possibly sensible - definition, and then to that to which it must equate.

The Thought Limiting clichés of Scientology

If presented with a contrary or “critical” point of view, a Scientologist will usually become flustered. In a well indoctrinated individual this would be only for the briefest instant, as a thought-limiting cliché would immediately move in.

The most used thought-limiting cliché, of course, is “Criticizing Scientology = Hidden crimes.”

It’s “axiomatic” that if someone really understood what Scientology is “all about,” that person would be a member. If you’re not a member, you’re likely either an ignorant “Wog” or criminally insane.

Revealing an extensive familiarity with Hubbard’s writings in a discussion with a Scientologist tells him immediately that, since you’re not a member, you must be an “out-ethics” heretic and probably psychotic. Thus, honest and in-depth discussions on the subject of Scientology, between Scientologists and “outsiders,” are difficult or impossible.

Additional examples of thought-limiting clichés - activated at various times - would include:

- a) This person must have “misunderstood words” or “M.U.s.” He’s misunderstood the meaning of the words in Ron’s writings and is confused.
- b) Scientology reveals the secrets of the universe, some people just can’t have (tolerate) that.
- c) Scientology is the only hope for Mankind’s survival; in that light all imagined disagreements or concerns are unimportant.
- d) There is no one of sufficient stature on this planet to stand in judgment of L. Ron Hubbard.

- e) The person has been “fed false data” by the “enemy.”
- f) He’s trying to “make Scientology wrong.”
- g) He’s connected to an “S.P.” (Suppressive Person) and thus (under that influence) is “P.T.S.” (Potential Trouble Source), and probably a “D.B.” (Degraded Being).
- h) He is an “S.P.”
- i) He’s a “squirrel”; a type of “S.P.,” usually manifesting as an ex-Scientologist practicing his idea of what has been called “White Scientology”; a heretic.

If the preceding - or other - thought-limiting clichés have failed to snap the person back into the secure mind-set of a “winning standard Scientologist,” then that must mean that his CASE (his yet “unhandled aberrations” and his own dark secrets) has been RESTIMULATED. Scientology and L. Ron Hubbard must never be “made wrong.” In fact “making Ron wrong” or “making the tech wrong” is a major “high crime” in Scientology’s system of “ethics.”

Publicized, “In-organization” and Confidential Scientology “Ethics”

Following the “layered and compartmentalized” pattern, Scientology “ethics” has multiple meanings. It also has multiple applications, and does not affect everyone in exactly the same way. Scientology’s fawned over show business clientele, highly prized for their PR value, and those who have diplomatically positioned themselves at the periphery of Scientology, are spared its unpleasant aspects.

Layer Zero - Front groups: Described as “not part of any religious doctrine,” here is the “common sense non-religious moral code” called *The Way to Happiness*. When used as part of a Front group operation it is distributed with no mention of Scientology. (*The Way to Happiness* booklet also enters into the publicized “Layer One” of Scientology, where it is used to create the impression that Scientology is “moral.” In reality, Scientology “ethics” overrides completely any seemingly moral or civilized ideas expressed in *The Way to Happiness* booklet.)

Layer One - the publicized strata: Here Scientology “ethics” has a variety of definitions such as, “That which is enforced by oneself, his belief and his own honor.” Another definition is, “Rationality toward the highest level of survival for the greatest number...” Additionally it is explained that, “It was not until L. Ron Hubbard defined and codified the subject, that there was any workable technology of ethics and justice for increased happiness, prosperity and survival.” The newly recruited member will likely have been inspired by writings about the creation of “a society based on reason not violence.” He will have read of the importance of “self determinism,” that he should “never compromise” with his “own reality,” and of the importance of honesty.

Layer Two and below - the “in-organization” and confidential layers: As a new member’s absorption into the “Scientological Onion” progresses, the aforementioned fundamental themes will be “counter-played” with less wholesome ones. “Ethics” manifests as numerous rules and “crimes,” including “thought crime.” Total agreement (“alignment”) with “Command [LRH] Intention” is expected. The “purpose of ethics” is redefined as: “TO REMOVE COUNTER INTENTIONS...” and that accomplished, “TO REMOVE OTHER INTENTIONEDNESS...” (*Ethics* Policy of 18 June 1968)

Here a Scientologist will come to understand that, when dealing with outsiders, it is “ethical” to practice “no-answer answering,” to manipulate, exaggerate or lie - provided that it is done *skillfully* and it “forwards Scientology.” (Deceit is justified by the belief that one is living on a world dominated by “enemies,” in a “universe built on lies,” and attempting to lead “lie-filled Wogs” to the “superior truth” of Scientology.)

Here a Scientologist will learn that those who are “uncooperative” or “critical” toward Scientology are deserving of the worst possible consequences, and should have “no rights of any kind.”

“...align the individual against the desire not to conform...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“The subject of hypnotism is a subject of belief. What can people be made to believe...⁶²

“The limitation of hypnotism was that many subjects were not susceptible to its uses, and thus hypnotism has to be improved upon in order to increase the suggestibility of individuals who would not otherwise be reached... Thus, it is necessary to align the individual against the desire not to conform...”⁶³

The Manual on Dissemination of Material describes what, ideally, the outside world should believe:

“Another frame of mind we would like to see the public have and register is that people attacking Scientologists have something wrong with them...”

Similarly, Hubbard told the Scientology membership in a Policy Letter of 18 February 1966:

“It is greatly in our favor that we are only attacked by mad groups...”

Critics and dissenters are regarded as “attackers” and considered to be psychotic or criminally insane. From *Introduction to Scientology Ethics* published in 1968, under the category of “suppressive acts,” i.e., “high crimes” for which Scientologists (or ex-Scientologists) can be punished.

“DISAVOWAL, SPLINTERING, DIVERGENCE:

“Public disavowal of Scientology or Scientologists in good standing with Scientology Organizations.

“Announcing departure from Scientology...”

“Seeking to resign or leave course or sessions and refusing to return...”

“Dependency on mental or philosophic procedures other than Scientology...”

Committing these - or dozens of other “high crimes” - will likely result in the person being officially “declared” a “Suppressive Person.” (The terms “anti-social personality” and “anti-Scientologist” are regarded as synonymous. Anyone judged as being “critical” is considered to be “anti.”) Hubbard wrote in *Science of Survival* that such individuals should not have “any civil rights of any kind,” and added: “Such people should be taken from society as rapidly as possible and uniformly institutionalized.” [See *Layer 4*] Per *Confidential PR Series 24*, “any opposition [*is to*] be not only dulled but permanently eradicated.”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Entirely by bringing about a public conviction that the sanity of a person is in question, it is possible to discount and eradicate all the goals and activities of that person...”⁶⁴

“The populace [*Scientologists*] must be brought into the belief that every individual within it who rebels in any way, shape or form against efforts to enslave [*Scientologize*] the whole, must be considered to be a deranged person whose eccentricities are neurotic or insane...”⁶⁵

“It should become well known that only the insane attack Psychiatry [*Scientology*]...”

“An immediate **attack** upon the sanity of **the attacker**... is the best defense...”⁶⁶

“It is important to know that the entire subject of loyalty is thus as easily handled as it is. One of the first and foremost missions of the psychopolitician [*Scientology*] is to make an attack upon Communism [*Scientology*] and insanity synonymous. No layman [*Scientologist*] would dare adventure to place judgment upon the state of sanity of an individual whom the psychiatrist [*Scientology*] has already declared [a ‘*Suppressive Person*’] insane...”⁶⁷

Side effects of “critical thoughts”

In Scientology it is taught that people become physically ill after being connected to “S.P.s” who “feed” them “False Data.” They become “Potential Trouble Sources,” or “P.T.S.”

Hubbard Communication Office Bulletin 20 April 1972 states that, “**All sick persons are P.T.S.,**” and therefore require a “P.T.S. handling” which includes being told, “**You are connected to someone or something that doesn’t agree with Dianetics or Scientology.**”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“It is the mission of the psychopolitician [*Scientology*] first to align the obedience and goals of the group, [*to put ethics in*] and then maintain their alignment by the eradication of the effectiveness of the [*‘out-ethics’*] persons and personalities which might swerve the group toward disaffection...”

“But where the individual is troubled by conflicting propaganda, **where he is permitted to think thoughts critical to the State** [*Scientology*] itself, where he is permitted to question those in whose natural charge he falls, we would discover his constitution [*physical well-being*] to suffer...”⁶⁸

“So certain is this principle that when **one finds a sick individual**, could one search deeply enough, he would discover a mis-aligned loyalty and an interrupted obedience to that person’s group unit.”⁶⁹

One of many Scientology “security check” questions, asked with the person holding the electrodes of an E-meter: “Have you ever had unkind thoughts about LRH?”

Dominion over the loyalties of individuals

Brainwashing Manual:

“The changing of loyalties consists, in its primary step, of the eradication of existing loyalties. This can be done ... by a steady and continuous indoctrination of the individual in the belief that his previous loyalties have been granted to an unworthy source. [to ‘Wogs’ and ‘S.P.s.’] ⁷⁰

“...defamation of the [*non-Scientology*] loyalties, and in its second, the implantation of new loyalties...

“It is adequately demonstrated that loyalty is entirely lacking in that mythical commodity known as ‘spiritual quality.’ Loyalty is entirely a thing of dependence, economic or mental, and can be changed by the crudest implementations. [Such as ‘S.P. Declares.’] Observation of workers [*Scientologists*] in their factories or fields [*activities*] demonstrates that they easily grant loyalty to a foreman or a woman [*a fellow Scientologist*], and then as easily abandon it [*when the person has suddenly been ‘declared’ an ‘S.P.’*] and substitute another individual, revolting, at the same time, toward the person to whom loyalty was primarily granted...” ⁷¹

Except for a few who quietly became “non-people” and simply disappeared from view, every Scientologist who worked closely with Hubbard was eventually publicly denounced as a criminal psychotic and enemy of Mankind. After 1965 this was formalized into a public “S.P. Declare.” (This is counter-played with the publicized idea that “Man is basically good,” with Scientology being the route or means to that basic goodness.)

The willingness to “easily abandon loyalty... revolting... toward the person to whom loyalty was primarily granted” is a non-admirable trait found in the Scientology membership. It is one of many characteristics that must be adopted by a member to ensure his “good standing” with Scientology, and thus - he believes - ensure his survival, well-being, and eventual “total freedom.”

Layer Three of the Scientological Onion: The Confidential “Upper Levels” of the “Bridge to Total Freedom”

The *advertised* sections of the confidential portion of Scientology are the expensive “upper levels” of the “Grade Chart.” These are, over time, accessible to “in-ethics” members. (I.e., those who have descended through Layer Two of the “Scientological Onion,” and are lacking in any desire “not to conform” to its “reality.”)

At the “top” of the “Grade Chart” - above the “upper levels” - are an unspecified “very large number” of extremely confidential and highly mysterious “*upper upper levels*.” (There are multiple conflicting statements regarding the number of these levels.) Scientologists are told that the “*upper upper levels*” will someday be available, and that doing them will culminate in the attainment of “total freedom and total power.”

Scientology, to be Scientology, must always have its “unreleased *upper upper levels*,” looming enticingly just beyond the view of its ever eager faithful.

“...avoid the understanding of the layman...”

As described in the Brainwashing Manual:

“The cleverness of our attack in the field of psychopolitics [*Scientology*] is adequate to avoid the understanding of the layman [*general public*] or usual stupid official [*Scientologist*], and by operating entirely under the banner of authority, with the oft-repeated statement that the principles of psychotherapy [*confidential ‘upper levels,’ etc.*] are too devious [*complicated, confusing, and ‘deadly’ for the unprepared*] for common understanding, an entire revolution can be effected [*compliant Scientologists created*] without the suspicion of a populace until it is an accomplished fact.” ⁷²

The membership are denied access to the totality of the subject, and even to the totality of Hubbard’s counseling or auditing related writings - which could include purported but nonexistent counseling tech writings, since, as a permanent mystery, the highest of the “*upper upper levels*” needn’t even exist.

Operating Thetan or O.T.

Thetan is the Scientology word for a human soul. There is no God in Scientology in the Judeo-Christian sense, only individual thetans, the most important being L. Ron Hubbard.

Operating Thetan⁷³ is defined as a being who can operate independently of a body, and can be “at cause knowingly and at will over thought, life, form, matter, energy, space, time, subjective and objective.” In this state (being that of “Full O.T.” at the elusive top of the “Grade Chart”) one would be a god. (While lacking in spiritual subtlety, such a state would nonetheless be a heck of a lot of fun. And it would be, of course, the ultimate form of “survival,” and “survival” is the primary manipulative “button” in Scientology.)

Aleister Crowley, Head of the O.T.O.

Hubbard borrowed much from the writings of Aleister Crowley,⁷⁴ who was the head of an occult organization known as the O.T.O. or Ordo Templi Orientis. Knowledge of the “Crowley connection” is suppressed by Scientology, which prefers to describe itself as related to Buddhism and the Indian Vedas - or to any of a dozen other things depending on the particular PR situation. To his followers Hubbard claimed to have been Buddha, and also implied that he was intimately involved with the appearance of the earliest Vedic scriptures, mentioning them in the 1954 *Phoenix Lectures*, noting that, “...as I recall [*they*] were introduced into the societies of earth in about 8212 B.C.”

O.T. III, The “Wall of Fire” into which Hubbard “took the plunge” to save Mankind

Awaiting Scientologists at the “upper levels” are Hubbard’s description of ancient hypnotic “implants,” the contents of which were known only to him. Starting at the 3rd “upper level,” it is taught that the bodies of humans are infested with thousands of “burnt out” human souls, called “body thetans” or “B.T.s.”

According to Hubbard, the most traumatic and destructive of all “aberrative incidents” was “discovered” by him in 1967, and is the subject of the level called O.T. 3 It involves not only vicious implants, but also the deliberate forced clustering or fusing together of souls, which themselves had been implanted - and all this was supposed to have happened 75 Million years ago, under order of the evil Galactic ruler Xenu. Thus, to an “upper level” Scientologist, any pre-O.T. 3 is a walking mass of diabolically implanted influences and conditions, including what amounts to demon possession.

In his account of O.T. 3, Hubbard portrayed himself as the ultimate hero who, to save Mankind, “took the plunge” into this “deadly” secret. He somehow survived; all others who had come close to discovering it having died. Although physically “broken up,” he wrote down his discoveries so others might safely make it through to freedom. Not surprisingly, Scientologists, finally allowed to see the super-hyped O.T. 3 materials, are usually in a state of emotional “electrification” and at a high degree of suggestibility.

How did O.T. 3 serve Hubbard?

It explained his failures in Rhodesia and South Africa in 1966.

It explained why the world was not cooperating with his wishes, and was not recognizing him for his greatness.

It provided an explanation for the existence of the L. Ron Hubbard-worshipping totalitarian Sea Org.

It lowered the status of non-Scientologists even further, and helped to justify destructive actions against uncooperative “humanoids.” (After all, the “Wall of Fire” was “something so powerful, so evil, so destructive, that it defies imagination.” And it “destroyed the sanity of every man, woman and child on Earth.”)

O.T. 3, when inserted into a Scientologist’s indoctrination:

Gives him a secret that separates him from outsiders and makes him part of an elite.

Convinces him of his tremendous debt to L. Ron Hubbard.

Tells him that there are things in his mind that he could never discover and resolve on his own, even with basic Scientology counseling tech, and that these things are of great significance and dangerous.

Compromises him in a fundamental way and, in effect, overwhelms him.⁷⁵ (True to the “dichotomous” nature of Scientology, the publicized “end phenomena” of O.T. 3 is “freedom from overwhelm.”)

Up to the late 1970s completing the level of O.T.3 was supposed to have removed the final barrier to the attainment of “full O.T.” Until that time “full O.T.” was listed as the yet “unreleased” O.T. 8., with O.T. 7 being the highest available level. As it turned out, in 1978 Hubbard informed “upper level” Scientologists that they had even more “body thetans” attached to their bodies. These, he explained, were also preventing the attainment of “full O.T.” This “discovery” became a series of additional O.T. levels and was called the “Second Wall of Fire.” Accommodatingly, those who had earlier completed O.T. 3, and had been *totally certain* they no longer had a “B.T.” infestation problem, now thought otherwise. These same agreeable Scientologists, after additional years of what they believe to be exorcism sessions - Scientology style - would then be eligible to receive the certification of the level of *New O.T. 7*. (Does anyone doubt that, if told there was a “Third Wall of Fire,” that these same folks would find even more “B.T.s,” along with reactions from their E-meters which, to them, would confirm as true the idea of themselves as “B.T.” infested?)

Another “discovery” by Hubbard in 1978 was that New O.T. 7 was not really an O.T. level at all. What the membership had thought were the O.T. levels had really been *pre-OT* levels. Now the level of O.T. 8 was no longer the final but, rather, the first O.T. level, and was now called New O.T.8. With great fanfare this first O.T. level (#8) was “released” in 1986. The rest of the O.T. levels, supposedly absolutely vital for the survival of Mankind, and culminating in “full O.T.,” remain “unreleased.” None of this, however, deters Scientology from selling a “rocket ride to full O.T.” (Perhaps as a form of compensation, attractive O.T. jewelry, lapel pins, jackets, etc. are available.)

On the back of a glossy Scientology publication, a typical ad for one of the “upper levels” announces:

“Once the hidden secrets [*sic*] of the universe are revealed, your infinite power will light the horizon.”

Although there are no reports of Scientologists “lighting the horizon,” to point this out would be considered negative chatter or “natter.” Hubbard told Scientologists that “S.P.s are terrified of O.T.s.” In the Scientological mind this thought-limiting cliché ensures instant categorization - as a Suppressive Person - of anyone who notices the gap between hype and actuality, and does not agree that Scientology “has all the answers.”

Exploitation of the paranormal

Scientologists must overlook the fact that there are credible people exploring such things as telepathy and “out-of-body experience” - who yet do not take seriously Scientology’s claim to have “wrapped up” the area. In the book *The Mind Race*, the issue of the “exploitation” of “psychical phenomena” is examined by Keith Harary, an experimental psychologist from Stanford Research Institute, and Russell Targ, a physicist and psychical researcher also from Stanford:

“You won’t find these groups listed under ‘cults’ in the Yellow Pages. For income tax and public relations purposes, most refer to themselves as ‘Churches.’ But cults differ from traditional churches in several important ways. The groups that we call cults are specifically those that lead members to become dependent upon a charismatic leader and that practice mind-control [*mind manipulation*] techniques. They too use financial exploitation, coercive persuasion, deliberate deception, and sleep and nutritional deprivation as a means of attracting and controlling their members. [*Note: The term ‘destructive cult’ is sometimes used to signify groups as described above, so as to differentiate from essentially benign groups that are simply unusual or ‘out-of-the-mainstream.’ A ‘destructive cult’ utilizes deliberate deception, manipulation, coercion, exploitation, etc.*]

“In our society, a person who is beginning to experience emerging psychic abilities, or who is interested in doing so, has almost nowhere to turn for guidance. Anyone with a purely scholarly interest in psi [*psychical or paranormal*] research can write to various laboratories or read the research reports. But this information probably will not be of much practical, personal use...

“This is a dilemma that leads many people to join cults in the first place. By accepting and exploiting psychic experiences in a society that does not readily accept them, cults have effectively monopolized the subject of psi. They have exploited many people who are interested in learning about the area, and frightened many others away from even considering the possibility...

“...people ... are often drawn into cults that claim to offer explanations of psychic functioning, but at great personal, emotional, and financial expense to their followers. We think that giving away your mind is too high a price to pay for psychic development...”

“...For some people, the exposure to the possibility of developing their own psychic potential, which some cults appear to provide, may initially... help certain individuals to pay attention to areas of their own awareness that they might not otherwise consider exploring. But prolonged exposure to any cult’s treatment of psychic abilities may seriously restrict the way its initiates view psychic functioning. And it may keep them from fully developing their actual psychic potential. ..

“Despite claims to the contrary by numerous factions, there is no evidence of an exclusive relationship between psychic functioning and any particular leader, doctrine, or way of life. Scientific evidence does, however, strongly suggest that the ability to function psychically is a genuine human capacity which, for many people, seems to improve with practice.”

The authors of *The Mind Race*, both of whom were familiar with Scientology, may have been thinking of its indeterminate number of secret O.T. levels when noting:

“As recruits near what is presented as the most advanced stages, the group leader typically adds additional levels to guarantee the members’ continued personal and financial involvement.”

Layer Four: “...a well trained individual who serves in complete obedience...” The Sea Organization, the Rehabilitation Project Force, and the Five Card System

The Sea Organization: “Custodians of the O.T. Levels”

The Sea Organization was begun in 1967 by L. Ron Hubbard, a.k.a. Ron, LRH, the Commodore and “Source.” Hubbard’s story was that the villain of the “O.T. 3 incident,” Xenu, was opposed by the galactic good guy and leader, who was none other than Hubbard in an earlier incarnation. During this ancient “Wall of Fire” saga, Hubbard had been supported by his “loyal officers.” These same individuals are now drawn into joining the Sea Org, so that they may rejoin their fellow “loyal officers” from millions of years ago.

A 1997 issue of the Sea Org magazine (#20), the *High Winds*, tells new recruits:

“It’s not the first time you’ve been part of an elite... The fiery rush of pride that’s been resting in your soul will remind you: This isn’t the first time we’ve been together. Welcome home shipmate.”

While hailed as “custodians of the O.T. levels,” most Sea Org members have never seen even one secret level, and must wait patiently for the day when they will be able to do the exalted level of “O.T. 3.”

The Sea Org provides a source of cheap labor for the day to day management and servicing of Scientology organizations. Its members sign billion year contracts, wear uniforms, and are subject to extreme forms of Scientology “ethics.” They are expected to obey orders unquestioningly. Here individuality is an “out-ethics” indulgence. Parents see little of their children. Bonds between married couples are weakened. Children receive indoctrination as Sea Org “cadets” and become subject to all aspects of “Sea Org ethics.”

Sea Org members are expected to report the most minor infractions by friends or family. Such infractions include not only actions, but also unacceptable opinions and questions.

“...the only loyalty which should exist... is to the State... [Scientology]”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“In rearranging loyalties we must have a command of their values. In the animal [*individual*] the first loyalty is to himself. This is destroyed by demonstrating errors to him, showing him that [*without Scientology*] he does not remember, cannot act or does not trust himself [*is a ‘lie filled’ and ‘implanted’ humanoid*]. The second loyalty is to the family unit, his parents and brothers and sisters. This is destroyed by... lessening the value of marriage, by making an easiness of divorce and raising the children whenever possible by the state [*Scientology/Sea Org*]. The next loyalty is to his friends and local environment. This is destroyed by lowering his trust and bringing about reportings [*‘knowledge reports’*] upon him allegedly by his fellows... The next is to the State [*Scientology/Sea Org*] and this, for the purposes of Communism [*Scientology*], is the only loyalty which should exist...”⁷⁶

Sea Org Ethics under Commodore Hubbard on the Flagship

Until late 1975 the headquarters for the Sea Org was the “flagship Apollo,” which cruised about the Mediterranean and east Atlantic, populated with two to three hundred Sea Org members and L. Ron Hubbard their Commodore. It was here that Hubbard first instituted “Sea Org ethics.”

With “Sea Org ethics” Hubbard had the opportunity to apply aspects of the Brainwashing Manual that required complete control over a person and his environment, such as could exist on a ship at sea. (These applications, in contemporary times, are usually relegated to remote fenced-in locations, or guarded areas - usually in basements - in large buildings or building complexes.)

A Sea Org member’s “ethics condition” is measured by his obedience to orders, and by his “statistics,” which are supposed to reflect his degree of production for Scientology. Those assigned a low “ethics condition” - called “down stats” - must work their way up through those above. These conditions are:

- Power
- Affluence
- Normal Operation
- Emergency
- Danger
- Non-existence
- Liability
- Doubt
- Enemy
- Treason
- Confusion

“Ethics” included the imposition of degrading and exhausting labor, prohibition on bathing, food and sleep deprivation, and prolonged confinement in various dirty and sometimes dangerous locations, such as the space used to store the chain that held the ship’s anchor. For a time, Hubbard instituted “instant ethics” for auditor trainees. (Mostly for those training to be the then highest level “Class 8s.”) This consisted of the offender being thrown over the side of the ship, sometimes blindfolded.

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The accounts that follow are a sampling of the many that have been provided by former members. (They may be difficult to absorb, but are merely an internal application of a mentality that is also applied externally - See Layer 5.) Some former members are afraid to speak publicly of their experiences with Scientology. Those quoted here are among the bolder ones. They are also some of the stronger personalities, having removed themselves from Scientology, and regained their independence of thought on the topic.

Former Sea Org member (and “Class 8” auditor) John Ausley - interviewed several years after leaving Scientology - on the topic of “going up the ethics conditions” on the Scientology Flagship *Apollo*:

“You had to do 48 hours nonstop amends in ‘doubt,’ at which point you were upgraded to ‘liability.’ Then you’d have to do another 24 hours of non-stop amends - I’m talking about hard physical labor - at which point you’re upgraded to ‘non-existence.’ You then had to do 12 more hours with people all over your physical ass and your mental faculties. And as the person winds down, he becomes more and more vulnerable. So it’s a *will* trip.”⁷⁷

Otto Roos, another Sea Org member (and “Class 12” auditor) after ending his involvement with Scientology, wrote of his time aboard the Flagship, and his determination to avoid the most unpleasant aspects of “Sea Org ethics”:

“Having myself experienced the atrocities of war, unlike many of my friends, I swore I wasn’t going down into those old rusty [*bilge*] tanks, for up to a week without sleep, chipping rust, while Masters at Arms checked outside to ensure the chipping didn’t stop...”⁷⁸

“Refusal to let them sleep over many days...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“The body is less able to resist a stimulus if it has insufficient food and is weary.... Refusal to let them sleep over many days, denying them adequate food, then brings about an optimum state for the receipt of stimulus [*indoctrination*.]”⁷⁹

Another former Sea Org member, Hana (Eltringham) Whitfield (who became a “Class 6” auditor prior to the inception of the Sea Org), on the travails of “out-ethics” Sea Org crew:

“They were treated like criminals...

“They would get their food delivered by way of buckets, lowered into the [air] ducts. The punishment lasted from 24 hours to, on a few occasions, a couple of weeks.

“Since they were not allowed to use the toilet facilities, duct inmates had to find some corner in which to relieve themselves best they could, creating the stench of human excrement and urine throughout the ducts.”⁸⁰

Hana Whitfield described one of several incidents of “Sea Org ethics” being applied to children:

“He [Hubbard] put this 4½ year old little boy, Derek Green, into the chain locker for two days and two nights. It’s a closed metal container... It’s wet, it’s full of water with sea weed... it smells bad... But Derek was sitting up on the chain in this place on his own in the dark for two days and two nights. He was not allowed to go to the potty. He had to go in the chain locker on his own soiling himself... He was given food. I never went near the chain locker while he was in there, but people heard him crying. That is sheer total brutality. That’s child abuse.”⁸¹

There were several first hand accounts of this occurrence, including one provided by the child’s mother, who left the Sea Org some time later.⁸²

Hubbard mentioned the presence of children on the “Flagship” in writings from the early 1980s. The Sea Org magazine, *High Winds* (#20), quotes “Source” from these writings:

“In 1968 on the *Apollo*, then named the *Royal Scotman*, the first messenger stood watch.... The first messenger was a little boy whose parents were Scientologists.”

While the first Commodore’s Messenger was a little boy, the vast majority of Messengers were (and are) teenage girls. According to Hana Whitfield:

“The main Commodore’s Messenger duties at the time were to walk around with LRH, carry his ashtray and light his cigarettes, and carry messages for him and answers back to him.”

Tonja Burden was a Sea Org child, and became a Commodore’s Messenger at age 13. In 1977, at the age of 18, disillusioned with Scientology and its founder, she - with some difficulty - left the organization.

In a 1982 legal affidavit she wrote of her early training to become a Messenger:

“During the Training Routines myself and two others practiced carrying messages to LRH. We had to listen to a message, repeat it in the same tone, and practice salutes.

“‘Ghosting’ was on the job training where I learned how to serve LRH. I followed another messenger around and observed her carry his hat, light his cigarettes, carry his ashtray, and prepare his toiletries. Eventually I performed these duties.

“As his servant, I would sit outside his room and help him out of bed when he called ‘Messenger.’ I responded by assisting him out of bed, lighting his cigarette, running his shower, preparing his toiletries and helping him dress... He frequently exploded if he found dust or dirt or smelled soap on his cloths. That is why we used 13 buckets to rinse...

“While on the *Apollo* I observed numerous punishments meted out... On a number of occasions, I saw people placed in chain lockers on the boat on direct order of Hubbard. These lockers were small, smelly holes, covered by grates, where the chain for the anchor was stored. I saw one boy held in there for thirty nights, crying and begging to be released. He was only allowed to come out to clean the bilges where the sewer and the refuge of the ship collected...”⁸³

Messengers, in Scientology, are supposed to be literal extensions of L. Ron Hubbard, and their sole purpose is to serve him. They have their own “Org” called the Commodore’s Messenger Org. With Hubbard absent, they are the absolute servants of whomever represents Hubbard.

In the Sea Org magazine (*High Winds* #20) there is an advertisement that states:

“Young Scientologists wishing to join this elite group may apply at any one of the CMO Continental Offices. Qualifications are high ethics level, unwavering dedication to salvaging this planet and a burning desire to help Source.”

The magazine also includes quotes from Hubbard addressing the “CMO”:

“You can function only so long as *Simon Bolivar* policy applies. Commodore’s Messengers have power because they are Commodore’s [sic] Messengers.”

The *Simon Bolivar* policy letter is about “power,” being connected and contributing to a “power.” (This is commonly phrased as “flowing power to power.” *The Power* being Hubbard, of course.) The *Bolivar* policy of 12 February 1967, formally titled *Admin Know-How, The Responsibility of Leaders*, sets a mood that is representative of the darker inner regions of the “Scientological Onion” where amoral expediency is standard operating procedure:

“...always push power in the direction of anyone on whose power you depend. It may be more money for the power, or more ease, or a snarling defense of the power to a critic, or even the dull thud of his enemies in the dark...”

As with adult Sea Org members, if the desired mind-set does not occur in a child or teenager, actions must be taken to correct the situation.

The Rehabilitation Project Force

As with “ethics” on Hubbard’s “Flagship,” the RPF utilizes prolonged menial labor and mild to extreme sleep deprivation. One’s environment, including one’s movement or confinement, is controlled by another. RPFers wear special outfits so they can be identified, have to address non-RPFers as “sir,” and run wherever they go. RPFers are useful for tasks such as cleaning and renovating various Scientology properties.

Per original RPF instructions, food consists of leftovers or table scraps, remaining once the rest of the Sea Org crew has eaten. Sleeping quarters are crude at best, filthy and cockroach infested at worst. Under these conditions RPFers are also subjected to indoctrination and guided “self-critical” introspection.

The RPF does not appear on Scientology’s “Grade Chart” and is kept behind the scenes. New recruits to Scientology usually don’t know it exists. The original RPF writings commenced on 3 January 1974 with the issue of Flag Order 3434, followed by 28 further additions. They are confidential. According to Flag Order 3434-1, the RPF was “created by the Commodore so that redemption can occur.”

The final act of someone completing the RPF is to write a mandatory “success story.” Pathetically, there are Scientologists who have spent months - or even years - in this indentured servant-type existence, scrubbing floors, cleaning toilets, being used in building renovation for such tasks as scouring paint off of walls, etc., who will praise the “gains” they made on the RPF. “Gains” that make it possible to become “standard in-ethics Sea Org members.” (There was even an account by a long-term Sea Org member - who had recently left Scientology - of how much he “loved” the RPF. Like a “lifer” in prison, he had grown numb to the constraints and degradation. Pre-RPF, as an “up-stat,” he had been rewarded by being sent to work at a rural “elite” location - one frequented by the administrative hierarchy. He reminisced on how he enjoyed working outdoors, and on how delicious the food could be. Food that had been prepared for the “hierarchy,” with the well-behaved RPFers allowed to feast on the leftovers.)

Laurel Sullivan was L. Ron Hubbard’s Personal Public Relations Officer for several years, finally leaving Scientology in the early 1980s. She had this to say in 1986:

“The Church of Scientology is truly a fulfillment of George Orwell’s *1984*. That it has gained such support amongst Americans is testimony to the unawareness of so many who don’t want to hear about accounts of Soviet dissidents such as Soltzhenitsyn and others.

“Life in the Sea Org is parallel to living behind the iron curtain. The types of censorship that are imposed on Sea Org members, the selective truth, the priorities and the emphasis on the ‘group above all,’ under the guise of ‘the greatest good for the greatest number,’ so closely parallel Communism.

‘In 1976 I was ordered to go to Paris to receive an honor on behalf of LRH as a writer.

“At the same place there was a showing of some paintings by a Soviet dissident, who had recently come over to the West. I had a series of meetings with him and some other dissidents. That was the first time I realized the degree to which I was intellectually disaffected with the Sea Org, yet for various reasons I stayed on for some time. I began to understand this man’s life and why he was exiled to Siberia. It all sounded so similar to LRH’s Rehabilitation Project Force...”⁸⁴

“...filthy food, little sleep, and nearly untenable quarters...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“There is a curve of degradation which leads downward to a point where the endurance of the individual is almost at an end... a soldier held prisoner can be abused, denied, defamed, and degraded until the slightest motion on the part of his captors will cause him to flinch. Similarly, the slightest word on the part of his captors will cause him to obey, or vary his loyalties and beliefs... Experiments on German prisoners have lately demonstrated that only after seventy days of filthy food, little sleep, and nearly untenable quarters, that the least motion toward the prisoner would bring about a state of shock beyond his endurance threshold, and would cause him to hypnotically receive anything said to him. Thus, it is possible, in an entire stockade of prisoners... to bring about a state of complete servile obedience... and implant in them adequate commands to ensure their future conduct, even when released...”⁸⁵

“...hypnosis is induced by acute fear. They discovered it could also be induced by shock of an emotional nature, and also by extreme privation...”⁸⁶

In 1985 former Sea Org member Howard Schomer described his time on the RPF, on the Flagship Apollo:

“...we lived separated from the rest of the crew on the ship. We could not talk to them unless they originated something to us, first. We slept in the lower hold of the ship most of the time on mattresses that were supposed to have been thrown out... luckily they weren't - because otherwise we would have been sleeping on the floor. We ate after the rest of the crew ate, and ate what was left over...”⁸⁷

Gerry Armstrong, who was also on the Apollo, left Scientology in the early 1980s:

“There is no way to really describe the RPF experience. The hopelessness. The humiliation. The horror. It seemed to go on for ever. The same blue boiler suits like prison garb, day after day. The same questions in the same security checks...”

“Hubbard's purpose in creating the RPF, and running it as a prison with assignees considered criminals, was the breaking of people's wills...”

“He achieved his purpose so well with me that I thanked him for the opportunity of doing the RPF...”⁸⁸

When the era of the “Flagship” Apollo came to an end in October 1975, the RPF continued at the Sea Org's new headquarters at the “Flag Land Base” in Clearwater, Florida, and at other locations.

In 1997 Professor Steven Kent of the University of Alberta, Canada, interviewed former RPFers. One time Sea Org member “Pat” (pseudonym used) recalled working on building renovation in southern California in the 1970s:

“...the pressure kept mounting every day with the renovations. Every day that passed there was greater pressure to get renovations done... until it got to the point that we were - and I swear to God this is true - we worked thirty hours on, three hours off. We worked shifts of thirty hours at a time...”

“...[When it was time to sleep] we'd go to the roof of one of the buildings [under renovation] where it was cold and there were these damp, disgusting mattresses that we would just fall onto and sleep.”

From the same time period, former member Jesse Prince recalled:

“...some people went what they call psychotic - just kind of lost their minds - no longer could associate who or what they were, [or] what they were doing, and had to be put in isolation...”⁸⁹

And *Forbes* magazine in a 1986 article on Scientology described the RPF:

“In these sadistic detention programs, staff members would be coerced into performing hard labor, eating leftovers out of buckets and sleeping on floors. Some were reportedly kept against their will.”⁹⁰

“...the first loyalty [to himself]... is destroyed...”

Brainwashing Manual:

“...we must have a command of their values... the first loyalty [to himself]... is destroyed by demonstrating errors to him...”⁹¹

The RPF places special emphasis on “confessional” counseling. It’s “axiomatic” to an “RPFer” that he or she has done *lots* of bad things and has many evil intentions. It is accepted that the RPFer *will* recall and confess these things. This includes misdeeds from the RPFer’s pre-Scientology life as a “Wog,” plus specialized Scientological misdeeds, such as having “unkind thoughts about LRH,” and also a vast supply of evil intentions and misdeeds from degraded earlier lifetimes.

The idea of “past lives” is not automatically invalid because it is exploited by Scientology. But the issue is not “past lives.” The issue, here, is that an organization with a hidden agenda is using deception to recruit or convert the unsuspecting; then, in the course of their “training” and labors for the organization, judging them to be not sufficiently “cooperative” or “productive,” at which time it imposes penalties. The individual is reduced to an overwhelmed and subservient state, and in that state, repeatedly expected to “demonstrate errors in himself”- errors that *must* be there.

One extreme form of “confession” is called “gang bang security check.” In 1994 Stacy Young, a former Sea Org member, wrote of her experience:

“Two very large, strong men... locked me in a room and interrogated me for hours. During the interrogation, they screamed and swore at me. They accused me of all sorts of crimes against Scientology. They demanded that I confess to being an enemy agent.”⁹²

“Degradation and conquest...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Degradation and conquest are companions... degradation can be accomplished... by consistent and continual defamation. Defamation is the best and foremost weapon of Psychopolitics on the broad field.”⁹³

In 1997 former Scientologist Moira Hutchinson described her brief encounter with the RPF:

“They would come in [*the Org’s kitchen*] to eat after everyone else had left... Everyone was dressed in dark blue overalls. They did not walk, they shuffled with their heads always bowed low, and no one would utter a word.”⁹⁴

David Mayo was involved with Scientology for twenty years, becoming the “Senior Case Supervisor” at the Scientology “Flag Land Base” in Clearwater, Florida in the middle 1970s. He exited Scientology in the early 1980s, started his own group and, eventually, after the passage of several years, was finally able to speak frankly about his experiences.

In 1986, talking with author Russell Miller, he had these observations regarding “Sea Org ethics,” and events which led to the establishment of the RPF.

“[Hubbard] dodged paying taxes in the US, and bankrupted orgs in the US, and skipped the country. He ran afoul of the Home Office in England – I don’t believe there was a shred of truth [to Hubbard’s stories regarding] the persecution of Scientology... Then he went off to Rhodesia, [in 1966] and was kicked out of Rhodesia...”

“[In 1968 on the ship] Hubbard ordered everyone to be put on the e-meter, asking if they had any doubts or disagreements with his use of ethics. If the meter read [reacted] the person would be put in a ‘Condition of Doubt.’

“...On the ship [The Royal Scotman, later named the Apollo] there was an old man... who he made push a peanut around the decks with his nose. He had to get down on his hands and knees; he had to go around the deck, quite a long distance, in a race with one or two others also in trouble. The first one back got let off, and the last one got a double penalty... Charles Reisdorf.

“The surface of the deck was very rough wood, prone to splinter, so after pushing peanuts with their noses, they all had raw, bleeding noses, leaving a trail of blood behind them.

“I not only saw it, but the entire crew of the ship was mustered – a mandatory attendance. We were required to watch this punishment... [Charles] Reisdorf... His two daughters were [Commodore’s] Messengers, they were eleven or twelve at the time, and his wife was there also. It’s hard to say which was worse – to watch this old guy with a bleeding nose, or his wife and kids sobbing and crying at being forced to watch this. Hubbard was standing there calling the shots, yelling, ‘Faster! Faster!’

“It was indignity, degradation, and breaking a person’s will, and making people watch. It was disgusting...”

“They used to have people locked up in the chain locker, including small children. The length of time for children would vary, but no one was there less than a day. Three weeks was about the maximum. Age didn’t matter. The youngest kids were five, six, or seven...”

“He [Hubbard] had a birthday party on March 13, 1968. There was a woman who he ordered locked in the chain locker. During the party he had her brought out. She was filthy, covered with dirt and rust... She had been in there for a week... He said he was giving her a reprieve but it was just flaunting her degradation. Afterwards she was put back in.”

The children’s and teenager’s RPF

While there are accounts of Sea Org “ethics” applied to children dating back to the Flagship days, the “Cadet org” with its own Cadet RPF was not formally established by Hubbard until 1976.

TV news reporter Larry Blunt, from KOCO of Oklahoma City, described a scene, during August of 1989, from outside a Scientology building complex in Los Angeles:

“...a Scientology bus loaded with young people dressed in black pulled up. They jogged into the Scientology complex. A recent defector of Scientology told me they were from the Church’s Rehabilitation Project Force. They were found to be a problem and needed a attitude adjustment.”

The Clearwater Sun, in a 1984 article, told of an encounter between a reporter and a young RPFer:

“A young man - by all appearances a teenager - crouched in the dark, narrow stairway as he scrubbed the sixth-floor landing in the former Fort Harrison Hotel, the ‘Flag Land Base’ headquarters of the Church of Scientology.

“ ‘Are you in RPF?’ queried a reporter.

“ ‘Sir?’ he asked quietly, peering up from his work.

“ ‘Are you in RPF?’

“ ‘Yes sir I am.’

“RPF is the Rehabilitation Project Force... which, depending on who is speaking, is either a businessman’s approach to improving an employees lagging job performance, or a form of punishment for Scientologists who are punished to severe penance for their misdeeds and ‘bad thoughts’ ...

“Two others - adult men who, like the youth, were dressed in blue shorts and faded blue shirts - worked two floors below, also cleaning the stairs. They spoke not a word. Former Scientologists say that those in the RPF are not to speak unless spoken to.

“Those who have spent time in the RPF at the Fort Harrison tell a harrowing tale of long hours of work - as much as a hundred hours a week - and of months of humiliation and mental abuse at the hands of other Scientologists.

“But their vivid recollections of hard work and abuse contradict current Church of Scientology statements that the RPF is ‘an entirely voluntary program.’ ”⁹⁵

“A certain amount of fear...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“A certain amount of fear or terror must be engendered in the person under treatment [*being indoctrinated*] so that this person will then take immediate orders, completely and unquestioningly, from the psychopolitical operative [*Scientology*]...⁹⁶

“On the subject of obedience itself, the most optimum obedience is unthinking obedience...”⁹⁷

Punishments from Scientology to Scientologists have the added significance of being administered to persons who believe the source of that punishment is the ultimate authority on all things having to do with the mind and spirit. Scientology promises infinite pleasure to those who cooperate with it, and infinite pain to those who don’t. It also has access to the membership’s private thoughts and personal experiences through detailed counseling files, and has a history of using personal counseling information in any way that it deems furthers its own ends.

The RPF's RPF

Those who don't respond to the "redemption" offered on the RPF are sentenced to the RPF's RPF. According to *Flag Conditions Order* of 24 April 1974, RPF RPFers are:

"(1) Segregated from the RPF members with regard to work, messing [*meals*], berthing, musters, and any other... activity. (2) No pay (3) No training (4) No auditing (5) May only work on mud boxes in the E/R [*Engine Room*]... [*or at comparable land based labor*] ... (6) Six hours sleep [*berthing time*] maximum. (7) Is under the RPF MAA [*A Master at Arms is a Sea Org 'ethics' officer*]... (8) Standard ethics penalties that apply to them to be triple for each offense... (9) May communicate only with the RPF MAA..."⁹⁸

While it's possible that Scientology's non-staff member "paying public" might glimpse a well-behaved RPFer on rare occasion, he or she would not see an inmate of the RPF's RPF. Such an inmate would be out of sight, having been "segregated from the RPF members," and allowed to "communicate only with the RPF's Master at Arms" or "ethics officer."

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The confinement aspect of the RPF, and the RPF's RPF, can be understood as a logical extension of Hubbard's non-confidential writings on "psychotics" and on the subject of "leaving."

1) The Scientology counselor's (auditor's) code states that counselors are "not to let the preclear [*person receiving counseling*] end session [*leave the session*] on his own determinism..."

2) Hubbard Bulletin of 31 December AD 9 (1959), *Blow Offs*, states that, "People leave because of their own overt [*harmful actions*] and withholds [*secrets*]."

3) Hubbard Bulletin, entitled *Psychosis* of 28 November 1970, describes as a sign of insanity, "They often seek transfers or wish to leave."

4) According to Hubbard in *Science of Survival*, people judged to be psychotic should have no rights, and be "uniformly institutionalized." ("Anti-Scientology" = anti-social personality = psychotic.)

5) *The Anti-Social Personality/The Anti-Scientologist* of 27 September 1966 is reprinted in the book *Scientology Ethics*. It states: "...if Society were to recognize this personality type as a sick being [*as*] they now isolate people with smallpox, both social and economic recoveries could occur."

A person's level of sanity is to be determined by his opinion of Scientology. Those who persist in expressing "critical" opinions of Scientology, in a Scientology society, would be institutionalized. Scientology doesn't have this power, but *can* sometimes institutionalize (lock up) its own people.

6) The idea of confinement is mentioned in the Policy Letter of 18 October 1967, *Penalties For Lower Conditions*: "Liability: Suspension of pay and a dirty gray rag on left arm and day and night confinement to org premises."

7) The 20 February 1974 Bulletin *Introspection Rundown - Additional Actions*, refers to what to write on notes, slipped under the door, to someone in confinement. "Dear Joe. What can you guarantee me if you are let out of isolation?... I'm sorry but no go on coming out of isolation yet." (This Bulletin was written one month after the first RPF issue, and two months before the first RPF's RPF issue.)

The Scientological mind-set is that, "People only want to leave Scientology because they've secretly done bad things." Since Scientology is their "only hope," preventing people from leaving would be a good and noble deed. A not sufficiently "cooperative" Sea Org member, finding himself in a condition of forced confinement, will likely have conflicted feelings about the matter.

The idea that someone can be held against his will becomes, then, complicated by the possibility that the person's independent will, may have already been largely "handled" - or "erased" - as "counter-intention" to "LRH Intention." **Sea Org members are expected to be unquestioning conveyances for "LRH Intention," also called "Command Intention."**

Professor Steven Kent notes in his *Brainwashing in Scientology's Rehabilitation Project Force*, under the category of *forcible confinement*:

"[Former Sea Org members]... spoke about either being forcibly confined themselves... or seeing others who were... Jesse Prince insists that he saw metal cages in the RPF's RPF in the basement of the [Los Angeles] Cedars Sinai building where the inmates 'were locked up at night to ensure that [they] wouldn't try to escape.' On the east coast, Dennis Erlich [while on the RPF] joked about his RPF assignment, and, in accordance with Hubbard's policy [against joking about the RPF], wound up in the RPF's RPF in Fort Harrison's basement. Guarded down there for ten days, Erlich states that he spent the first day or two 'locked in a wire cage'... Hana Whitfield swore that, while she was on the RPF in the Fort Harrison [in Clearwater, Florida], Lyn Froyland was assigned to the RPF's RPF and was 'chained to a pipe down there [in the basement] for weeks, under guard. She was taken meals and allowed toilet breaks but no other hygiene.' "

To put accounts of mistreatment on the RPF and RPF's RPF into perspective, from the standpoint of Scientology doctrine, keep in mind that those being "rehabilitated" would likely be considered in a state of "confusion" - which is two "ethics conditions" below "enemy." At "enemy" a person is not considered to have "any civil rights of any kind." It's not surprising, then, that being an RPF's RPFer can be a physically and psychologically perilous activity. New recruits to the Sea Org have no idea of what awaits them, should they find themselves suddenly demoted from the status of "the elite of the elite" of Mankind, to the lowly status of "degraded being" and "psychotic." And then, having been "broken down," with their sense of self diminished or deflated, they are to be re-inflated with a new sense of self in the image of Scientology.

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Sea Org writings and taped lectures - with rare exception - are inaccessible to all but Sea Org members. And even they are shown them only on a "need to know" basis. References to such things as confinement, punishment, obedience, sleep deprivation, etc., can be found in this segment of Scientology doctrine.

Inaccessible as these writings are, they nonetheless have degrees of confidentiality within themselves. Some are formally labeled "confidential," some are "highly confidential." A better understanding of what happens to Sea Org members, and those subjected to "rehabilitation" by the Sea Org, would no doubt be possible were its doctrinal materials fully available and examined. And Scientology is determined that this not occur. Sea Org strata policy and tech issues include:

Aides Orders, Base Flag Orders, Base Orders, Central Bureau Orders, Flag Bureau Data Letters, Central Office of LRH Executive Directives, Commodore's Staff Orders, Executive Directives for Area Estates, Executive Directives Flag, Executive Directives for Flag Admin Org, Executive Directives for Flag Advanced Org, Executive Directives for Flag Bureau, Executive Directives for U.S. Base, Executive Directives for Worldwide, Flag Conditions Orders, Flag Divisional Directives, Flag Mission Orders, Flag Orders, and Sea Organization Executive Directives.

The Five Card "Team Share" System

Sea Org members not on the RPF or RPF's RPF are, nevertheless, subject to the behaviorist system of reward and punishment, known as the "Team Share" or "Five Card System."

Sea Organization Executive Directive 3490 International introduced the new system:

"A brilliant system is being put into your Org, which heavily validates those staff who are actively working on contributing to and achieving your org's purpose of 5.4X statistics [meaning to increase one's production by 5.4 times before Hubbard's birthday.]

"At the same time, this system penalizes down stat [statistic] staff who are not actively contributing.

"There are five team shares and you, as a team member of the group will be issued five cards.

"1. Social Card (blue)

"2. Bonus Card (green)

"3. Allowance Card (orange)

"4. Berthing Card (yellow)

"5. Chow Card (red)"

The Social Card permits staff members to “participate in any social activity such as liberty, parties, sport events, special meals, outings and the like.”

The Bonus Card allows them to have a “bonus in addition to the regular Sea Org allowance.”

The Berthing Card makes possible space in which to sleep.

The Chow Card allows the staff member to receive food at meal times from the organization.

A staff member who “is pulling his weight and taking responsibility for the org as a whole” is allowed to keep all five cards. Having all five cards he is then entitled to wear a “Silver Star.”

If a staff member is “being downstat or generally unproductive, or uncooperative,” he starts losing his cards one at a time. Loss of one card results in the loss of his Silver Star.

Loss of all cards means the person “goes on rice and beans while living in pig’s berthing.”

The Directive continues:

“The Sea Org is the most ethical group this planet has ever known or will know. Star high standards are enforced... Those who have other fish to fry show up fast on the Team Share System and can be quickly handled.”

In 1987 Vicki and Rick Aznaran left the Sea Org. The following is a 1988 account of their experience of the “Team Member Share System,” also called the “5 card system”:

“*[The Team Share System consists of]* privately issued money in exchange for food, board, pay, bonuses and liberty. The Team Member System required that the *[Aznarans]* be given one of each of these cards when the Church administration was satisfied with their work production, and loyalty to the organization. Any dissatisfaction with the work output or ‘attitude’ of *[the Aznarans]* would result in revocation of tokens, thereby requiring *[them]* to work long hours with no days off, no pay, no board, requiring them to sleep outdoors on the ground, and substandard nutrition consisting only of rice, beans and water. When *[they]* had lost all their cards, as a matter of course, they would be sent to the Rehabilitation Project Force...

“*[They had been subjected to]* ...lengthy interrogations, sudden involuntary and forcible separation of spouses... for many months... deliberately inducing fatigue by physical abuse and deprivation of sleep; forcing *[the Aznarans]* to be housed in animal quarters; deliberately confining *[them]* to premises under the control of *[Scientology]* and under threat of physical harm, without allowing *[the Aznarans]* to leave of their own free will; and threatening *[them]* that *[their]* failure to submit to the power and control of *[Scientology]* would result in their becoming ‘fair game.’ ”⁹⁹

Despite efforts by Scientology to silence former members, accounts of the RPF, the RPF’s RPF and related activities, and “tech,” are becoming more numerous, and many make the preceding account seem mild in comparison.

“The technologies of psychopolitics...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“The technologies of Psychopolitics are graduated upon the scale which starts somewhat above removal of the individual himself, upward toward the removal only of those tendencies which bring about his lack of cooperation.”¹⁰⁰

In possession of all five cards, and proudly displaying his “silver star” upon the lapel of his jacket, the “in-ethics” Sea Org member would praise this system of reward tokens used to enforce behavior - a system, interestingly enough, which is similar to that used in some mental institutions.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“The psychopolitical dupe *[Sea Org member]* is a well trained individual who serves in complete obedience to the *[Scientology/Sea Org]* psychopolitical operative.”¹⁰¹

Layer Five of the “Onion”: Confidential Scientology Policy and Tech for “handling” uncooperative outsiders

Approaching the core of the “Scientological Onion” one enters into the very secretive Layer Five. Here can be found the confidential portions of the PR and propaganda tech.

Here is the policy and tech of harassment, intimidation, “legal harassment,” covert data collection, and covert “dirty tricks” operations. Here also would be the overseeing of unscrupulous financial practices and secret bank accounts. And included here would be the policy of having numerous Front groups. (Front groups - as “channels” of infiltration into society at large - are a specialized form of covert activity which, in their disguise, are deliberately made visible to the public. As such, Front groups, in their practical interaction with the outside world, are described as being Layer Zero of the “Onion.”)

Also at Layer Five are to be found L. Ron Hubbard’s confidential writings on the vital importance of preserving forever, and glorifying, his “name and image.”

Here is the domain of the Office of Special Affairs, formerly called the Guardian Office or G.O., and before, in its formative stages, referred to by a variety of names, including the Office of Government Affairs.

A recruitment leaflet from the Office of Special Affairs, mailed to Scientologists during the late 1990s, invites them to, “Join the elite team that is salvaging this planet.” For this “salvaging” to occur it is necessary to succeed in, “Guiding each community, city, and country to a favorable attitude to Scientology.” (If this sounds familiar it may be because the Brainwashing Manual advises that, “Planted beside a country’s powerful persons the psychopolitical operator can also guide other policies to the betterment of our battle.”¹⁰²) In a Confidential issue of 17 February 1966 entitled Public Investigation Division, Hubbard wrote that this department of Scientology, soon to be renamed the Guardian Office, “has all the useful functions of an intelligence and propaganda agency.”

The Fair Game policy and “philosophy”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“A psychopolitical operative [*Scientology*]... can more and more **operate in an atmosphere of emergency**, which again excuses [*the*] his use of [*extreme measures*]...¹⁰³

“**Any organization which has the spirit and courage to display** inhumanity, savageness, brutality, and **uncompromising lack of humanity, will be obeyed**. Such a use of force is, itself, the essential ingredient of greatness.”¹⁰⁴

The 7 March 1965 Policy Letter entitled *Suppressive Acts, Suppression of Scientology and Scientologists, The Fair Game Law*, introduced the policy, and name, of Fair Game:

“**Due to the extreme urgency of our mission** I have worked to remove some of the fundamental barriers from our progress...

“**A Suppressive Person or group becomes ‘fair game.’**”

“By Fair Game is meant, without rights for self, possessions or position, and no Scientologist may be brought before a Committee of Evidence [*Scientology court*] or punished for any action taken against a Suppressive Person or group...

“Suppressive acts are defined as actions or omissions undertaken to knowingly suppress, reduce or impede Scientology or Scientologists.

“Such **suppressive acts include public disavowal of Scientology** or Scientologists in good standing with Scientology Organizations; **public statements against Scientology...**”

Chillingly, Hubbard adds:

“[*Suppressive acts also include*] 1st degree murder, arson, disintegration of persons or belongings not guilty of suppressive acts...

“[*Suppressive persons*] **place themselves beyond any consideration for their feelings or well being...**”

“The homes, property, places and abodes of persons who have been active in attempting to suppress Scientology... are all beyond any protection...

“A truly Suppressive Person or group has no rights of any kind and actions taken against them are not punishable.”

Also qualifying as Fair Game would be dissatisfied ex-Scientologists asking for refunds, legislators advocating public inquiry into Scientology, and anyone testifying in court, or writing or talking publicly in a manner displeasing to Scientology. Perhaps the most memorable Fair Game issue is that of 18 October 1967, entitled *Penalties for Lower Conditions*. Next to the condition of “Enemy” is explained:

“SP Order. Fair Game. May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist, without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed.”

These policy statements, at the time they were issued, were made in non-confidential form and had incurred bad publicity for Scientology. One of several responses to public relations problems was to issue a 21 October 1968 Policy Letter entitled *Fair Game Canceled*, which states:

“The practice of declaring people FAIR GAME [*sic*] will cease. FAIR GAME may not appear on any Ethics Order. It causes bad public relations.

“This policy does not cancel any policy on the treatment or handling of an SP.”

The public use of the *name* Fair Game was to be prohibited. The policy and activity - and philosophy - of Fair Game was to continue, but with all *original* Fair Game policy statements becoming “confidential,” having been “canceled” or revised in their publicly accessible form. Hubbard announced widely that “Fair Game was canceled,” not bothering to explain to the non-Scientology public that this meant the name only. (Publicized “policy” is always subordinate to confidential policy.)

The “Fair Game mentality” is very much a part of a Scientologist’s indoctrination. This “mentality” is reflected in the 15 August 1969 Policy Letter, *Discipline - SPs and Admin[istration]*:

“I am not interested in wog morality...”

“...if anyone is getting industrious trying to enturbulate [*upset*] or stop Scientology or its activities, I can make Captain Bligh look like a Sunday School teacher. There is probably no limit to what I would do to safeguard Man’s only road to freedom...”

“...find or manufacture enough threat...”

The “in-organization” Policy Letter entitled *Department of Government Affairs* of 15 August 1960 established a basic policy of what is now called the Office of Special Affairs. It states:

“If attacked on some vulnerable point by anyone or anything or any organization, always find or manufacture enough threat against them to cause them to sue for peace... [*‘peace’ = submission*]

“The goal of the Department [*Office of Special Affairs*] is to bring the government and hostile philosophies or societies into a state of **complete compliance**... This is done by high level ability to control and in its absence by low level ability to overwhelm. Introvert such agencies. Control such agencies. [*The PR justification is*] Scientology is the only game on Earth where everybody wins. There is no overt [*i.e. there is nothing bad*] in bringing good order.” [*‘Good order’ is a euphemism for compliance with Scientology.*]

The two primary tactics used to “control” or “overwhelm” are the two primary tactics of battle:

1) Deception and 2) offensive action, i.e. attack. Being secretive and easily offended, it doesn’t take much for Scientology to regard something as a threat or insult that requires a response - at the very least, this response would be an investigation of the troublemaker, with a file begun on the individual or group.

“Treat all skirmishes like wars,” states the *Battle Tactics* policy. A “skirmish,” in the intellectual realm, would include any question or comment viewed as “critical,” and also any act of probing into the inner workings and actual background of Scientology.

In March 1955 Hubbard wrote in *The Manual on the Dissemination of Material*:

“...this communication line [*to the non-Scientology public*] is that Scientologists do not pose any threat, that Scientologists are good citizens, and that they can be trusted with problems of a private and confidential nature... Another frame of mind we would like to see the public have and register is that people attacking Scientologists have something wrong with them... As a subdivision of this, the actual substance of communication about what Scientology is, from the general public to the general public, should be that Scientology says that good health and immortality are attainable. That it is something compounded out of all Man knows on the subject of Man... Thus the data in the general public should [*be limited to*] knowing no more and no less than the above. We are not interested in sensationalism, personalities, or the complexity of Scientology methodology being discussed by the general public...”

“No Scientologist should ever consent to take a position on a panel or on a stage engaging in a debate of Scientology with some other subject. This is an entirely unclear communication line. People are not interested in debate. They are interested, if they are there at all, in Scientology. Why, therefore, give some other subject an audience before which it can air its views?... any such debate engaged upon demeaned and degraded Scientology by permitting it to be talked about contemptuously before a group - a thing which SHOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED...” [*Capitalization in original*]

As for dealing with annoying questioners or “critics,” in the same *Manual on Dissemination* is stated:

“NEVER BE INTERESTED IN CHARGES. DO, yourself, much MORE CHARGING, and you will WIN...”

Hubbard Bulletin of 5 November 1967, entitled *Critics of Scientology*, instructs Scientologists to:

“Never discuss Scientology with a critic. Just discuss his or her crimes, known or unknown. And act completely confident that these crimes exist. Because they do.”

Confidential Policy Letter *Intelligence Actions* of 25 April 1968:

“The maxim is, ‘when under attack - attack.’ The point is, even if you don’t have enough data to win the case still attack, LOUDLY.”

It’s standard procedure to make accusations or insinuations of disreputable or illegal activity in a “critic.” (As one former Scientologist commented, “It’s nothing that your average criminal doesn’t know how to do naturally.”) The idea is to put the critic, annoying questioner, or information provider on the defensive - and preferably to cower him or her into silence. The Scientology membership are told that such people have hidden crimes and will “flee in terror” - and disappear - at the hint at the existence of these crimes. Of course, this doesn’t necessarily occur, in which case a search for actual crimes would follow. Scientology will work to turn up anything scandalous or incriminating on an “enemy” - even if only “tid-bits.”

If an “enemy” is an ex-Scientologist, the task of looking into his personal life becomes easier, since personal information from “religious confessional” counseling files can be used to attack and intimidate the person. (The selection of this information is called “culling.”) If nothing “hot” can be found, then some innocuous occurrence can be exaggerated or slanted toward the negative.

As explained in *PR Series 18* of 21 November 1972:

“Statements one makes can be curved. ‘She had a birthday party.’ becomes ‘The delinquents inner circle gathered yesterday for a sex orgy and pretended to the police it was a birthday party. No one was jailed.’ ”

This can be put into the form of a “noisy investigation” which is not a genuine investigation, but a kind of “whispering campaign.” This would consist of questions asked, usually by an anonymous person or someone using a cover (“suitable guise”), or by a front group, seemingly acting independently on behalf of “citizens” or “parents,” etc.

The Policy Letter *Attacks on Scientology* of 18 February 1966 instructs, “Investigating noisily the attackers.” *Hubbard Communication Office Executive Letter* of 5 September 1966 describes how to do a “noisy investigation”:

“... You find out where he or she works or worked, doctor, dentist, friends, neighbors, anyone, and phone ‘em up and say, ‘I’m investigating Mr./Mrs. ____ for criminal activities.’

“You say now and then, ‘I have already got some astounding facts,’ etc. etc. (Use a generality) - It doesn’t matter if you don’t get much info. Just be NOISY.”

Such tactics are justified by the assertion that dissenters and critics are perverts and criminals, even if there is “no evidence of it.” This is what Scientologists are told. Hubbard - while describing tactics - showed that he knew better, and that he knew that this tactic could be employed effectively against any ordinary person - with the goal of disrupting the person’s life. The minimum standard for success is that the dissenter or critic withdraw, not speak publicly and keep his fingers off the keyboard. From *PR Series 18*:

“A person comes to fear bad things being said about him. In the face of a Whispering Campaign real or imagined one tends to withdraw, tends to become less active and reach less.”

“Direct the attention of the authorities...”

It’s a small jump from “noisy investigation” or “whispering campaign” to “directing the attention of the authorities.” “Even if you don’t have enough data to win the case still attack...” can manifest as accusations made, or “suspicions” expressed to “authorities.” (It’s essential that such “suspicions” or accusations be difficult or impossible to disprove.) The more that government bureaucracies rely on “anonymous tips,” the more this technique of harassment will be considered “workable.”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“...But where the leadership [*person*] is not susceptible [*to control by Scientology*], where [*he*] it resists all persuasions and might become dangerous to our Cause, no pains must be spared to direct the attention of the authorities to that person and **harass him in one way or another.**”¹⁰⁵

27 September 1965 Scientology “in-organization” *Executive Letter*:

“Treatment - They are each Fair Game, can be sued or harassed... **Harass these persons in any way possible.**”

With the publication of her book *The Scandal of Scientology*, Paulette Cooper became a target of Scientology covert “dirty tricks” operations, and a target of the Scientology legal harassment policy. She was subjected to at least eighteen frivolous lawsuits, assorted threats, harassment of her parents, and the sending of false reports on her to government agencies. The numerous covert “dirty tricks” to which she was subjected included multiple attempts to have her framed for crimes she didn’t commit. Testifying before the Clearwater Commission in 1982, in the city of Clearwater, Florida, Cooper described the Scientology tactic of making false accusations:

“I am being sued now repeatedly by individual Scientologists, who, in some cases, I don’t even know, suits for distributing literature at functions I didn’t even attend. Part of the purpose of harassing people with lawsuits is to keep deposing them and preventing you from writing or making a living, and making you show up at legal depositions... There has also been some other harassment in the last six months or so; continued calls to me, calls to my family. The Scientologists find out what a person’s [*emotional*] ‘buttons’ are, as they put it, and the way to get to them. And they know the way to get to me is to harass my parents.

“They put out libelous publications about me; they’ve sent letters saying that I was soon to be imprisoned... attempts have been made to put me in prison. **They’ve sent false reports about me to the Justice Department, the District Attorney’s Office, the IRS. As you know, government agencies have to investigate any complaints that they get. So, then, Scientology sends out press releases that I am under investigation by the Attorney General’s Office, I am under investigation by the DA, and so on.**”¹⁰⁶

False or misleading information provided to a governmental agency, an employer, or even a family member, would be in the category of covert Intelligence. A press release reporting this would be in the category of PR. The PR news release would be “true” since the person *is* “under investigation.”

As with all actions taken against the “enemy,” emphasis is placed on skillful use of tactics to ensure success, and to prevent negative “public image” or legal consequences for Scientology.

Scientology’s unscrupulous use of the legal system

The idea of “attacking” even when one “doesn’t have enough data to win the case,” is applied also in the area of “legal.” The policy of “legal” harassment is a long standing one and was described as early as March of 1955 in the *Manual of Dissemination of Material*:

“The purpose of the suit is to harass and discourage rather than to win.

“The law can be used very easily to harass... If possible of course, ruin him utterly.”

The idea is to crush a critic or dissenter, or “troublemaker,” in the pre-trial phase, beneath a mountain of expensive and time consuming paperwork, depositions and various legal technicalities.

While Paulette Cooper may hold the record for simultaneous lawsuits filed against an individual, many others have experienced Hubbard’s Legal Harassment policy and, in general, Scientology’s unscrupulous use of “battle tactics” in the area of legality and the courts. The following are a few examples.

Media outlets considering doing an article or story displeasing to Scientology may receive, for starters, a threatening “legal letter.” The following is a typical example of such a letter, in this case received by the *St. Petersburg Times*, in September 1987, in anticipation of a review of an unauthorized biography of Hubbard:

“It has come to our attention that... [you] are considering publication of a review...

“...you will find yourself in court facing not only libel and slander charges, but also charges for conspiracy to violate civil rights. If you publish anything at all on it, you may still find yourself defending charges in court... We know a whole lot more about your organization and intentions than you think...”

Joseph Yanny worked for Scientology as an attorney until resigning in protest over certain Scientology practices. He was then sued by Scientology. After his resignation his office was broken into on three occasions. Recounting his experiences in the employ of Scientology, Yanny described various illegal activities. From his 13 July 1988 Legal Declaration:

“There was also wholesale destruction of evidence, theft of documents from private persons, and attempts to infiltrate the court chambers of Judges Lilly and Swearinger.

“This is but the tip of the iceberg. Many of the documents in this court’s jury room show recent attempts by this Cult to infiltrate courthouses...”

“I was also informed of a Cult-organized group of vigilantes known as ‘minutemen’ who were to go beat up dissidents and had in fact done so.

“I also became aware of a plot to obstruct justice or at least perpetuate a fraud upon the Court in the form of settlement agreements of numerous pieces of Cult litigation, which required that the lawyers never take litigation against the Cult in the future, that no one (lawyers or parties) testify against the Cult, and that all evidence and files be turned over to the Cult for destruction.

“Additionally, I became aware that witnesses... signed contracts to keep quiet about what they knew. They, in other words, were paid hush money.

“...the governments of this country have allowed [*Scientology*] to physically beat its citizens, to betray their confidences, ignore their civil rights, and use the judicial system to destroy them.”¹⁰⁷

The following is quoted from a Legal Declaration of Judge M. Ideman of the United States District Court, dated 21 June 1993. Judge Ideman had decided to remove himself from a case involving Scientology:

“1. ...I have decided to recuse [*remove*] myself from this case. Plaintiff [*Scientology*] has recently begun to harass my former law clerk who assisted me in this case, even though she now lives in another city and now has other legal employment. This action, in combination with other misconduct by counsel over the years has caused me to reassess my state of mind with respect to the propriety of my continuing to preside over the matter. I have concluded that I should not...

....
“3. The past 8 years have consisted mainly of a prolonged, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to persuade or compel the plaintiff [*Scientology*] to comply with lawful discovery. [*To compel Scientology to make evidence available that is relevant to the lawsuit.*] These efforts have been fiercely resisted by plaintiffs. They have utilized every device that we on the District Court have ever heard of to avoid such compliance, and some that are new to us.

“4. This noncompliance has consisted of **evasions, misrepresentations, broken promises and lies**, but ultimately with refusal. As part of this scheme to not comply, the plaintiffs have undertaken a massive campaign of **filing every conceivable motion (and some inconceivable)** to disguise the true issue of these pretrial proceedings. **Apparently viewing litigation as a war, plaintiffs [*Scientology*] by this tactic have had the effect of massively increasing the costs to other parties...**

“5. Yet, it is almost all puffery - motions without merit or substance...”¹⁰⁸

Another Judge who had earlier experienced Scientology’s application of “battle tactics” was Charles R. Richey. On 26 October 1979, in Washington, DC District Court, Judge Richey, who presided over the pre-trial phase of the federal case involving Hubbard’s 3rd wife, Mary Sue, had these observations regarding Scientology’s conduct:

“We have a precious system of government in the United States... For anyone to use those laws, or to seek under the guise of those laws, to destroy the very foundation of the government is totally wrong and cannot be condoned by any responsible citizen.”¹⁰⁹

“We will no longer put up with our religion being criticized”

The freedom to exchange ideas and information afforded by the Internet has been Scientology’s worst nightmare, and Scientology has worked to inhibit the exercise of this freedom. The 3 August 1994 edition of the St. Petersburg Times quotes a confidential Directive from the Los Angeles Office of Special Affairs:

“If you can imagine 40-50 Scientologists posting on the Internet every few days, we’ll just run the S.P.s right off the system... Basically, as a group, we will no longer put up with our religion being criticized, harassed and denigrated on the Internet. There will also be some legal actions, which you will be further briefed on.”

One means of limiting freedom has been to claim copyright and “trade secret” violations. There have been claims that those who disagree with or expose some portion of the subject are practicing “hate speech.”

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Attempts at intimidation can take many forms. One bizarre example involved an upcoming radio program on KPCC FM in Pasadena, California. The topic of the program was to be the 1987 unauthorized biography, *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?* by Bent Corydon.

As a result the station’s News and Public Affairs Director received a phone call from the President of the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles. During the conversation the News Director was allegedly told that an earlier program, critical of Scientology, had resulted in another radio station being firebombed. According to the News Director’s written account to Corydon of 7 January 1988:

“...the President of the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles, warned me prior to the program over the phone, that your appearance on another station had led an angry church member to fire bomb the station. I did not ask her to elaborate and merely stated that we cannot worry about what a mentally unstable person may do in response to a given program...”¹¹⁰

Scientology later denied any such warning was made. (Scientology’s public attitude has been that it doesn’t condone illegal acts, but that it cannot control what one person might do on his own, having been outraged by insults to the greatest Humanitarian of all time.)

The idea that bad things “just happen” to people who don’t cooperate with Scientology was a recurring theme for Hubbard in his writings and lectures. Even in the publicly distributed March 1966 PR piece, *What is Greatness?*, which extols love and forgiveness, Hubbard couldn’t resist writing:

“Were you to approach many ruling heads in the world and offer to set them free (as only a Scientologist can) they would go berserk, cry up their private police and generally cause unpleasantness. Indeed one did - he was later assassinated by no desire of ours... That he was then shot had nothing to do with us, but only demonstrated how incompetent and how mortal he really was.”

Discourage inquiry

The Brainwashing Manual:

“They [critics and the uncooperative] must be discredited, defamed, arrested...”¹¹¹

“If the psychopolitical operative has, himself, or his group... done a thorough job, **defamatory data concerning the person, or connections, of the would-be attacker should be on file, should be documented, and should be used in such a way as to discourage the inquiry...**”¹¹²

Scientology Confidential *Executive Directive* of 2 December 1966:

“It will be found uniformly (despite first view there is no evidence of it) that anti-Scientologists have in their background this life crimes for which they could be arrested...

“When one finds such a crime [which must exist] **one must get [or, in the realm of covert Intelligence, create] documents or witnesses...**

“If we do the above as our pattern, we will successfully **bring the following facts [sic] into public consciousness: People who attack Scientology are criminals.** That if one attacks Scientology he gets investigated for crimes. [Which would include ‘noisy investigation’ and also actual - quiet - investigation. If no actual crimes are discovered, ‘Fair Game’ type actions can be used.]

“If one does not attack Scientology, despite not being with it, one is safe.”

Policy Letter of 5 November 1967 *Critics of Scientology*:

“If you leave us alone we will leave you alone.”

Defamatory data on file; “Culling”: Searching through “religious confessional” (auditing) files for embarrassing or intimidating items

The Brainwashing Manual:

“...he [*The psychopolitical operative/Scientology*] should rule into scorn, by reason of his authority, the sanity of the person attacking him [*it*], and **if the psychopolitical archives** [*Scientology files on outsiders, and Counseling files on members and ex-members*] of the country [*person*] **are adequate many defamatory data can be unearthed** and presented as a rebuttal.”¹¹³

As cited earlier, investigating critics for “defamatory data” is standard procedure in Scientology. Any ex-Scientologist regarded as an annoyance by Scientology can expect to have his or her counseling files examined for “defamatory” and embarrassing items. A novice Scientologist might think this would be impossible, since the Auditor’s Code prohibits the “use [*of*] the secrets of the preclear [*person being counseled*] divulged in session for punishment or personal gain.” As the novice Scientologist’s indoctrination progresses, he’ll realize that former Scientologists, being dissenters or critics, “are no longer protected by the codes of Scientology.” This includes, of course, the Auditor’s Code.

Judge Breckenridge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, in his “Armstrong trial”¹¹⁴ summation of 1984, on the subject of “culling”:

“...the Church has in its possession his or her [*the former members*]’ most inner thoughts and confessions, all recorded on ‘pre-clear’ (P.C.) folders, and other security files of the organization, and that the Church or its minions is fully capable of intimidation or other physical or psychological abuse if it suits their ends. The record is replete with evidence of such abuse... The practice of culling supposedly confidential ‘P.C. folders or files’ to obtain information for purposes of intimidation and/or harassment is repugnant and outrageous.”

Former Scientology Attorney Joe Yanny in his 1988 affidavit:

“... I also became aware of numerous ‘cullings’ of P.C. [*preclear, i.e. person being given counseling*] folders by Cult members. I was actually given P.C. folder data to prepare for depositions of former members. Again I objected. The confidential materials were put into ‘prep packs.’ When I objected to this practice, I was told that this was standard practice. I offered my resignation as their counsel.”

There are numerous accounts of “culling” under L. Ron Hubbard’s direction and in Scientology generally. For example, Kima Douglass, Hubbard’s personal medical officer from 1975 through 1980, testified that she had witnessed Hubbard ordering the “culling” of “religious confessional” files for disreputable or embarrassing items.¹¹⁵ Douglass also testified regarding the transfer of large sums of money from the Scientology “Flagship,” and later from the Flag Land Base in Florida, to secret overseas accounts under Hubbard’s control. The testimony of many other witnesses supports her accounts of both types of occurrences.

Background: The Commodore’s Intelligence Network

Hubbard’s personal Intelligence network went into full operation on the 1st of March 1966. Called, at that time, the Guardian Office, it was going to apply the Fair Game policy, and other related confidential policies, to the world at large. Besides covert Intelligence, it was assigned the responsibilities of Public Relations, Legal, Finance, and “Social Coordination” which meant, mainly, the running of front groups.

Hubbard appointed his wife, Mary Sue, to head the Guardian Office, and then ran it himself. He used his wife as a shield or cover for a variety of nefarious and illegal activities - activities for which FBI search warrants were served in July 1977, and for which, in January 1983, his wife was sent to federal prison for “conspiring to steal government documents, [*conspiracy in*] burglarizing government offices, intercepting government communications, harboring a fugitive, making false declarations before a grand jury, and conspiring to obstruct justice.” Ten others were also sentenced to prison. Hubbard, who had been listed as a co-conspirator, remained in hiding and denied any knowledge or involvement.

The government's case (Federal criminal case 78-401, Wash., DC) was based on evidence gathered as the result of the issuing of FBI search warrants. The focus was on Operation Snow White, the Scientology covert operation which involved secretly gaining access to government offices and files. Were it not for the government's concern for its own security, the contents of the documents, obtained from the Los Angeles and Washington, DC Scientology organizations, would not have been known; the details of various covert operations, "run" on private citizens, would not have been revealed; Covert Data Collection and Covert "dirty tricks" Operations policy and tech would have remained largely unexposed; and "outsiders" with an interest in Scientology would have been denied valuable insights into how Hubbard's mind worked, and into how the Scientology organization works.

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It probably shouldn't be surprising that an organization that regards itself as "a nation [*covertly*] at war" would have its own Intelligence service, and an organization that labels outside institutions and persons with the derisive term "Wog" - referring to "Wog religions," "Wog judges," and "Wog governments," etc. - would have contempt and disregard for such institutions and persons.

L. Ron Hubbard confidently predicted that Scientology, as it progressed in the task of making Earth a "Scientology planet," would outlive the United States. Referring to Washington, DC, he wrote in the *Information Letter* of 8 January "A.D.13" - "A.D." meaning "After 1950 Dianetics," the year being 1963:

"We'll still be alive when the cold wind moans through the girders of their gutted buildings. And we'll be alive when the only movement on Pennsylvania Avenue will be the frightened scurry of a paper in the dusty street."

The Policy of covert attack and publicized PR "defense lines"

Some major objectives of Scientology are outlined in the 16 February 1969 Confidential Policy Letter *Targets, Defense*. ("Targets" being confidential objectives, and "Defense" being "PR lines" used to shroud these objectives.) Amongst "long range targets" are listed:

- "De-popularizing the enemy to a point of total obliteration.
- "Taking over the control or allegiance of the heads or proprietors of all news media.
- "Taking over the control or allegiance of key political figures."

Listed under "errors we have made" is:

- "Defending only [*meaning use of PR only*]...
- "Being reasonable and assigning mild motives to the enemy.
- "Failing to attack early and hard..."
- "Not learning enemy tactics and using and bettering them." [*This point of confidential policy should be kept in mind when reading Hubbard's detailed descriptions of 'enemy tactics.'*]

Under "defense," i.e. Public Relations lines, are listed:

- "Our best defense [*PR line*] is that we are sincere, that we are effective and that we commit no crimes.
- "Our next best defense line was being sure the public knew we were a Church..."

On the topic of public opinion *Targets, Defense* emphasizes:

- "To win all the way, the bulk of public opinion must be at the level of love us - hate the enemy."

And in another Confidential Policy Letter of the same date, entitled *Battle Tactics*:

- "**The only safe public opinion to head for is they love us and are in a frenzy of hate against the enemy,** this means standard wartime propaganda is what one is doing... Know the mores of your public opinion, what they hate. That's the enemy. What they love. That's you.
- "You preserve the image or increase it of your own troops and degrade the image of the enemy to beast level."

This is the idea behind Scientology's desire to be identified with "social reform," or any popular cause, such as patriotism, justice, morality, etc. Confidential *Black Propaganda* of 12 January 1972 explains:

- "The objective is to be identified as attackers of popularly considered evils. This declassifies us from former labels. It re-classifies our attackers as evil people. [*The PR justification to his followers is:*] Which they are."

Hubbard instructed his operatives to use “standard wartime propaganda” and manipulative hate/love “buttons” on others. (These same Intelligence and PR operatives, however, did not realize that Hubbard had used the same techniques of manipulation on them.)

Scientology’s Multi-layered Public Relations tech

The covert nature of “modern Scientology” made “Public Relations” a vital necessity. In the 1970s Hubbard created his own “Public Relations tech” which, as with the rest of the subject of Scientology, is multi-layered. A portion of this “PR tech” can be found in the *PR Series*.

“**Layer Zero**” of Scientology’s multi-layered PR tech would involve Front groups used to reflect positively on, and “flow power to,” Scientology and “LRH image.”

The publicized layer - **Layer One** - presents the idea that Scientology Public Relations is “the first truly honest Public Relations.” This version of PR tech can be shown to outsiders to convince them of the honesty of Scientology. PR is here defined as:

“Good works well publicized.”¹¹⁶

This version of PR tech advocates being “truthful” and warns against “deception,” and warns the novice PR person not to “exercise his imagination.” Hubbard called this “nicey nicey PR,” the “Sunday School version” of PR, and “PR of PR.” Here a clumsy novice is provided with “safe” pre-packaged PR “truths.” The novice PR person is told to have a “Press Book” or “loose-leaf big fancy clipping scrapbook” full of PR stories. He is to use this Press Book and keep talking to a minimum. This is to prevent “tell[ing] several versions of a tale that then by their own contradiction bring about the collapse of credibility.” Only one version of a tale is to be told - the “safe” official version.

(The novice Scientology PR person might be slightly confused after one reading of the non-confidential portion of the *PR Series*. 1) Wholesome-sounding statements are made and then modified or contradicted. What’s happened is that the publicized strata or “Layer One,” and the “in-organization” strata or “Layer Two,” are combined under the general category of “non-confidential.” 2) Hubbard’s spurious “PR lines” and “explanations” to his followers are inevitably part of his writings, and his followers are expected to accept these as true. 3) Hubbard describes “enemy tactics”- tactics which the novice does not yet understand are meant for use by appropriately trained Scientologists.)

Still in the area of the “non-confidential,” one can descend into **Layer Two** - the “in-organization” strata.

Here the “End justifies the Means” mentality renders irrelevant (to the Scientological mind) any idea or fact that contradicts, or interferes with, the “forwarding of Scientology” or “LRH Intention.” Ideas or information viewed as “anti” or “critical” are simply to be discredited in one way or another, along with their originators. Independent “critical” public discussion or exchange of ideas and information, on the topic of Scientology and L. Ron Hubbard, must be prevented. The Scientological mind-set would not regard suppression of “unauthorized” ideas or information about Hubbard or Scientology as censorship; nor would it regard as dishonest the act of using deception to lead another from “humanoid lies” to the *only real truth* of Scientology. There appears to be a kind of intellectual disjointedness. The same *PR Series* that, in a publicized issue (#25), states, “PR does not quite follow... the rules of warfare. Deception is NOT [*sic*] a legitimate PR action,” also, in other issues, advocates “curving,” exaggeration, misrepresentation, and selective omission of information. “Gimmicks” and “capers,” to be used by Scientology, are mentioned. Also authorized is “Black PR” and verbal prevarication. And additional definitions for PR are provided:

“Public Relations is for the handling and control of Human emotion and reaction.”¹¹⁷

“...a technique of creating states of mind in different types of audiences or publics.”¹¹⁸

“...the technique of communicating an acceptable truth - and which will attain a desirable result.”¹¹⁹

Further study shows the word “truth,” as here used, to mean “what is real for the person.” Anything that was “real” for a person or group, that could not be easily debunked, would qualify as a “workable” PR “truth”- provided of course that it “will attain a desirable result.” An “acceptable truth” is anything that will be “acceptable” to “Wogs,” and make them “cooperative.”

As the novice PR person becomes more experienced, he'll realize that words, in Scientology, can sometimes have a special meaning. He'll come to understand that "proof" or "to prove" means "to convince."

To "dead agent" is to "disprove" another's "critical" assertion by providing "proof" of its falsehood. This should result in the person, and all information from the person, being "discarded." The idea is that by "disproving" one thing, while ignoring anything that can't be "disproved," a person can be "dead agented."

From *PR Series 18*:

"The subject of Dead Agenting is PROOF in whatever form.

"You only challenge statements you *can* prove are false and in any conversation let the rest slide."

The best sort of "proof" would be "proof" that is, at least to some extent or in some way, "true." Being "flexible," it can be twisted or distorted to achieve a "desirable result." But what about when even "flexible truth" will not "attain a desirable result" for Scientology? A more advanced level of skill becomes necessary. Here a PR person *may* "exercise his imagination." *PR Series 18* continues:

"Disprove every rumor...

"STATEMENT: 'How do I know you're not a CIA man?' Well, how can one prove that? One can't whip out a KGB badge as that would be just as bad. No one ever wrote a document 'Bill Till is not a member of the CIA.' Useless...

"STATEMENT: 'How do I know you're not a CIA man?'

"REBUTTAL: 'Christ, please don't insult me! The CIA tried to hire me once. Said they'd shoot me if I didn't join up. Cuba it was. I was a sugar salesman. And Batista was trying to...etc., etc. See this scar on my left leg (Pulls up pants.) Batista's cop shot me because he thought I was CIA. So don't bring up painful subjects.' (Rubs scar.) (Laugh.)... [*The scar was to constitute 'proof.'*]

"Accused of drug smuggling one can show he's a member of the anti-drug league..."

"STATEMENT: '...I thought you people were all right but now I hear you're all hippies' ...

"REBUTTAL: 'Oh, oh, oh, who would have told you such a sad lie?' ...

"STATER: 'Well he wouldn't care if I told. It was the local minister.'

"REBUTTER: ... 'What an awful thing to say. Just because we found him dead drunk and took him home to sleep it off and he said if we ever told he'd say we're hippies' ...

"STATEMENT: 'I hear those people stole some rowboats.'

"REBUTTAL: 'Who said so?'

"STATER: 'The dock master's son.'

"REBUTTAL: 'Oh, him. Gets things wrong. *Our* rowboat was stolen! With all the gear in it. We were out fishing and... say you don't suppose HE stole it do you? Did you ever hear of him stealing anything? Has he got a record?'

"Well, this dock master's son will now 'have a record' in the stater's tales."

The preceding sentence exemplifies Hubbard's "philosophy of prevarication" - "...this dock master's son *will now have a record...*"

This "philosophy" permeates Scientology, but only flows in one direction. The "hierarchy" can lie to their subordinates, but subordinates are expected to reveal all to their superiors.

Hubbard Bulletin of 1 April 1955 addresses the topic of "inventing facts" as an idea related to a particular counseling procedure. Viewed more broadly with Hubbard's and Scientology's behavior in mind, these comments are revealing:

"A datum is an invention which has become agreed upon and so solidified.... To get to this state it has to be agreed upon. When it is thoroughly agreed upon it becomes, then, a truth..."

"The word 'lie' is simply 'an invention with a bad connotation'..."

"Thus society frowns upon the invention of facts..."

Reality is defined in a *Bulletin* of 8 May 1956:

"Reality could be defined as 'that which appears to be.' Reality is fundamentally agreement. What we agree to be real is real."

Novice Scientologists will regard these statements as simply philosophical observations on the nature of reality. On a mundane level however, these same ideas have practical applications - applications which any con man or demagogue could appreciate.

Hubbard was surprisingly frank on the supposed efficacy of lying during the Philadelphia Doctorate Course in December 1952:

“Now you say you have to be absolutely truthful. Sincerity is the main thing, and truthfulness is the main thing, and don’t lie to anybody... and you’ll get ahead. You’ll get ahead right on that cycle of action, right towards zero... It’s a trap not being able to prevaricate...”¹²⁰

The message is stated in various ways throughout Scientology. In the non-confidential portion of the subject, it is usually done obliquely. This message is, directly put: Lying to one’s subordinates, or to the outside world, is a problem only because one might be caught in the lie. Hubbard lied freely and, evidently, considered himself to be endowed with such a vast supply of “flair” (aptitude) that he would be believed.

Scientology’s PR “truths” about itself and its Founder consist largely of misrepresentations and outright fabrications - but those that have been judged to “work.” For example, for a quarter of a century Hubbard encouraged people to think of him as a “nuclear physicist,” until that was viewed as not “working” anymore. It was judged to be not believable to the public. Now Scientology PR people disdainfully dismiss anyone who suggests that Hubbard ever claimed to be a nuclear physicist.¹²¹ The lie that he was a nuclear physicist has been replaced with the lie that he never claimed to be one. (Sometimes it’s added that “nuclear physicists worked *under* him.”) For years the earlier assertion was “true,” and now the latter assertion is “true.”

Descending deep into the “Scientological Onion” in the realm of PR tech - at the confidential level - it’s recognized that, much of the time, “standard wartime propaganda is what one is doing.”¹²² It is also understood that covert-type operations can manufacture bogus but believable “truth,” which then (even novice-level) “PR,” as a separate but related activity, can safely publicize. (Scientology buying up its own books to create the “fact” of “bestsellers” is an example of the manufacturing of a “truth.”) And, as earlier noted, “enemy tactics” are available for use at the confidential strata of “PR tech.” This would include full application of the “rules of war” by “PR” (and “PR troops”), directed at the media and the public. It would also include the application of Black Propaganda which, if done according to Hubbard, is supposed to come from a hidden or unknown source, and thus passes from the zone of “PR tech” to “Intelligence tech.”

Here also is the level of the “PRO [*PR Officer*]-Intelligence operative,” with “Public Relations Officers” being skilled manipulators with inside information available only to Intelligence operatives.

Scientology Intelligence tech

The terms “Intelligence” or “Intelligence technology” will not be found in non-confidential writings. However, there are some non-confidential writings which, though not called Intelligence tech, are nonetheless mostly benign segments of the same. These include Hubbard’s writings on non-covert “data collection,” filing of information, and his writings on “how to evaluate scenes”- the latter being called the *Data Series*.

In Confidential *Intelligence, Its Role* of 3 June 1973, Hubbard wrote of his Intelligence technology:

“Having been shaped by the most severe and unreasonable adversaries on many continents, [*such as an ex-wife, a former publisher, and a former business partner*] limited in resources, unable to call on governmental or state powers when in the lurch, and therefore possessing through purest necessity, superior - infinitely superior - technology for Intelligence work.

“Having a superior organizational pattern born out of necessity and lack of resources.

“Having all the old Intelligence technology in addition to our own, the fruit of thirty-three centuries of known Intelligence experience...

“Having had awe inspiring wins against the most formidable odds, and even against the ‘greatest’ existing Intelligence services.

“And we are... potentially successful beyond the greatest dreams and aspirations of any former Intelligence service in this universe [*sic*] bar none.”

An important Intelligence text, revealed as a result of Federal criminal case 78-401 is L. Ron Hubbard's 646 page *Information Full Hat*. The text is listed as government exhibit 236. The term "Information" is used as an innocuous cover name for "Intelligence."

As explained in the Confidential *Intelligence, Its Role*:

"Since the word 'Intelligence' is too revelatory on door plate and personnel rosters, it has become customary... to give its activities the title of 'Information'... Calling it the 'Information Department' must only be regarded as itself, 'a suitable guise.' One can call herself the 'Information File Clerk' and have that on her personnel record and tell it to her friends; but in actual fact she is the 'Intelligence File Clerk'... And the Handler of Operatives in NE [North East] America may well call himself 'NE Information Director,' he is still handling operatives who 'in suitable guise' are getting the data for defense or support..."

Data Collecting, and Attack or "support" Intelligence

Intelligence, Its Role describes, as the two main functions of Intelligence, the covert gathering of information and the covert attacking of the enemy:

"Intelligence furnishes much of the data on which evaluation is based..."

"What could be called Support Intelligence (or attack or offensive Intelligence) is the other side of the coin, and also forms a vital part of Intelligence activities. But here Intelligence is carrying out part of a program furnished by evaluation to command and ordered executed."

Hubbard defined a Covert Intelligence Operation in his 2 December 1969 Confidential *Covert Intelligence - Covert Intelligence Data Collection*:

"Essentially, a covert operation is intended to embarrass, discredit or overthrow or remove an actual or possible opponent. It's a small war being carried out without its true source being revealed."

Intelligence operations involved Covert Data Collection, including wire-tapping and burglary, and also infiltration, including the planting of long term "sleeper agents." Such Covert Ops included Op Snow White, which was a Covert Data Collection Operation intended to gain access, in various ways, to government files in the IRS, Better Business Bureau, Department of Consumer Affairs, United States Coast Guard, the Department of Justice and other agencies. (During the Snow White Operation, there was even the stealing of government stationery for use in fraudulent letters from "anonymous whistle blowing government agents.")

Other covert operations focused less on data gathering and more on attack activities. They shared the objective to "embarrass, discredit or overthrow or remove an actual or possible opponent."

A small sampling of these:

Op Snapper was an operation directed against Lawrence Tapper, a California Deputy Attorney General. Various attempts were made to destroy his reputation with his co-workers, have him fired from his position as Deputy Attorney, and to break up his marriage.

Op Yellow, Op Italian Fog and Op Keller were directed at the Mayor of Clearwater, Florida to ruin his reputation and to make him "blackmailable." Op Gold-mine was aimed at gathering information on, and infiltrating, anyone or any group of influence in Clearwater. Operation Bulldozer Leak was another Op directed at press and government in Clearwater.

Operation Devil's Wop was an attack on an Arizona Senator who had supported anti-cult groups.

There was even a covert Operation, called Op Funny Bone, that targeted cartoonist Jim Berry for having drawn a cartoon considered disrespectful to Scientology. The idea was to ruin his career.

Op Shake and Bake was an Op against a former Scientologist demanding a refund, and was combined with a "Black PR" attack which included sending an official letter from the Scientology Organization to her attorney. The letter divulged personal information taken from the ex-Scientologist's counseling files, notably information about her sex life, and a list of all the drugs she had ever taken. Apparently, this was supposed to alienate the attorney from his client. The idea backfired. The attorney, amazed at the foul nature of Scientology's actions, became only more determined to represent his client - and began to represent other ex-Scientologists. As a result, a covert attack Operation entitled Op Juggernaut¹²³ was initiated against the attorney himself. In addition to Operation Juggernaut, the same attorney was subjected to fourteen legal complaints and an attempt to smear him through "noisy investigation."

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s additional evidence and testimony confirmed that little has changed in the covert world of Scientology. For example, in 1988 the Checklist for the text of “President of the Church of Scientology” study course was revealed in a court case. The “President’s” Checklist contained numerous Confidential Hubbard writings that had been, years earlier, revealed as a result of Federal criminal case 78-401. These included *Battle Tactics*; *Targets, Defense*; and *Intelligence, Its Role*.

Exposures of Scientology’s covert activities occur occasionally - by accident and in a fragmented fashion. Governments tend to become interested when it’s discovered that Scientology is “running an Op” on a government agency, and typically express disinterest in Ops “run” on private citizens.

The *Toronto Globe Mail* of 27 July 1992 reported: “Church of Scientology [of Ontario, Canada] found guilty.” It had been discovered that Scientology had “infiltrated offices of the Ontario government and three police forces.” The infiltration had included the theft of documents. The authorities in Canada expressed some puzzlement as to what would motivate a “Church” to be preoccupied with spying, planting “sleeper agents,” and generally engaging in covert “dirty tricks” type activities. Their bewilderment might have been resolved by a thorough study of Scientology’s Confidential policies. Indeed, an examination of the original *Fair Game Policy* of 7 March 1965 would serve to enlighten as to the policy and “philosophy” behind this bizarre obsessive behavior: “The homes, property, places and abodes of persons who have been active in attempting to suppress Scientology... are all beyond any protection.”

Of those covert Operations that have been revealed, perhaps the most notable, because of its length and complexity, was one directed against a young woman named Paulette Cooper. While best known by the title Op Freak Out, the over-all attack Operation was referred to as “P.C. Op” or “Op Lovely,” and consisted of a collection of secondary Ops and actions.

The “Intell U.S. Weekly Report” of “28 Sept. & 5 Oct. 72,” lists under “Handling”:

“Have personnel from U.S. Operations Section in New York with orders to attack her in as many ways as possible. First action taken was Operation Daniel, which is a wide scale exposure of PC’s sex life. Via inside contacts in New York, are investigating and attempting commitment procedures in line with the targets of Operation Dynamite.”

Actions included wire-tapping, death threats, smear letters, multiple frivolous lawsuits and, with Operation Dynamite, an attempt to frame her for bomb threats against Scientology. Incredibly, she was indicted in 1973 for “sending 2 bomb threat letters through the mail.” Scientology’s “Intelligence tech” was “working.” Cooper had trouble sleeping and eating, and her health were deteriorating. Out of desperation, she decided to be questioned under sodium pentathol (truth serum). The result was positive, and the authorities decided not to go to trial. Still, the accusations hung over her life like a dark cloud.

In 1977 the FBI issued search warrants for two senior Scientology organizations. Sought was evidence related to Scientology’s “Snow White” Program, which involved illegally entering government offices and accessing government files. As an accidental consequence of the FBI search, extensive Hubbard “Intelligence tech” writings - and writings on operations “run” on private citizens - were uncovered. Operation Dynamite was revealed, along with its 1976 replacement, Operation Freak Out.

The Orders dated 13 April 1976 are unambiguous:

“Situation: Cooper is still not terminatedly handled...”

“Attached is approved Op Freakout. This addition channel [avenue of attack] should really have her put away.

“Worked with all the other channels.

“The FBI already think she really did do the bomb threat on the C of S.”

Hubbard was living in Washington, DC from February to mid June of that year. Handwriting, with a resemblance to his, can be found on several of the Covert Operations Checklists of actions. These typewritten Checklists, authoritative and specific, were replete with misspelled words, and were likely dictated to a youthful subordinate.

A U.S. Court Sentencing Memorandum¹²⁴ provided a description of OP Freak Out:

“In its initial form Operation Freak Out had three different plans. The first required a woman to imitate Paulette Cooper’s voice and make telephone threats to Arab Consulates in New York. The second scheme involved mailing a threatening letter to an Arab Consulate in such a fashion that it would appear to have been done by Paulette Cooper. Finally, **A Scientology field staff member was to impersonate Paulette Cooper at a laundry and threaten the President and then Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger. A second Scientologist would thereafter advise the FBI of the threat.**”

Steps four and five of Operation Freak Out had to do with covertly gathering information from Cooper, and for a phone call to be placed to the Arab Consulate by an anonymous “concerned citizen” alerting them that Cooper was planning on bombing them. The Sentencing Memorandum continues:

“The sixth and final part of Operation Freak Out called for Scientologists to obtain Paulette Cooper’s fingerprints on a blank piece of paper, type a threatening letter to Kissinger on that paper, and mail it.”

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As 1980 approached, Hubbard became especially concerned with avoiding legal accountability. In order to prevent additional evidence from being revealed, that might further incriminate him, a project of paper shredding - and document hiding - was commenced in various key Scientology locations. (Scientology finally became preoccupied with having Cooper sign a statement that she had *not personally witnessed* L. Ron Hubbard doing or authorizing anything.)

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A snapshot of one small part of the clandestine world of Scientology provides a sense of its activities. This account, excerpted from *A Piece of Blue Sky* by Jon Atack, includes a closer examination of the actions directed at Mayor Cazares of Clearwater, Florida.

“In 1976, the G.O. was determined to silence all opposition in the city of Clearwater. Mayor Cazares was its chief target. A G.O. agent, posing as a reporter, interviewed the mayor when he was on a visit to Washington, DC. The ‘reporter’ introduced Cazares to Sharon Thomas, another G.O. agent. She offered to show Cazares the sights of Washington. While they were driving, they ran into a pedestrian. [*The ‘pedestrian’ was not injured.*] Sharon Thomas drove on. The Mayor did not know that the ‘victim’ of the accident was yet another G.O. agent, Michael Meisner. The G.O. was sure it could use Cazares’ failure to report the accident to its advantage. The next day an internal dispatch gloated that Cazares’ political career was finished. That same day, Hubbard sent a dispatch asking whether the Miami Cubans could be persuaded that Cazares supported Castro.

“The G.O. initiated ‘Operation Italian Fog’ which was to bribe officials to put forged documents into Mexican records showing that Cazares had been married twenty-five years before. The Scientologists could then accuse him of bigamy.

“‘Op Yellow,’ launched in April 1976, was to consist of sending an anonymous letter to Clearwater businesses congratulating the Mayor for his Christian hostility to Scientology, and for keeping the Miami Jews out, and the Clearwater negroes where they belonged.”

Creating incidents that will reflect badly on others

The Brainwashing Manual:

“In juvenile courts there are always persons with strange appetites whether these be judges or police, men or women. **If such do not exist they can be created.** By making available to them young boys or girls in the ‘security’ of the jail or the detention home, and **by appearing with flash cameras or witnesses, one becomes equipped with a whip adequate to direct all the future decisions of that person** when these are needed.”¹²⁵

“...The dupe can thus be **induced into many lurid sexual contacts, and these, properly witnessed, can thereafter be used as blackmail material.**”¹²⁶

Scientology Intelligence tech defines “incident” as:

“A set of circumstances or event created covertly (stage managed behind the scenes), exceeds the standard enemy defense, and which is of detriment to the enemy when exposed. It can be exploited by B1 [*Intelligence*] or PR.”

Former Scientology executive Vicki Aznaran stated in an April 1988 legal declaration:

“The management of Scientology consistently expressed and demonstrated a complete disdain for the court system, viewing it as nothing more as a method to harass enemies.

“In late 1979 and early 1980, there was a massive document destruction program undertaken to destroy any evidence that L. Ron Hubbard controlled Scientology. I participated in that activity in Clearwater, Florida, and am informed that there was also intensive document destruction at Gilman Hot Springs, California...

“During the time period of my involvement with Scientology, I also learned of various attempts to influence judges or force their removal from cases... [Name of private investigator] was also hired for the purpose of attempting to force the removal of a judge in Tampa, Florida. This involved what I know as the [Tonya] Burden case... [The private investigator] **secured a yacht and attempted to get the judge on board for the process of filming him under compromising circumstances.** The judge declined to go yachting and the operation was unsuccessful...”

The 1988 legal declaration went on to describe another attempt to blackmail a judge. This time the attempt was successful, and involved enticing the judge into receiving oral sex from a prostitute, while a hidden camera filmed the act. Also described in her legal declaration was her witnessing the activation of Scientology “minutemen” (goon squads) to physically harass and assault “enemies,” the “culling” of counseling folders to locate and collect embarrassing or disreputable material, and the training of witnesses to “lie convincingly” at trials.

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In 1984 Judge Breckenridge commented on Scientology’s behavior:

“In addition to violating and abusing its own members’ civil rights, the organization over the years with its ‘Fair Game’ doctrine has harassed and abused those persons not in the Church whom it perceives as enemies...”

Back in 1966, in a preemptive effort at asserting “plausible deniability,” L. Ron Hubbard announced that he “had resigned form the position of Executive Director,” and was no longer involved in the management of Scientology. Soon thereafter he became the “Commodore” of the Sea Organization which, with absolute authority, managed all of Scientology. Still, to this day, the blatantly spurious “He resigned in 1966” PR line is presented by Scientology.

Judge Breckenridge on the issue:

“Not withstanding protestations to the contrary, this court is satisfied that LRH runs the Church in all ways through the Sea Organization, his role as Commodore, and the Commodore’s Messengers.”

One such Messenger was Tonja Burden. Tonya had been sent to serve Hubbard on the “flagship” Apollo in 1973 at the age of 13. She continued in that capacity once Hubbard had gone ashore in 1975. When no longer in Scientology in 1882, she wrote in an affidavit:

“At the Fort Harrison, [in Clearwater, Florida] I remained LRH’s personal Messenger. I observed LRH control the operation of Scientology throughout the various ‘orgs.’ Worldwide from Fort Harrison I coded and decoded messages to, and directly from, Hubbard. He used approximately 15 codes at this time to conceal his operations, programs, and policies, which he disseminated worldwide. I personally delivered messages concerning Operation Snow White, and Operation Freak Out, Operation Gold Mine, and other Scientology secret and illegal operations to frame people, steal, infiltrate private and government offices, and break into buildings. At this time I was only 15 years old and did what I was told...”

Hubbard established, as basic Confidential applied doctrine, the tech of Covert Data Collection and the tech of Covert “dirty tricks” Operations. Scientology won’t talk about this aspect of Scientology publicly, but Hubbard was privately very proud of his Intelligence tech.

Collecting information on people, and keeping files, is one side of Scientology Intelligence tech. As virtually anyone could be considered a potential enemy, the range of possible subjects for investigation and filing is great. In Scientology “**Covert Data Collection**” is an entire study in the use of disguises, clever lines and created situations, used to cause the unsuspecting to provide information they might not otherwise reveal. Infiltration, with active and “sleeper” agents, of government agencies, law offices, and newspapers has been standard practice. The practices of illegal entry, burglary, and theft of documents can be found in court records.

Data collection is done as a precursor to an attack (“Support”) action or Covert “dirty tricks” Operation. One item of Scientology “Intelligence tech” revealed in Federal Criminal Court case 78-401 is a checklist of questions to be answered regarding someone who is to be attacked covertly.

The title is *Data Needed by Ops On Each Located Who*. A “Who” is an enemy or potential enemy:

Data Needed by Ops on Each Located Who

1. Standard ODC [*Overt, i.e. non-covert Data Collection*] with time track and a brief summarized, well rounded picture of terminal. [*The person to be attacked.*]
2. Criminal background of terminal.
3. Financial involvements (inflow and outflow of money.)
4. Legal involvements (summary of actions)
5. Terminal’s main interests, personal habits, fears, vices and any other items of interest.
6. Friends and enemies of the terminals 1st Dynamic [*himself*].
Friend and enemies of the terminal’s 2nd Dynamic [*Sex and Family*].
Groups that the terminal belongs to, and any groups or terminals who are enemies of that group.
7. What the terminal considers valuable and is protecting.
8. ...[*note*] his [*job*] position and his seniors and noteworthy juniors.
9. What persons have the power to fire terminal from the position he holds.
10. Any rules or regulations that if broken would cause the terminal to lose his job/position.
11. Any regulations concerning licenses that the terminal holds that would cause him to lose his license if violated (i.e. law, medical, contractor.)
12. Scandals, conflicts, disputes, directly or indirectly connected to terminal.
13. Documents that show criminality of terminal (i.e. cheating on income tax, discrediting data in personal letters, use of drugs, etc.)

(An amusing application of point number 11 - “...cause him to lose his license...” - occurred in Germany several years ago. An “enemy,” who was an owner of an apartment building, was subjected to Scientologists covertly releasing hundreds of mice inside his building. The health department was then called, under “suitable guise,” by Scientology. Unfortunately the mice had been purchased from a medical supply company and each had a little identifying tag attached to its leg! Consequently, this simple covert Op backfired. More sophisticated Ops, carefully carried out, have not been so funny.)

Attack or “support” Intelligence - The Covert Ops Study Course and Checklist

Hubbard had written in 1960 of his method for “handling” those who might consider getting in his way. “Find or manufacture enough threat,” he explained. If it can’t be “found” by operatives, including private investigators, then “enough threat” can be “manufactured” in other ways.

In the evidence of Criminal case no.78-401 it was found that “Support” or Attack Intelligence had its own study course. (This is a more “advanced” course than the *Information Full Hat*.)

Item number 8 on the 8th page of *the Covert Ops Checklist* consists of a collection of “Ops drills” or exercises.

One Scientology “Ops drill” addresses the “skill” of spreading rumors. It reads:

Spreading rumors. Flunk for anyone spotting a source of falsity or trouble making, etc.

- a) Spread a rumor to another. _____
- b) Write up results. _____
- c) Spread a rumor to another and get him/her to spread it to someone else. _____
- d) Write up results. _____
- e) Get a rumor spread around a small group to a point where at least 2 others repeat it to others. _____
- f) Write up results. _____
- g) Get a rumor spread around a large group (more than 50 people) to a point where at least 5 others repeat it to others. _____
- h) Write up results. _____

Another similar drill has to do with “third partying,” explaining: “Flunk for being challenged as source of third party or conflict.” (“Third partying” means to covertly create a conflict between two others.)

Another drill has to do with “creating effects” by adopting a “guise.” Effects to be created this way include, “Get another to go into sympathy with you and help you.” And, “Get into the guise of a nurse or doctor in a hospital or medical facility to the point where you give an order or direction to someone inside the facility (public or staff person) and they comply fully believing your identity.”

Yet another drill concerns itself with, “Creating incidents which reflect on others.” The idea being that these “incidents” should reflect badly upon an enemy.

A further drill addresses the matter of finding the effective “Hate/Love buttons” in making an enemy “target” unpopular with “bosses, or persons who could have him fired from his/her job.”

Another drill concerns the topic of “Valuable/Protect.” Having the Scientology operative in training examine “different ways that you could threaten or attack what each target person considers valuable or is protecting.”

The final exercise in this series has to do with how to plan a Covert Operation over all.

In addition to OPs Drills, the Ops Checklist contains a list of reading material, terms to be defined, and ideas and practices to be demonstrated in clay, so as to show one has grasped their practical applications.

Amongst the other actions or exercises is one which addresses the ability to disguise oneself as an outsider:

“Now go out and observe and speak with several Scientologists and several wogs on non-Scientology subjects. Note all major observations about Scientologists which tipped you off to them being a Scientologist that you did not observe in the wogs. List them out...”

The Scientology Covert Ops - Attack Intelligence - Checklist continued:

22. Look up in a BIG dictionary, use in sentences, demo kit, and get conceptually the following words:

Covert, discredit, propaganda, operation, overthrow, exposure, embarrass, remove, opponent.

23: Clay demo a covert operation on an opponent which embarrasses him and the beneficial result to us.

24: Clay demo a covert operation on an opponent which discredits him and the beneficial result to us.

25: Clay demo a covert operation on an opponent which overthrows him and the beneficial result to us.

26: Clay demo a covert operation on an opponent which removes him and the beneficial result to us.

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41: Clay demo: Why it is important to know your public’s hate and love buttons when running an operation on an enemy.

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59: Demo a simple Ops plan and its three separate channels. [*Three channels provide three separate avenues of attack.*]

60: Demo a created B1 [*covert Ops*] incident and how it can be exploited by PR.

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67: “Mock up a fictional project to carry off the major target of: (person) of (group) losing his/her job from which he/she is attacking Scientology.”

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87: Mock up an Ops situation where you’d want to use an altered or phony document. ...write out what steps you’d take to make this document most difficult to examine for authenticity.

88: Now produce such a document.

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[*Under ‘Required reading for Operations’ is Sun Tzu’s ‘The Art of War.’ The student is instructed to make a series of clay demonstration figures illustrating ideas, the first is:*]

Clay demo: It is advantageous to use deception when attacking.

“Persons in his vicinity to whom he is emotionally involved...”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“If there is any doubt whatsoever about the success of an operation against an important person, to select out as a psychopolitical target persons in his vicinity to whom he is emotionally involved. His wife and children normally furnish the best targets...”¹²⁷

Information gathered for Scientology’s *Data Needed by Ops Checklist* includes names of the person’s friends and family. Another question asked: What the person “considered valuable and is protecting?”

L. Ron Hubbard’s oldest son by his first marriage, Ron Jr., worked with his father until leaving Scientology in December of 1959. Subsequently, he was twice brought to submission to the wishes of Scientology. Harassment and threats of lawsuits were used to bend him into agreeing to “retract” his statements regarding his father and Scientology. Appearing at the Clearwater hearings in Clearwater, Florida in 1982, Ron Jr. Spoke of his “confession” and “retraction”:

“They [*Scientology*] were very upset that I had appeared in public and started spilling the beans... Bob Thomas [*of the Guardian Office of Los Angeles*] showed me pictures of my children going to and from school. We got calls in the night. My wife was scared to death with calls. People were looking through the windows of our little house... I didn’t have any money... What happened was that they wanted me to recant and I was under duress at the time, and because I was scared stiff... and I didn’t know what the legal ramifications were... occurred in 1972... In order to protect my wife and children I signed the recant.”

Some background into what life was like for L. Ron Hubbard Jr., also known as “Nibs,” is provided by the “Intell U.S. Weekly Report” of “28 Sept. & 5 Oct. 72.” It lists under “Handling”:

“Stepped up the investigation on Nibs [Ron Jr.]. Found him in violation of bankruptcy laws and are pressing U.S. Attorney’s office to get them to act, although at this point, they do not seem to care too much.

“Started noisy investigation... which has PTSed Nibs [‘PTS,’ here, essentially means to agitate or make fearful] to the degree that he apparently thinks everybody is a Scientologist, even some kid trying to date his daughter on a perfectly legitimate basis.

“Have provided Nibs with new credits ratings which are fed into a computer. Therefore, anyone querying his credit rating will find it is not okay and a few other pieces of scandalous information.”

Coerce them into signing prepared “retractions” or “confessions”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Jurisprudence, in a Capitalistic nation, is of such clumsiness that cases are inevitably tried in the newspapers. We have handled these things much better in Russia, and have uniformly brought people to trial **with full confessions already arrived at** (being implanted) [*sic*] before the trial took place.”¹²⁸

The use of duress, in various forms, to induce a person to sign prepared “confessions,” or “retractions,” has a long history in Scientology. The first such “retraction” was signed by Hubbard’s second wife, Sara Northup, in 1951.

“I, Sara Northrup Hubbard, do hereby state that the things I have said about L. Ron Hubbard in courts and the public prints have been grossly exaggerated or entirely false. **I have not at any time believed otherwise than that L. Ron Hubbard was a fine and brilliant man...**”

This compares with Hubbard’s description of himself in his 1965 *My Philosophy*:

“Blinded with injured optic nerves, and lame with physical injuries to the hip and back, at the end of World War II, I faced an almost nonexistent future. My service record stated: ‘**This officer has no neurotic or psychotic tendencies of any kind whatsoever,**’ but it also stated ‘permanently disabled physically.’”

Both statements were Hubbard’s concoctions. The second was one of a long series of “tall tales” from Hubbard regarding his non-existent history as a war hero.

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The following is excerpted from a March 1972 letter from Sara Northrup to Paulette Cooper. It is particularly noteworthy since Sara Northrup had been silenced by Scientology for the twenty years previous. It might have remained in obscurity had it not been for Hubbard's paranoia, and for the July 1977 issuing of FBI search warrants. Scientology had managed to access Cooper's apartment, and had photocopied her personal diary; apparently, copies of her personal correspondence were also made - copies that ended up in Scientology's file cabinets.

The letter of 20 March 1972 begins:

"Dear Paulette,

"Thank you for sending the photostat of the column concerning Ron.

"I really think he is a terribly destructive man - and as mad as a hatter.

"Last fall a couple of men came to my home on Maui [Hawaii]. They looked like undertakers' assistants. They were very pale - wore cheap black suits, white shirts, dark ties."

"They told me they were 'agents,' but they wouldn't tell me what, or who, they were agents for. They wouldn't show me any identification. They had a long list of personal questions to ask me. They told me that people posing as reporters might try to get me to talk about Ron, but I would be in trouble if I said anything at all to them..."

"My older daughter [Alexis] (who is Ron's daughter) was home over the holidays. When she arrived back at college there was a man who had been waiting for her in the local Inn. He had been waiting there three or four days. She asked him to come to her dorm to talk with him. He told her he was Ron's agent. He had several typewritten pages of statements to read her. It had obviously been written by Ron.

"It said to her that she was illegitimate - that I was a 'street walker' he had hired as a combination housekeeper-secretary. He said that he fired me and that I came back to his doorstep 'destitute and pregnant' and that out of his great heart he had taken me in to see me 'through my trouble.'..."

"He also said that during World War II I was a Nazi spy. (He used to tell people I was a Communist...) I don't know why he had me change sides..."

"His sickness is not just destructive, it is also contagious. I hate to think how many weak people have been harmed by this man.

"The day of my divorce from Ron was like a day of rebirth for me..."

"I am really afraid of him. He has such control over his people - and so many of them... You have no idea the lengths to which he can go (or, maybe you do?).

"These visits from his 'agents' are just warnings. The two who came to see me told me as much. It is really frightening not knowing what he might do next.

"I had hoped that he had forgotten us - put us out of his mind. Perhaps he thinks I will testify against him in one of the many court cases?"

"Forgive this rambling letter. I never tell anyone that I was married to Ron - so I have no one to tell about these weird visits..."

"I'm sorry that I never met you. Please do write and tell what happens with your case. Ron has the advantage of money - but you have rationality on your side, Surely that must be more important."

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It's common practice in Scientology to seek to have another sign a list of "crimes." And to apply pressure, or threat, to induce "cooperation." An example of this would be the experience of Martin Samuals. Samuals began the Delphian school in Oregon, and ran several Scientology centers in the 1970s. In 1982, with the crackdown on the "too independent" centers, he became subject to a policy of threats and extortion. When his "cooperation" was judged inadequate, he became subject to Scientology "ethics":

"...he was ordered to the International Finance Police at Flag. At the meeting Samuals was told he had been declared suppressive, and shown the confession of a Scientology executive who had admitted to be a transvestite with homosexual tendencies. Samuals claims that he was ordered to publicly confess to 'acts that were similarly degrading.' Otherwise the Church would file both civil and criminal prosecutions against him that would keep him 'tied up in the courts forever.'" ¹²⁹

Despite the fact that coercion renders invalid any signed statements, Scientology takes pride in its collections of "confessions" and "retractions." However, despite years of hard work at filling its files with such, any totalitarian government would likely have as large a collection, and as believable a one.

Plenty of bogus “documentation”

Brainwashing Manual:

“If he has not done his work well, hostile feeling groups may expose an individual psychopolitician... Therefore, the psychopolitical operative must **have to hand innumerable documents which assert enormously encouraging figures** on the subject of recovery...”¹³⁰

“...technical appearing papers should exist as to the tremendous number of cures... percentages of cures, no matter how fictitious... forming a background of ‘evidence’...”¹³¹

The most publicized “enormously encouraging figure” was the number of Scientologists. In the early 1970s the claim of “six million” members was made. Then, around 1980, the claim was made of “8 million.” In truth the actual membership was a fraction of that claimed. The 1992 edition of *What is Scientology?* omits entirely any mention of numbers of members, as people were beginning to ask, “Where are these 8 million members?” Ideally, a bogus claim or document should be convincing enough to go unquestioned, becoming a “fact.” (Items number 87 and 88 on Scientology’s Covert Operations “course pack” checklist have to do with creating bogus documentation.

One justification for unscrupulous covert methods

To a Scientologist the degree of agreement and compliance with Scientology indicates the person’s level of sanity. Those considered less than sane are not to be reasoned with, but instead “handled.” This is a common justification for lack of honesty with “outsiders.”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Any man who cannot be persuaded into Communist [*Scientology*] rationale is, of course, to be regarded as somewhat less than sane, and it is therefore completely justified to use the techniques of insanity... [or of “war”: *deception, propaganda, attempts to overwhelm, etc.*]”¹³²

Treatment of VIPs or celebrities

The Brainwashing Manual:

“In a case of a very important person, it may be necessary to utilize the more delicate technologies of psychopolitics... [*The experience of Scientology of a ‘celebrity’ is very different than that of an average ‘rank and file’ member.*]”¹³³

“The psychopolitician should carefully adhere to institutions [*‘Orgs’*] and eschew private practice whenever possible, since this gives him the greatest number of human beings to control for the use of Communism [*Scientology*]. When he does act in private practice [*as a ‘field auditor’*], it should be only in contact with the families of the wealthy and the officials of the country.”¹³⁴

Goal of taking over mental health and “political guidance”

From an “in-organization” *LRH Executive Directive* of 24 November 1968:

“We’re going to take over mental hospitals and the political guidance [italics added] and the whole field of mental healing. It may take us years, but we’ve got the years. We’ve got the tech...”

And the *Confidential Intelligence Actions - Covert Intelligence Data Collection* of 2 December 1969:

“Our war has been forced to become ‘to **take over absolutely the field of mental healing on this planet in all its forms**’... Our original [*publicly announced*] purpose was to clear [*bring enlightenment to*] Earth.”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“He [*Psychopolitics/Scientology*] must labor... **until at last the entire field of mental science is entirely dominated** by Communist [*Scientology*] principles and desires.”¹³⁵

“Where **groups interested in the health of the community** have already been formed, they **should be infiltrated and taken over**...”¹³⁶

“...national institutions **totally** in the hands of psychopolitical operatives [*Scientology*]...”¹³⁷

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Confidential *Intelligence Actions - Covert Intelligence Data Collection:*

“Our total victory [over psychology and psychiatry] will come when **we run his organizations, perform his functions and obtain his financing** and appropriations.”

The Brainwashing Manual:

“...**financing of a psychopolitical operation** [notably Scientology ‘betterment’ groups] is difficult unless it is done by the citizens and government. Although vast sums of money can be obtained from private patients ... it is, nevertheless, **difficult to obtain millions, unless the government itself is cooperating.** [Note: One form of ‘cooperation’ would be the granting of tax exempt status.] The cooperation of the government to obtain vast sums of money is best obtained by mental health [‘for the betterment of the community’] groups composed of leading citizens [including ‘Scientology celebrities’], and can bring their lobbying abilities to bare against the nations’ governments. Thus can be financed many programmes...¹³⁸

“...mental health [‘for the betterment of the community’] groups, properly guided, can bring, at last, legislative pressure against the government to secure adequately the position of the psychopolitical operative [Scientology], and to **obtain for him government grants and facilities**, thus bringing a government to finance its own downfall...”¹³⁹

Full knowledge of Intelligence tech must be denied to the general membership

Scientology’s “Fair Game” tech, including its tech of Propaganda and covert Intelligence, if allowed to be fully known by the general membership, would “leak out” and result in PR and legal problems.

(While much of this material has been exposed over the years, Scientology has worked industriously to deny its accessibility to others, while presenting a PR line that simply denies its existence. There is a pattern, over time, of certain “In-Organization” writings becoming “Confidential,” and certain “Confidential” writings becoming “Highly Confidential.” Scientology, rather than reforming, has become even more secretive.)

The Brainwashing Manual:

“The psychopolitical operative [Scientology] must not, at any time, educate students [Scientists] fully in stimulus-response [covert, manipulative, and coercive] mechanisms, and must not impart to them, save those who will become his fellow workers, [Scientology insiders] the exact [complete] principles of Psychopolitics [Scientology’s operation]. It is not necessary to do so, and it is dangerous.”¹⁴⁰

“...**the psychopolitical operative must be thoroughly enjoined to limit his information.**”¹⁴¹

The so-called “hierarchy” have much to hide from a wider “inner circle,” who, in turn, know things of which they will not speak to the next circle outward, who have the same attitude towards the next circle outward, etc. If “rank and file” members or, at the most outer circle, the general public, are inadvertently exposed to some aspect of Scientology’s inner workings, they can always be “handled.” Part of this “handling” is the explanation that what the person read or observed is “off-policy.” To “prove” that this is so, a “policy” can be presented to assure the person. Any dark activity in which Scientology engages can be found to have one or more publicized or publicly accessible “policies” that function as a cover. So it’s not just a matter of limiting information, but also supplying “information” of a misleading nature.

In one of his Highly Confidential *Branch One* [Intel] *Hatting Letters*, Hubbard explained the importance of limiting information. From *Orgs, Infiltration of*:

“As Scns. [Scientists] **we always protect our data. We question carefully, and in detail, anyone calling for data**, and we insure that anyone wanting data is a person who is fully authorized to receive that data.”

Scientology’s PR position is that it is friendly and open; anyone attempting to probe into Scientology’s inner regions will quickly discover otherwise. In the same *Branch One Hatting Letter*, Hubbard presents the Public Relations position on the matter.

Orgs, Infiltration of:

“As a defensive policy [the PR line] for Scn. [Scientology] **we have all our data readily available to anyone** who desires it, in our course packs, OEC [Organization Executive Course] volumes, and Scn. books.”

“Defensive” as used here, and in at least several other confidential writings, is a euphemism for PR line or “smoke screen.” “All our data” really means “all our publicly available data only.”

(It's Hubbard's pattern to present an apparent non-sequitur, with no modifying conjunction such as "but" or "however" etc. Keep in mind the "multi-layered" aspect of Scientology where seemingly contradictory statements - each at its own "layer" - are regarded as "harmonious" and compatible. Actual - confidential - policy is: "We always protect our data." And public display - PR level - policy is, "We have all our data readily available to anyone...")

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In 1977 FBI search warrants were issued only for two Scientology locations. Written records of covert Intelligence operations activities at other locations escaped examination. In the years since then more has been revealed, but the full extent of Scientology's spying and "dirty tricks" activities will likely never be known. Enough, however, is known to present a picture of outrageous and abusive behavior against people whose only "crime" was that they dared to satirize, criticize, ask annoying questions, or otherwise behave in an "uncooperative" fashion.

There is no indication that Scientology has changed its methods as it moves into the twenty first century.

"Deception, chicanery, lying, manipulation and outright criminality"

Jesse Prince was a Scientologist for 16 years, and for a time was a member of Scientology's administrative "hierarchy." He left Scientology in 1992 and recently, in a 27 July 1998 affidavit, wrote the following:

"It is incumbent on this and every court to realize the amount of deception, chicanery, lying, manipulation and outright criminality that Scientology will employ to hide the truth about their criminal activities. They will spend any amount of money to do this. I know because I was part of it for years. I received orders to break the law. I issued orders to break the law. I got others to break the law, and then I helped to hide these criminal activities just as they are hiding them now. In fact, the tactic is one of the most coercive used by the Scientology hierarchy: to involve members in criminal acts for which they are then liable, which then prevents the person from speaking out."

"She over there, those pink legs sticking out, didn't like me"

The 12 February 1967 Policy Letter, *Admin Know-How, The Responsibility of Leaders* - a.k.a. The Bolivar Policy Letter - on the topic of how a subordinate should relate to his "power" (i.e. Hubbard and the "Organization."):

"[*The power asks*] 'What are those dead bodies doing at the door?' And if you [*the subordinate*] are clever, you never let it be known HE [*the power*] killed them - that weakens you and also hurts the power source. 'Well, boss about all those dead bodies, nobody at all will suppose you did it. *She* over there, those pink legs sticking out, didn't like me.' 'Well,' he'll say if he really is a power, 'Why are you bothering me with it if it's done and you did it. Where's my blue ink?' ...

"...always push power in the direction of anyone on whose power you depend. It may be more money for the power, or more ease, or a snarling defense of the power to the critic, or even the dull thud of one of his enemies in the dark, or the glorious blaze of a whole enemy camp as a birthday surprise...

"...Real powers are developed by tight conspiracies of this kind... And if they are right and also manage their man [*the power*] and keep him from collapsing through overwork, bad temper or bad data, a kind of juggernaut builds up." [*Juggernaut: 'A large overwhelming powerful object or institution.'*]

The Brainwashing Manual:

"When psychopolitical activities have reached a certain peak, from there on it is almost impossible to undo them..."¹⁴²

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Hubbard's description as to how Scientology should function as a "tight conspiracy" is reminiscent of the mindset, and mode of operation, of organized crime.

Scientologists believe in a Planet-wide Conspiracy against L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology

In his “in-organization” writing known as the *Bolivar Policy Letter*, Hubbard instructed that “real powers are developed by tight conspiracies.” And Scientology’s secretiveness, and doctrinal and organizational layering and compartmentalization - surrounding a singular controlling point - would seem to indicate that Hubbard’s directions are being faithfully followed.

Taking into consideration the confidential policy of “using enemy tactics,” it follows that Hubbard, who told his followers of a planet-wide conspiracy against Scientology, would also design Scientology as a secretive and scheming organization with its own “Intelligence tech,” to similarly conspire against this supposedly ubiquitous “enemy.”

From the earliest days of Dianetics, Hubbard spoke of conspiracies against him. The conspirators were at times Communists, fascists, the American government, Nazis, and even space aliens.

According to Hubbard, the Russian Communists had wanted him to work for them and, when he refused, began attacking him; the American government was accused of the same thing.

Scientologists are told that behind all of Scientology’s “enemies” is an international psychiatric conspiracy to keep Mankind enslaved. There is no doubt that Hubbard believed that he had many enemies. He nevertheless felt a need to embellish and fabricate. Inevitably he presented himself as the hero against impossible odds - a hero upon whom depended Mankind’s survival.

The “anti-Hubbard conspiracy” idea helped to “explain” various difficulties Hubbard had experienced and served as a justification for duplicity and “extreme measures” by himself and his followers. Anyone who expresses a disagreement with Scientology should keep in mind that, to a Scientologist, he will likely be regarded as a participant in a conspiracy to keep enslaved, and ultimately destroy, all Mankind.

The Brainwashing Manual was an early effort by Hubbard to convince others that he had been, and continued to be, the subject of a ruthless conspiracy conducted by despicable persons.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s Hubbard was usually content to call his “enemies” Communists. However, eighteen years after his divorce from his second wife Sara Northrup, he wrote in a confidential issue that she had been, not only a Communist, but a secret Russian agent named “Komkovadamanov.” The man Sara would later marry, Miles Hollister, was similarly denounced, along with Arthur Ceppos, the original publisher of *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*.

As written in the 1969 confidential issue *Intelligence Actions - Covert Intelligence Data Collection*:

“The objective of the enemy is to discredit...

“Their first blast was the San Francisco papers, Sept. 1950, quoting the publisher (of Book One) Ceppos being critical of me (he was a communist) followed by the LA papers, pushed then by the Sara Komkovadamanov (alias Northrup) ‘divorce’ actions, followed by attempted kidnapping of myself. Other details were pushed into it including murder of four and so on. This was a full complete covert operation. At the back of it was Miles Hollister (psychology student), Sara Komkovadamanov (housekeeper at the place nuclear physicists stayed near Cal tech), Gene Benton and his wife - president of the Young Communists League...

“This was a full war against Dianetics.”

The conspiracy scenario presented to the membership varied, apparently depending upon the effect that was to be created. From the 1970s onward, “enemies” were usually called Nazis, criminals, perverts, or drug pushers. After the issuing of FBI search warrants for two Scientology organizations in July 1977, the following account appeared in the text *What is Scientology?*- 1978 edition:

“...in 1950 ... the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation [*was established*] to facilitate investigation into the realm of the spirit. Thus was Scientology born.

“The United States government at this time attempted to monopolize all his researches and force him to work on a project ‘to make man more suggestible’ and when he was unwilling, tried to blackmail him by ordering him back to active duty to perform this function. Having many friends he was able to instantly resign from the Navy and escape this trap. The government never forgave him for this and soon began vicious, covert international attacks upon his work...”

The official stories on *the conspiracy* also vary depending on the audience.

The accounts that depict Hubbard's second wife as the Russian spy "Sara Komkovadamanov" are "confidential." The accounts that depict the United States as evil were originally "in-organization," being directed only at the membership. These were briefly publicized and have since returned to their original "in-organization" status. The stories directed at the "humanoids" are broadly publicized and are determined according to shifting "humanoid" public opinion. (Currently, there's an attempt to manipulate public opinion by presenting the PR line that "the Scientology religion" opposes "hate speech" and "anti-religious bigotry.")

As a general rule the maxim of Propaganda tech is applied - to paraphrase: "What those to be influenced regard with love, that is what we want them to identify with us; what those to be influenced regard with hate, that is what we want them to identify with our critics."

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Recently, an interesting new addition to Scientology's many conspiracy stories appeared. Scientology's "Chairman of the Board" David Miscavige "briefed" the rank-and-file¹⁴³ on the events of September 11, 2001. According to Miscavige, psychiatrists were behind the events of September 11. The Islamic terrorists had been drugged and hypnotized pawns used by the international psychiatric conspiracy. This is in line with the belief of Scientologists that all evil on Earth stems from the "psychs." While the conspiracy story that psychiatry was behind the events of 9-11 will "work" on the Scientology membership, it would likely be judged to be "out-reality" if directed at the general non-Scientology public.

The Scientology Hierarchy

Deep into "Layer Five" of the "Scientological Onion" can be found Scientology's many interlocking corporate entities attempting to mask singularity of control. It is also the place where the handful of individuals constituting Scientology's administrative "hierarchy" can be located. If the views of those who have defected from the vicinity of this "hierarchy" are to be considered, it would appear that the handful who constitute the "hierarchy" of the "Church" do not take seriously the promise of individual "total freedom," regarding it merely as a gimmick to glue people to Scientology. Unlike the general membership, the "hierarchy" would be fully cognizant of the layered and compartmentalized nature of Scientology, and would regard not only its hype, but also what positives exist in the subject (what some call "White Scientology"), as simply a means to an end - an end that has nothing to do with helping others or with spirituality.

These few are assuming the guise of the leaders of a "movement" which proclaims itself to be "the only hope for Mankind," and are enjoying the perks of that position, as they activate Hubbard's master plan to ensure that people will be applauding his giant pictures a thousand years from now.

Layer 6 - The Core of the "Scientological Onion"

"Virtually a pathological liar... egotism... lust for power, and vindictiveness..."

Arriving at the "Core" of the "Onion," additional pieces of the Scientological puzzle come into view in the form of pre-Scientology writings from Hubbard, and other documents, including those revealed at the Los Angeles "Armstrong trial" of 1984. These documents largely debunk Hubbard's numerous "biographical" sketches, and many of his other "tall tales."

Judge Breckenridge, who presided over the "Armstrong trial," observed in his summation:

"The evidence portrays a man who has been virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history, background and achievements. The writings and documents in evidence additionally reflect his egotism, greed, avarice, lust for power, and vindictiveness and aggressiveness against persons perceived by him to be disloyal or hostile. "At the same time it appears that he is charismatic and highly capable of motivating, organizing, controlling, manipulating, and inspiring his adherents. He was referred to during the trial as a 'genius,' a 'revered person,' a man who was 'viewed by his followers with awe.'"¹⁴⁴

Amongst the evidence of the “Armstrong trial” were the 1930s and 40s era self-hypnotic “Affirmations.” Two themes of Hubbard’s Affirmations are the right to lie and the right to be ruthless. One Affirmation ends by declaring: “All Mankind shall grovel at my feet and not know why.” - The *real* reason why that is.

Scientology has worked hard to prevent public access to documentation relevant to understanding Hubbard’s, and his organization’s, methods and motives. It has also busied itself with silencing those who have witnessed Scientology’s inner workings.

Isolated at Scientology’s “Core” are Hubbard’s most secret writings. Gerry Armstrong, of the original (1980) Biography Project, was ultimately prevented from making many of these documents available for public scrutiny. Stopping the flow of “unauthorized” information is a preoccupation for Scientology. It has accomplished this on many ex-members through various means. And there have been dozens of formal “settlement agreements” with those who knew Hubbard personally - “agreements” that stipulate permanent silence on the topic of L. Ron Hubbard.

The content of one such “settlement agreement” was made known by Gerry Armstrong, who noted that it required him to surrender fundamental constitutional rights, and would also require him to participate in the obstruction of justice. Quoting from the “settlement agreement” of 11 December 1986:

“Plaintiff [*Armstrong*] agrees never to create or publish or attempt to publish and/or assist another to create for publication by means of magazine article, book or other similar form, any writing or to broadcast or to assist another to create, write, film, or video tape any show, program or movie, or to grant interviews or discuss with others, concerning their experiences with the Church of Scientology, or concerning their personal or indirectly acquired knowledge or information concerning the Church of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard or any of the organizations... Plaintiff further agrees that he will maintain strict confidentiality and silence with respect to his experiences with the Church of Scientology and any knowledge or information he may have concerning the Church of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, or any of the organizations...”

The “settlement agreement” emphasized that Armstrong was to return all documents related to Hubbard and Scientology, particularly Hubbard’s “Affirmations” from the 1930s and 40s. Armstrong was to return:

“All originals and copies of documents commonly known as the ‘Affirmations’ written by L. Ron Hubbard.”

And finally it was stipulated:

“Plaintiff agrees that he will not voluntarily assist or cooperate with any person adverse to Scientology in any proceeding against any of the Scientology organizations... Plaintiff agrees not to testify or otherwise participate in any other judicial, administrative or legislative proceeding adverse to Scientology... Plaintiff shall not make himself amenable to service of any such subpoena in a manner which violates the intent of this provision.”

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Over the years L. Ron Hubbard wrote numerous untrue “biographical” sketches of himself.

Hubbard was a prolific writer, and a man capable of brilliant insights. He probably qualifies as a genius. Unfortunately, he was also a prolific liar.

And he was someone who had publicly denounced virtually every notable personality with whom he had worked in Dianetics or Scientology. From his second wife, who had been presented in 1950 as “the first clear,” to Dr. Joseph Winter, who wrote the Introduction to the first edition of *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*, to John McMaster, the “first real clear” of the 1960s, to David Mayo, the “Senior Case Supervisor International” from the mid 1970s to the early 1980s. Even third wife Mary Sue, and “Class 12 auditor” Quentin, first son by Mary Sue, became official “non-people,” having been largely “erased” from Scientology’s heavily edited and propagandistic official “history.” (This tendency extended even to those from whose works Hubbard borrowed. In the 1970 *Data Series* he referred to Alfred Korzybski as “the father of confusion.” In the 1982 Bulletin *Pain and Sex*, Hubbard called Sigmund Freud a “criminal.”)

“We must be like the vine upon the tree...”

Hubbard’s pattern of eventually attacking his own friends, allies, or contributors has usually been explained as an expression of his distrust of others and general paranoia. Was it only distrust and paranoia or could Hubbard have been applying yet another point of the Brainwashing Manual?

The Brainwashing Manual:

“We must be like the vine upon the tree. We use the tree to climb and then, strangling it, grow into power on the nourishment of its flesh.”¹⁴⁵

An individual with a proclivity for telling “tall tales,” and for publicly denouncing his former associates as “Suppressive Persons,” “psychotics,” “enemies of Mankind,” etc., would present significant difficulties, even for the most talented official biographer. Which make-believe version of Hubbard’s life does one tell? What bogus documents, made “most difficult to examine for authenticity,” does one display? Which former associates does one interview?

The elusive “1000 page” official L. Ron Hubbard biography

The membership, though fascinated with their Founder, have yet to be presented by Scientology with an official book-length biography of him. Members are strongly discouraged from examining any unofficial biographical material, and must satisfy their curiosity by perusing a collection of official “coffee table” picture books, each featuring a real or imagined aspect of Hubbard’s life. Scientology is now on its third official biographer in over twenty years - the previous two biographers having defected after becoming disillusioned with the subject of their assignment.

In July 1996 Scientology’s *Source* magazine #101 presented an article entitled, “The Grand View of L. Ron Hubbard’s Biography.” Official biographer number three had spoken at a special Scientology event at the “Flag Land Base” in Clearwater, Florida, and assured the membership that there would, eventually, be a “1000 page” biography, and that they should “rest assured that we will soon bring the life of L. Ron Hubbard to this world, and I sincerely believe the world will never be the same again.”

In an apparent attempt to explain why this project was taking such a *long* time, Scientologists were told that there were “several million pages of documents within LRH archives,” and a “veritable wall of recently declassified federal documents.” (No such “wall” of documents exists, but as the “special briefing” was directed only at the membership, and not at outsiders, the assertion would be uncritically accepted.)

The official LRH biographer told the assembled Scientologists of:

“...never-before-revealed facts behind the theft of early LRH manuscripts, and his efforts to safeguard his discoveries from Russian secret agents.”

They were also told of:

“...never-before-revealed... details behind an LRH confrontation with a United States Navy attempting to appropriate Ron’s discoveries on behalf of Nazi psychiatrists.”

The *Source* magazine article ends by explaining that the “very special briefing may be seen by all Scientologists on video in their local orgs, and is a message, quite truthfully, no Scientologist should miss.”

Justice Latey of the High Court in London, on the topic of L. Ron Hubbard’s numerous “biographical” assertions:¹⁴⁶

“That he was a much decorated war hero. He was not.

“That he commanded a corvette squadron. He did not.

“That he was awarded the purple heart, a gallantry decoration for those wounded in action. He was not wounded and was not decorated.

“That he was crippled and blinded in the war and cured himself with Dianetic technique. He was not crippled and was not blinded.

“That he was sent by U.S. Naval Intelligence to break up a black magic ring in California. He was not. He was himself a member of that occult group and practiced ritual sexual magic in it.

“That he was a graduate of George Washington University and an atomic physicist. The facts are that he completed only one year of college and failed the one course of nuclear physics in which he enrolled.”

“It’s a trap not being able to prevaricate”

The freedom to lie - the “philosophy of deception”- is central to Hubbard’s private philosophy. This is examined in “Layer Five” under “Scientology’s multi-layered Public Relations tech.”

Conscience as an “impediment”

From a 29 December 1951 lecture entitled *Cause on All Dynamics*:

“What is conscience? It is simply negating against your own, not somebody else’s, causes. If there is such a thing as conscience, it would be that... Now, you want to know anytime in your life when you have felt guilty... you go back earlier and find the postulate that you are guilty of disobeying...” [*The idea being to ‘erase’ or remove the old postulate.*]

This expresses an essential idea in Hubbard’s personal philosophy: That conscience is an impediment and nothing more. It is said differently in the Philadelphia Lectures of December 1952:

“Never be the effect of your own cause.”

Not being bound or limited by “conscience” or “guilt” is a large part of “not being the effect of your own cause.”

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Hubbard’s 1952 book, *History of Man*, claims to be a “cold blooded and factual account of your last sixty trillion years.” It also tells Scientologists that they will eventually rule Earth with their psychic powers:

“There is nothing as wild in the books of Man as will probably happen here on Earth. And it will happen and be allowed to happen simply because all this is so incredible that nobody will even think of stopping it [*the super-human Scientologists*] until it is far, far too late. **Its incredibility is its best safeguard...**”

As it turns out, Scientology’s “incredible” aspect has to do more with what appears to be its Founder’s primary motivation, and the amazing complexity of its institutionalized deception, machine-like amorality, and PR-shrouded malevolence, on a mundane level, than with any super-human power emanating from its membership.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Psychopolitics depends... upon **its fantastic aspects**. These **are its best defense**, but above all these defenses is implicit obedience on the part of officials and the general public...”¹⁴⁷

The last paragraph in the Brainwashing Manual:

“The psychopolitician [*a Scientologist*] has his [*envisioned*] reward in the nearly unlimited control of populaces, in the uninhibited exercise of passion [*against critics and the uncooperative*], and the glory of Communist [*Scientology’s*] conquest.”¹⁴⁸

The L. Ron Hubbard Fan(atic) club

Within the documentation of the “Armstrong trial” was a letter dated August 1938. It was from L. Ron Hubbard to his first wife Margaret, a.k.a. Polly, a.k.a. “Skipper.” In it L. Ron Hubbard wrote passionately of his “real goal” in life. Seemingly discounting the idea of the survival of one’s personal identity through spiritual means, he wrote:

“Living is a pretty grim joke, but a joke just the same. The entire function of man is to survive. Not for ‘what’ but just to survive... I turned the thing up, so its up to me to survive in a big way. Personal immortality is only to be gained through the printed word, barred note or painted canvas or hard granite. Foolishly perhaps, but determined none the less, I have high hopes of smashing my name into history so violently that it will take a legendary form even if all the books are destroyed. That goal is the real goal as far as I am concerned. Things which stand too consistently in my way make me nervous. It’s a pretty big job. In a hundred years Roosevelt will have been forgotten, which gives some idea of the magnitude of my attempt. And all this boils and froths inside my head.”

He speculated as to whether or not he would use his unpublished work *Excalibur* as a vehicle for the attainment of his goal, and exclaimed: “I can make Napoleon look like a punk!”

The first page of this particular letter - in contrast to the rest - has to do with Hubbard’s response to hearing of his wife’s injury to a finger joint. He noted a series of other comparable or worse injuries that he (supposedly) had suffered. It almost looks like an early version of the 1950s era counseling procedures, “Problems of Comparable Magnitude,” and “Remedy of Scarcity.” This is interesting in that it would seem to show the complex nature of Hubbard, even back then:

The ego and power oriented goal. This is to be kept hidden, or disguised, as is the belief in deception, trickery, and “ruthlessness” as key tools to success.

Then, the fascination with, and talent for, innovation in the area of positive practical psychology, philosophy, and related areas. This positive aspect is to be publicized without mention of the controlling and corrupting “real goal,” and dark or unscrupulous methods.

Accounts of Hubbard’s *Excalibur* describe it as being psychological and philosophical, and not spiritual in nature; and, as of 1938 at least, Hubbard’s “real goal” does not appear to have been spiritual either.

Could such an unenlightened objective have motivated L. Ron Hubbard, the man who, some years later, would write (in *Scientology 8-8008*) about the illusory nature of the universe of Matter, Energy, Space, and Time; and of the illusory nature, and innate foolishness, of MEST identity?

Surely the author of *The Factors* (*Scientology’s Genesis*, “Before the beginning was a Cause...”) and of *The Aims of Scientology* (“A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war...”) would have had a *primary* goal that would have been spiritual and humanitarian in nature.

Is it possible that Hubbard’s “real goal” for Scientology might have been as was stated in August 1938, in the wake of his having written *Excalibur*? Could it be? Was Hubbard driven by the desire to “engrave his initials on the planet Earth?” Could it be that Hubbard’s pursuit of this “un-spiritual,” neurotic, and preposterous goal was the main motivating, and corrupting, influence in Scientology?¹⁴⁹

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In August 1938, L. Ron Hubbard had written of his desire to attain “immortality” through power and fame, by attaching that power and fame to a belief system built around the idea of “Survive!” For those who might oppose him, he then added:

“I can make Napoleon look like a punk!”

Thirty one years later, he wrote in the Policy Letter *Discipline - SPs and Admin[istration]*:

“I am not interested in wog morality...

“...if anyone is getting industrious trying to enturbulate [*to upset*] or stop Scientology or its activities, I can make Captain Bligh look like a Sunday School teacher.”

To “survive” as “L. Ron Hubbard,” beyond the one-lifetime acquisition of “power,” it would be necessary for Hubbard to establish his own perpetual fan club. This unusual fan club would be preoccupied with “LRH image,” and with “not tolerating” those who might “denigrate” that “image.”

Did L. Ron Hubbard invent his own fan(atic) club disguised as “Mankind’s only hope for sanity and peace, and the individual’s only hope for triumphant immortality and god-like powers?” It does appear that he managed to combine and confuse these things in the minds of his followers - followers who believe he should be regarded with “enthralment.”

The first adulation inducing category in which Hubbard is to be placed is, “One of the most acclaimed and widely read authors of all time.” He is then to be regarded as an outstanding individual in numerous fields, as a brilliant scientist, war hero, and daring adventurer; and, then, as “the greatest Humanitarian of all time.” As conversion to Scientology is accomplished, he is to become “Mankind’s Greatest Friend,” the reincarnated Buddha, the ultimate cosmic hero and savior of the galaxy, and “Source.”

Hubbard's instructions on such matters are extensive, and include the LRH Personal Public Relations Officer materials and other related confidential writings. These emphasize that Mankind will survive only through Scientology, and that Scientology will succeed only if people can be made to respect, revere and applaud (literally) "LRH name" and "LRH image." The L. Ron Hubbard Personal Public Relations Officer, echoing senior policy, wrote in a 1989 issue of the Scientology newsletter *Hotline*:

"... it is LRH's image on which all the rest of our expansion depends. To the degree that LRH is made the stable terminal in society, people will reach for his books and services and we can get them on the Bridge to Total Freedom."

In 1950, if the students of Dianetics had been told that their survival depended on applauding a giant picture of Ron Hubbard, and making other people do the same, most would have laughed at the absurdity of it. While the idea remains absurd, today's Scientologists take it very seriously. It makes perfect sense to them. In reality, of course, they don't know the real reason why - that it's Hubbard's "survival," not theirs, that depends on the preservation and glorification of his name and image. ♦

Epilogue

Counseling in Scientology is presented as a process of personal discovery. "All I am trying to get you to do is look," Hubbard explained. A counselor was to assist the person being counseled to look at the external universe, and at the internal universe of his own mind. All in the direction of greater understanding and mastery.

There is a certain skill and discipline, and a kind of enlightened common sense, in what is best in the basics of this counseling, also called auditing. Auditing literally means listening, and a large part of the benefit from auditing is derived from the simple act of one person listening to, and acknowledging, another. (That may sound unimpressive, but one person listening to another is a novel idea in some places.) These simple things, and other basic *auditor* skills, are central to what has been referred to as "White Scientology."

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For all practical purposes, "White Scientology" is but a part of Scientology's PR facade. As such it is infused with, and framed by, misleading and manipulative "truths," and intrusive and abusive practices. "White Scientology" is, essentially, what Scientology wants the general public to bring to mind, when it thinks of Scientology.

In the 1960s many of the counseling procedures from the 1950s were assembled into the Scientology "lower grades." (Some were incorporated into several of the - then - "upper levels" and have since been replaced.) The "grades," where mainly *questions are asked*, and one is invited to look, are followed by the confidential "upper levels," where with great hype and "deadly" seriousness, one is *told* what are the contents of one's own mind and "space." If one happens to be an indoctrinated Scientologist, Hubbard's words will have near hypnotic authority. If one happens to disagree he will become "out-ethics," and might even "lose his eternity." (Since 1978 the word "eternity" has been used as a sales and recruitment "button.") What was initially presented as an empirically based independent exploration of consciousness and ability is transformed: becoming unthinking acceptance of a stifling (and silly) authoritarian cult reality.

Those involved in the - normally therapeutic - unburdening of thoughts and emotions, and in the dissipating or "blowing" of "mental mass," etc., might be well advised to consider that - *if doing so in the context of the Scientology environment* - the Propaganda and Intelligence datum of "Fill the Vacuum" may well apply to their own minds. Another aspect of Scientology counseling not publicized is the tradition of "culling." This is the copying, from written counseling session ("religious confessional") records, of private information for purposes of manipulation and intimidation. It constitutes a form of "Covert Data Collection" applied to the membership, all of whom are regarded as potential enemies.

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L. Ron Hubbard manipulated and exploited “loyalty” and “gratitude.” He told people he had made available to all beings the “gift” of the only “Bridge” to personal immortality, “Total Freedom and Power.” Virtually any sacrifice, compromise, “reality adjustment,” or dishonest or hurtful act, was justified by the idea that Scientology was *the* means to the attainment of these ultimate goals.

In *Ron’s Journal 30*, widely distributed to Scientologists, he even provided his own version of hell, for those who might be tempted to reject Scientology:

“Some religions talk about hell. It’s an understatement of what really happens.”

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Scientology doctrine is secretive. This makes difficult the task of examining the actual and complete subject, unedited and un-sanitized, with all its layers and compartments exposed.

When Scientology is revealed as a devious, multi-layered (“smoke and mirrors” laden) operation, its various doctrinal contradictions, and seemingly disconnected parts, begin to make some sense. They begin to resemble a logically assembled, harmonious, and interrelated whole. It begins to look as though Hubbard knew, basically, what he was doing all along; and that the deceitful and destructive aspects of Scientology doctrine (and history) were not “mistakes,” but carefully thought out expressions of a long held private philosophy and personal plan.

Freeing the Positives

In 1950 Dr. J. A. Winter wrote the Introduction to the first edition of *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*. Less than two years later, when no longer associated with Hubbard, Winter wrote *Dianetics, A Doctor’s Report*. Psychotherapist Fritz Perls wrote in the Introduction for Winter’s book:

“Hubbard with his mixture of science and fiction, his bombastic way... his unsubstantiated claims, makes it easy for anyone to reject his work *in toto*, thereby missing any chances to extract any valuable contributions it might contain.”

“...mixture of science and fiction,” “bombastic,” “unsubstantiated,” and the possibility of some “valuable contributions...”

Fritz Perls’ description of early Dianetics might be applicable to Scientology also - but, to be complete, it would require one important addition:

“Modern Scientology utilizes the non-medical basics of the 1955 Brainwashing Manual.”

This Manual is, largely, the blueprint for modern Scientology. The publicized portion of Scientology is dominated and exploited by a doctrine, and an organization, that functions in accordance with this blueprint.

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Subtract the Brainwashing Manual and you have a different subject.¹⁵⁰

Missing would be the pervasive practice of deception. There would be no front groups, no manipulation, no propaganda. Missing would be the cynical exploitation of “reason,” commonsense, and good intentions of the unsuspecting. There would be tolerance for others’ right to disagree. The charade of conformity beneath a banner of “think for yourself” would cease. The “gimmick” of the ever elusive “next mysterious level” would be no more, and the entire subject would be available for examination. Abusive “ethics” practices would cease, as would the “Rehabilitation Project Force.” Missing would be the “ends justifies the means” philosophy, the “Fair Game mentality,” and all spying and “dirty tricks” activities. And the obsession with “LRH name and image” would vanish, as would the “Scientological Onion” itself. Scientology would become an “open book.”

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Examining and “sorting out” the subject of Scientology would be a worthwhile task. Doing so would not only educate as to the details of its dominant “dark side,” but would also make possible the freeing of what good may be found within it. Amazingly, the true positives of the subject can stand alone, and need not be sullied by any of this. Empirical truth and good ideas are funny that way.



Addendum

L. Ron Hubbard's 1955 FBI Letters

A further look at Scientology Intelligence tech

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Two of “Dr. Hubbard’s” FBI letters Written the year of the mysterious appearance of the Brainwashing Manual

During the 1950s, L. Ron Hubbard wrote a series of letters to the FBI, Communist Activities Division. The two letters quoted here were sent during the summer of the year that the Brainwashing Manual was conceived.

Letter of 29 July 1955

The actual goal of this letter - and other letters of the period - seems to have been to convince the FBI to at least ignore - and ideally to attack - Hubbard’s “critics,” and to have the FBI convince the IRS to leave him alone.

It’s natural when reading anything to consider the content to be of primary importance. When reading Hubbard, however, the *end result* which is sought after is key. The content is subordinate. Something is not said simply because it is true - it may or may not be true. It is said because it is expected to produce a certain end result. The goal of the letter is everything. Content is determined by whatever is considered to be needed in order to achieve the all important objective or goal.

To this letter has been added some additional information and commentary [*in brackets*].

Under the Heading of L. Ron Hubbard, DD, Ph.D., this letter begins:

“Gentlemen:

“Having gotten on a somewhat more even keel after the collapse of the organization in Phoenix, Arizona (the HASI [*Hubbard Association of Scientologists International*]) and having begun operation in the East with more public success and enthusiasm than I am used to, I have a better perspective of what occurred in Phoenix.

“The attacks on the HASI, like the attacks on 1950 Dianetic Research Foundation found psychiatry and Communist connected personnel very much in evidence and both active with defamation and very unreasonable - and unsuccessful - attack.

“But something has now occurred which seems strange at this juncture and entirely too pat. I have received from an unimpeachable source an invitation to go to Russia. I have been told that this would be as easy as taking a taxi to the airport.

“But the oddity of this invitation is that the person extending it, evidently on behalf of the Russian government, would not know anything about the trouble in Phoenix. [*Having to do with accounting record omissions and irregularities.*] He obviously has no connection with anything or anyone in Phoenix. Further, he knows little or nothing of Dianetics or Scientology and their organizational history and would not know, by any usual means, what occurred in Phoenix. Out of the blue, on an acquaintance with me from many, many years ago he locates me here, in very quiet and casual and then gradually works into the Russian situation and finally, with a burst of enthusiasm confides in me that in view of the state of my organization in the United States (about which he would really know nothing in fact) and in view of the fact that I ‘am a cinch to be ruined by all the people who hate me in Internal Revenue’ there is ‘really nothing left for it but to accept this Russian offer.’

“In the greatest spirit of friendship and camaraderie it seems that I can go to Russia as an advisor or a consultant and have my own laboratories and receive very high fees. And it’s all so easy because it has already been ascertained that I could get my passport extended for Russia and all I had to do was go to Paris and there a Russian plane would pick me up and that would be that.

“Indeed that would be that.

“This is my third invitation to go to Russia...

“I suppose when the Russian-inclined ‘friend’ finds that my desires to travel in and work in Russia do not exist, I can expect more violent measures.

[*Translation: ‘Don’t worry, I’m a patriotic citizen but if the IRS gives me a hard time... Well, keep in mind that the Russians want me to work for them.’*]

“I have not given you the name of this contact because he is a little too highly placed on the Hill [*Capitol Hill*] and because it may be that he is acting in an entirely friendly way [*read: ‘Hey, don’t really hold me to any of this, but...’*] and it may be, as I sometimes learn, that the fate of Scientology and its adventures has good word of mouth. I could not submit you an irresponsible report [*gosh no!*] which then might find me under the TV cameras telling one of this man’s committees why I reported him as a Communist because I do not know that he is - I only know that he and his influence has been quite liberal and in all the smoke of the Summit he may be carried away with enthusiasm. But he did know, when no possible reasonable way existed for him to know, too much about the activities of a subject about which he professes to know nothing, and he has made several allusions to my possible fate in the United States, rather benign threats.”

The 29 July letter was followed by another from Hubbard, dated 7 September, where he refers to his “field of nuclear physics,” and to the material informally titled the *Brainwashing Manual*, suggesting that his exposing of Russian Communist methods of brainwashing is linked to recent “attacks.” As “proof” of this assertion, a copy of the “Russian” Brainwashing Manual would soon be provided.

In case the authenticity of the Brainwashing Manual might be an issue, the “Russian” Manual itself supports the idea that detractors are secret Communists.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“Should any whisper, or pamphlet, against psychopolitical activities be published, it should be laughed into scorn, branded an immediate hoax...”¹⁵¹

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In the early 1950s L. Ron Hubbard had been described in the press as a “paranoid-schizophrenic.” This is “explained away” in the Manual.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“In order to defend psychopolitical activities... a great deal should be made out of such terms as schizophrenia, paranoia, and other relatively undefinable states...”¹⁵²

“...The by-word should be built into the society that paranoia is a condition ‘in which the individual believes he is being attacked by the Communists.’”¹⁵³

The Brainwashing Manual includes the idea - somewhat convolutedly expressed - of Communist conspirators creating, in otherwise loyal citizens, disloyalty towards their governments. This would lend credence to Hubbard’s claim that the Russians were eager to have him hounded out of the United States and into service for the Communists.

“This... method consists of defaming or degrading the individual, whose loyalties are to be changed, to the target [*object*] of his loyalties. [*In other words, the Communists defaming and degrading Hubbard’s reputation to the US Government*] to such a degree that this target [*U.S. Government*], at length, actually does hold the individual [*Hubbard*] in disrepute, and so does rebuff him and serve to convince him that his [*Hubbard’s*] loyalties [*to the U.S. government*] have been misplaced.”¹⁵⁴

From the letter dated 7 September:

“I am getting additional copies of the material [*the Brainwashing Manual, which had just been written*]... and when I have these copies, I will send one to you for this is the only starting place I know of for this outbreak [*of attacks*] and the matter, while far from conclusive at least tells me that something went astray which was dangerous in the wrong hands.”

Unbeknownst to Hubbard, by 1955 the FBI had already written “sounds mental” in the file containing his letters. However, Hubbard was not just another “kook.” His many letters to the FBI, though bizarre, were written with specific end results in mind - end results sought after by a man who, apparently, thought he could bamboozle anyone.

Further look at Scientology's Covert Intelligence Tech

Five documents from Criminal Court case 78-401. Documents are framed in lieu of quotation marks.

Categories of Data Needing Coding

Hubbard was preoccupied with such things as disguises and secret codes. Not surprisingly, as part of Scientology Intelligence tech, he developed tech on the subject of coding. While specific covert Intelligence Operations were the most sensitive and secret, other areas - such as "Social Coordination" (Euphemism for Front groups), "Finance" and "Public Relations"- were also provided with their own instructions re. coding.

Coding categories for "Finance" included: "Money deals that might provoke government tax offices." "Large transfer of funds out of the county."... "Basically anything that is in violation of our [tax] exempt status as a nonprofit org." "Other confidential financial deals..."

The following is from the coding instructions for the "Public Relations" Bureau:

PR GENERAL CATEGORIES OF DATA NEEDING CODING

1. Secret PR Front Groups
 - a. APRL Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty.
 - b. ACCRA - American Committee for Civil Religious Actions.
 - c. PAC [*Pacific area*] Parents group.
 - d. Any others developed.
2. PR traffic on B1 [*covert Intelligence*] flubs
 - a. Strategic Handlings.
 - b. Evidence of C of S [*Church of Scientology*] involvement.
3. Anything we do not want connected to LRH or MSH [*Mary Sue Hubbard*].
 - a. Such as #1 or #2 above. For this we code their names.
4. Words or actions that would tend to dispute the fact that the C of S's motives are Humanitarian: Harass, eradicate, attack, destroy, annihilate, cave in, third party, spreading rumors, entrapment, trap or entrap, stir up opposition.
 - a. The greater part of these situations can be handled by wording the report or order in such a way as to not cause any question of our motives. In some cases there will be targets or programs that will specify such actions. These and the compliances are to be coded...
5. Admission to unpublished crimes and/or incriminating data...

Another document for the "Public Relations" Bureau listed as in need of coding: "Any covert B1 [*Intelligence*] type cycles"... "Tax strategy, confidential accounts," "Evidence or indications that the C of S is in control of any B6 [*Front*] groups."

A glimpse at a covert OP, and of PR strata "Policy" used as a "cover" for applied covert Policy

Operation Snapper 1 was directed at California Deputy Attorney General, Lawrence Tapper. The objective was to have him "removed from his post." Following are some excerpts from the covert Operations checklist:

1. Recruit a very tough, dedicated (secure) FSM [*Field Staff Member/operative*], that is obviously pregnant and that is a good actress.
2. Put in standard security procedures on FSM (bond etc.). Also get FSM to write a letter stating how she knows L.T. is attacking the Cof S and how she is going to do her "covert action" (briefly describe below action) on her own, even though she realizes it's against the wishes of the Church and she will probably get expelled. Have letter actually mailed to DG PAC [*Deputy Guardian Pacific area*] and when received, file in confidential B1 [*Intelligence*] files for protection.
3. Brief, Train, Rehearse, Drill, Bullbait FSM on the following Cover story:
6 months ago or so, she was made pregnant by L.T...

Note #2 where the Scientology operative is instructed to, “write a letter stating how... she realizes it’s against the wishes of the Church...” (Note: “Bullbait” is a Scientology word for throwing situations, words, emotions at a person, until he can calmly deal with them while doing a particular drill.)

Another practice - this time done without the knowledge of the operative - was revealed in court documents. This is the “culling” of the counseling folders of covert operatives, and the writing - in advance - of undated Orders of Expulsion - just in case their cover was blown, and the situation was serious enough that they had to be quickly disowned and discredited as having been “off policy.”

An example of public strata “Policy” used as a “cover” - this time used on Scientologists by Scientology

An example of deception of Scientologists by Scientology, as part of “standard procedure,” can be found in an internal Scientology memo. It addressed the matter of some *public strata* members knowing more than they should about “confidential” activities. They seem to have come across this forbidden information accidentally at the “Org,” and were confused by it. Partly, the accidentally discovered forbidden information had to do with the use of “Field Staff members” as covert operatives. Such use of FSMs was confidential policy but not public strata policy.

The method of “handling” was to use “dis-information” as a cover. This “dis-information” consisted, mainly, of public strata written “policy.” The naïve “rank-and-file” Scientologists had not yet realized that public strata policy was subordinate to confidential strata policy. For the most part they were unaware that confidential policy existed.

Note: “PL”= Policy Letter; “policy” is that there is nothing illegal occurring in Scientology; but that sometimes people act on their own because of a policy called “need to know,” which is presented as a policy of encouraging independent initiative, and of not interfering with a person’s activities. This is the PR strata version of “Need to Know,” which is actually a statement as to the compartmentalization of the confidential strata, where an agent is told only what he “needs to know.”

And also there’s the public strata policy of “no hidden data line” - when, in reality there are many “hidden data lines” in Scientology.

And, in the spirit of “attack the attacker,” it’s asserted that “it’s the government agencies that are doing the dirty tricks not Scientology.” As written in the memo:

The broad dis-information action should work because:

- a) Several government agencies have been exposed for ‘dirty tricks.’
- b) ...**citing** of the first part of the crimes article in *Offences and Penalties* PL (deals with crimes under the law) and **Scn’s goal of a planet without criminals, in reference to the fact the ‘G.O. [Guardian Office] does not operate on an illegal basis** as it would violate at least the two references cited’...
- c) Any problems concerning, ‘How come you guys didn’t know and the local boys didn’t know?’ is easily handled by citing ‘Need to Know,’ and how sometimes this system defeats itself because the person could operate independently for some time and falsifies reports to those in authority...
- d) I have in fact successfully used this with [names]. They were aware that FSMs had been used and to a degree what they were used for. **I told them that this was off-policy and locally originated** by [name]. **When queried on how come I and others didn’t know, used the ‘need to know’ gimmick. They [the bewildered members] came up with the ‘cog’ on the hidden data line. They are thoroughly convinced now...** [and no longer bewildered or confused, having ‘cognited.’]

The practice of disowning operatives caught in any disreputable or illegal activity is standard. Phrasings commonly heard: “It was locally originated.” “It was contrary to our policy.” “We didn’t know...” L. Ron Hubbard even did this to his own wife, Mary Sue.

The Brainwashing Manual:

“If the Communistic [covert ‘dirty tricks’ or illegal] connections of a psychopolitician should become disclosed, it should be attributed to his own carelessness, and he should, himself, be immediately branded as eccentric within his own profession.”¹⁵⁵

Another interesting document from Scientology's covert Intelligence Branch is entitled *Ops Planning*.

Ops Planning

Ops planning goes all over the data on the WHO [*person to be attacked*] that Ops research has compiled and with all the data available on the WHO [sic] that will effectively remove/restrain the WHO from his position of power. Ops planning on a WHO is done using the Data Series, Target Series, all Scientology tech available, and Intelligence tech. The following points should be followed in planning an operation:

1. Initially plan out at least 3 channels of attack with the data you have at hand... 3 channels are being done instead of less is because there is a higher percentage of getting results and also this will tend to confuse and spin [*overwhelm emotionally*] the WHO as there are 3 attacks instead of just one.
2. Continue to plan Ops utilizing feedback from completed Ops so that the WHO has persistent attack on him and continual pressure. Do this consistent attack until the WHO is obliterated. [sic]
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9. Analyze properly the actual situation with the WHO and what the best line of attack should be done by the G.O. as a whole. It may be necessary to suggest that PR or Legal do some specific action as a finishing off of the WHO. Never wait for another bureau in the G.O. [*Guardian Office*]. Liaison though is very important with the various G.O. bureaus, specifically the Legal Branch... and PR Branch...

What to "Vet" or delete from sensitive internal messages that may be scrutinized by outsiders

And then there is the document entitled *What to Vet*. "Vetting" being the cutting out with a razor blade (or masking in other way) of possibly incriminating matter from documents.

Now here are the details of what you VET:

1. Mentions or the ordering of a B&E [*Breaking and Entry*]
2. Evidence that anything was stolen by anyone of our guys...
3. Lines similar to, "here are the docs that we got in the usual way last night."
4. Evidence of casing, including keeping checks on working hours as well as locks on door, etc.
5. Implications of posing as a government agent.
6. Evidence of tapping phone lines or illegal taping of conversations.
7. Mentions of harassment of an individual, although not necessarily in full operation (so not sent to ops).
8. Any evidence of bribery.
9. Any mentions of recruitment of FSMs to be any kind of agent.
10. Also vet wordings like, "this will get him," or let's "wipe him out" or "we are planning a covert operation on him."
11. Any mention of entrapment, setting up someone to commit a crime either directly or indirectly.

These five additional examples may help provide further understanding as to the nature of Scientology's character and operation. It's in the public's interest that Scientology's history of deception and illegality be known and understood

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³ In 1955 the “Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation” - quietly, without fanfare - mailed the “Russian” Brainwashing Manual to individuals and organizations. Other copies were distributed anonymously. (Another printing was done in 1958.)

⁴ The 1955 Brainwashing Manual was reprinted in the mid/late 1960s by Scientology in Britain and America. Scientology’s late 1960s American printing of the Brainwashing Manual is altered from the original. In the “Stickley Note,” and in the main text, “Dianeticists” is changed to “Church of Scientology.” Those reading Scientology’s revised American printing of the Brainwashing Manual will find references to Scientology - in the main text - easier to locate, as the lettering is slightly smaller. Changes from the original are found on pages 1, 45, 46 and 49.

⁵ Kenneth Goff’s 1956 version of the original 1955 *Brain-washing: A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics*, a.k.a. The Brainwashing Manual. Goff replaced the original “Stickley Editorial Note” with his own “Editorial Note,” which makes no reference to Dianetics or Scientology. He deleted the reference to “Freud” (in “An Address by Beria” on page 3) and inserted “Pentecostal Bible faith healers.” Then (on pages 46 and 49) “faith preachers” and “faith healing” were added next to “Dianetics” - as targets of the Communist conspiracy. Goff’s version contains three references to “Dianetics,” and Scientology terms such as “mental image picture,” “thinkingness,” etc. A recent Goff version (1970s or 80s) deletes “ness” from “thinkingness.” (The Goff version of the “Russian text” was noted in the Congressional record in 1957.)

The 1956 Goff version is usually the one that is mentioned in political periodicals and the like. The Goff version is available from Emissary Publications, PMB 1776 9205 SE Clackamas Rd., Clackamas, OR 97015.

⁶ John Sanborn was interviewed in 1986, and L. Ron Hubbard Jr. was interviewed in 1985 and 1986 by Bent Corydon, for *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

⁷ In an *Executive Directive* to “staff only,” dated 26 September 1966, Hubbard wrote:

“We are probably the only group, church or healing, in this field that refuses to be degraded. Have you ever seen the ‘Brainwashing Manual’? It was published in the US Congressional Record and explains why we are occasionally targeted... You can have copies of it free if you spread them around town... Our current attackers are walking straight into a minefield. Personal ruin faces each of these few attackers the moment we start our campaign...”

It was around this time that additional copies of the Manual were printed. While the original 1955 Scientology Manual had a back cover that was blank, the 1960s edition had, in large letters on its back cover: “Published as a Public Service by the Hubbard College of Scientology, St. Hill Manor, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.” This was followed, a short time later, by a revised “American St. Hill” edition, which featured a similar back cover announcement.

Most current Scientologists have never seen the Brainwashing Manual, but its many revelatory parallels to Scientology would likely elude them, even if they were to have a chance to read it. (Perhaps Scientology will someday produce a German or Russian language version of the Manual as “proof” of its authenticity!)

⁸ *The Hoaxers - Plain Liars, Fancy Liars, and Damned Liars*, 1970, by Morris Kominsky. Quotes Edward Hunter’s opinion of the “Russian” Brainwashing Manual, and the opinion of various experts, including those in the United States Department of State, U.S. Senate and the Library of Congress. The prevailing opinion was that the “Russian” Textbook on Psychopolitics was not authentic. It’s unfortunate that Kominsky never had an opportunity to read Hubbard’s 1955 Scientology writings on the topic of the “Russian textbook.”

The Hoaxers notes that there are multiple printings of the Brainwashing Manual from the mid to late 1950s. One of these is by the American Public Relations Forum, Inc. of Burbank, California, and features the original “Stickley Editorial Note.” In 1956 the Victorian League of Rights of Melbourne, Australia, issued its own version of the Brainwashing Manual. This version deletes the original “Stickley Editorial Note” and substitutes an Introduction by Eric Butler. This Introduction mentions both “Stickley” and Goff:

“The material on psychopolitics was first published in America last year [1955] by a Charles Stickley, who said that he could not reveal the sources of his material without endangering individuals who had assisted him. Early this year [1956] Kenneth Goff, former American Communist, also issued the material in booklet form...”

⁹ *Black Propaganda*, 12 January 1972, Confidential. *Guardian Order 011272 LRH*. This, and most confidential documents listed, can be found in the *Information Full Hat*, which is item of evidence #236, criminal case #78-401, United States District Court, Washington, DC.

¹⁰ *Intelligence Actions - Covert Intelligence Data Collection*, 2 December 1969. From “CS-G [*Commodore’s Staff Guardian*] To The Guardian WW [*World Wide*].” Obviously written by L. Ron Hubbard, this is an example of a Highly Confidential document issued without his name. This is supposed to provide “plausible deniability.”

¹¹ “Couple the word psychiatry with Capitalism - Allege that Psychiatry is the capitalists tool.” This 1966 statement was a rare departure from the pre-1970s practice of calling people “Communists.” It would indicate that Hubbard was applying basic propaganda technique all along, rather than honestly attempting to identify anyone’s political ideology.

Hubbard undoubtedly believed there was a “vast” Conspiracy against *him*, but he also manipulated his followers with spurious Conspiracy scenarios and bogus “facts” - a prime example would be the Brainwashing Manual itself. But the Brainwashing Manual identified Hubbard’s “enemies” with the Communists. By 1971 - in the midst of the unpopular Vietnam war - Hubbard had apparently decided that calling another a “Communist” no longer “worked.”

He issued *Guardian Order 060571 LRH* of 6 May 1971, entitled *Working Theory* which, avoiding the bluntness of some earlier statements, provided a lengthy “hypothesis” as to why his “enemies” were now to be called fascists and Nazis:

He had investigated the matter and had discovered that the Nazis were still around and still planning on world conquest. And the Nazis - or fascists - were the ones behind psychiatry and also the ones behind the Communists! An amazingly convenient discovery considering the shift in public opinion. The main point of the message - couched in a dubious explanation - was presented as an afterthought: “...Fascism is a very dirty word in the world and has many opponents.” Since 1971 Scientology PR people - when seeking to influence the general public - have usually attempted to identify psychiatry with fascists and Nazis.

¹² TR-L or Training Routine for Lying. (Listed in the *Information Full Hat* after TRs 0 through 9.) TRs 0 through 4 comprise the publicly promoted Communications Course. Neophyte Scientologists, doing the Communications Course, have no idea that many other types of TRs exist in Scientology. These include confidential “PR tech” such as “Reporter TRs,” which contain drills on how to mislead, confuse and overwhelm reporters; and covert Intelligence TRs, which drill various skills in deception, manipulation, and covert attack. TR-L is only one of many such covert Intelligence drills. Such covert Intelligence drills are classified as either “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential.”

¹³ Ten page Branch One Hatting Letter, *Orgs, Infiltration of*. Highly Confidential. Has as a companion Hatting Letter, *Files, Obtaining of*. Branch One is that part of the Organization that engages in covert Intelligence Operations. Hatting is a Scientology word for Job training.

Excerpts from the Brainwashing Manual

¹⁴ “Stickley Editorial Note.” Can be found on page one of the original Brainwashing Manual.

¹⁵ Presented as a transcription of “An Address by Beria” - Chief of the Russian Secret Police from 1939-1953.

¹⁶ “The stupidity and narrowness...” First of the quotes from the main text of the Brainwashing Manual. Can be found on page 5 of the Brainwashing Manual. (There is no direct author attribution for the main text, although it is sometimes assumed that Beria is the author. In reality, of course, L. Ron Hubbard is the author of the entire Brainwashing Manual, which was dictated into a tape recorder in 1955 on Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. Two secretaries then transcribed his dictation.)

¹⁷ “The definition of psychopolitics...” Brainwashing Manual quote from page 6 of the Brainwashing Manual.

¹⁸ “Mental Health organizations...” Brainwashing Manual quote. Page 45.

¹⁹ “When a hostile group...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 46. (See preceding Note 5 for Kenneth Goff change of this quote.)

²⁰ “...spare no expense in smashing out of existence...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 49. (See Note 5 for Goff change.)

²¹ “The constitution of Man lends itself easily...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 9.

²² “The mechanisms of stimulus-response...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 35.

²³ “The stimulus we call...” Brainwashing Manual. Pages 35/36.

²⁴ “The mental image picture...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 36.

²⁵ “Drugging the individual...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 37.

²⁶ “Brain surgery, as developed in Russia...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 39.

²⁷ “Brain operations should become standard...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 54

²⁸ “...insanity can only be met by shock...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 55

²⁹ “Exercises in sexual attack...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 39.

³⁰ “...some spiritual Alice-in-Wonderland voyage...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 11.

The Layers of The “Scientological Onion.”

³¹ The Layers of the “Scientological Onion” section is excerpted, and slightly modified, from a piece which I wrote in 1991 entitled, *Destructive Cult Defined, and the Gradients of Deception: The Layers of the Scientological Onion*. This piece appears in the Addendum section of the 2nd and 3rd Editions of *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

Brainwashing Manual parallels in Modern Scientology

³² Hubbard established what was to be a self-sustaining “fan(atic) club.” Its maintainers, in the future (*whomever* they may be), were expected to see the “value” (*because it forwarded their own self-interest*) in a psychological-political operation which had a fanatical core membership, used lie detectors, and – as part of the “package”- had Hubbard as the “hero.” (Hubbard = Survival. See “layers” 5 and 6.)

³³ “In this time of unlimited weapons...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 64

³⁴ “The capitalist does not know the definition of war...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 16.

³⁵ “It is pointed out in many early Russian writings...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 36.

³⁶ “The failure of Psychopolitics...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 12

³⁷ “Planted besides a country’s powerful persons...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 16

³⁸ “The rich, the skilled in finance...” Brainwashing Manual. Pages 15/16

Front groups - Layer Zero of the “Scientological Onion”

³⁹ “As the conquest of the nation...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 53

⁴⁰ “Psychopolitical operatives should at all times...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 45.

⁴¹ “City officials, socialites, and other unknowing individuals...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 46.

⁴² “The psychopolitical operative should bend consistent and continual effort...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 49.

⁴³ Scientology’s basic Intelligence tech text, *The Information Full Hat*, lists as three of its many “clay demos” (small clay models to be made by the student): “Front group,” “Cover organization,” and “Organizational cover.” One Confidential document, contained in the evidence of Federal Criminal case no. 78-401, lists under “General Categories of Data Needing Coding”: “1) Secret PR Front groups. a) APRL - Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty. b) ACCRA - American Committee for Civil Religious Actions. c) PAC [*Pacific area*] Parents group. d) Any others developed.” (Recently, there was an unsuccessful attempt to locate the “American Book Readers Association,” which has no address of any kind, but which lists L. Ron Hubbard’s *Battlefield Earth* as the number one Science Fiction novel of the 20th century.)

Layer One - the publicized portion of Scientology

⁴⁴ Letter to Helen O’Brien of 10 April 1953: “I await your reaction on the religion angle...” From the transcript in *Church of Scientology of California vs. Gerald Armstrong*, Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, case no. c 420153. Volume 12, page 1976 and page 26. Also page 4619. Court exhibit 500-4V.

⁴⁵ “While we today seem to be kind to the Christian...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 59.

⁴⁶ “...unwitting mental practitioner...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 23.

⁴⁷ *Hubbard Hot-Author Status Called Illusion*, April 1990, *San Diego Union*. Excerpts from this article appear in the *Update Part One* section of the 2nd and 3rd Editions of *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?* Up-

⁴⁸ Publisher Lyle Stuart’s *Hot News* newsletter, July 1989.

⁴⁹ “White Scientology”: Scientology is an example of deception and psychological conditioning, combined with potentially beneficial information, selective freeing and de-conditioning. If someone could get a crow-bar and wedge the potentially beneficial and de-conditioning portion free, there might be something worthwhile there that could actually help people. By “help” is meant to *honestly* help without deceiving or exploiting, and without leading people into a psychological glue-trap.

Those who would attempt to retrieve what positives exist in the subject, while also confronting the negatives, will find it difficult to avoid the uncomfortable realization that Hubbard, privately, regarded lying as a freedom, to be used by him, to achieve any desired objective; that he had no problem with lying to his own followers; and that from the onset, he had a hidden agenda - his publicized purpose was not his actual purpose.

⁵⁰ “It is fortunate that Communism so truly approaches an ideal...” Brainwashing Manual. Pages 21/22.

⁵¹ “Auditing”: A small portion of this section, and the sections entitled, “Exploitation of the process of abreaction,” “Loaded Language,” and “The thought-limiting clichés of Scientology,” were excerpted, with some modification, from my 1984-1986 *Critique on Scientology*. Portions of the 1984-1986 *Critique on Scientology* were quoted throughout the book *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

⁵² Descriptions of Hubbard’s borrowings from Korzybski can be found in the book, *L. Ron Hubbard Messiah or Madman?* In the chapters *The Origins of Dianetics*, and *Clay in the Master’s Hands* - which examines the “lower grades” of counseling.

⁵³ E-Meter Worship. The average Scientologist will believe anything is true if it can be made to react on an E-meter. The super-hyped and secretive “upper levels” feature two main areas:

- 1) Hubbard’s descriptions of incidents of ancient electronic “implants” consisting of commands hypnotically installed in the minds - of the now Earth people - by ancient extra-terrestrial psychiatrists.
- 2) Burnt-out or overwhelmed spirits (“body thetans” or “BTs”) that have been injected into, or jammed into, people’s minds or bodies, for the most part, by these same ancient psychiatrists.

Attached to an E-meter, the “solo auditing” Scientologist, in a highly suggestible state, will inevitably observe reactions on his E-meter. He will then react to the reaction, producing further reaction on his E-meter. He will be thoroughly convinced that his E-meter has confirmed the reality of the “upper level” material.

The E-meter is essentially 1/4 of a conventional lie-detector. It can be used as an aid in counseling but has limitations. It can be used as a police interrogation device and, as such, can be used to intimidate Scientologists into not thinking “critical thoughts” about Scientology, i.e. to censor their own thoughts. And the E-meter can be used to manipulate and mislead by being presented as a “truth detector,” when it is merely a simple device that measures emotional reaction.

Descending into Layer two of the “Onion”: The “In-Organization” Strata

⁵⁴ “...in the United States we have been able to alter...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 53.

⁵⁵ “...the transmittal of the tenets of Communism under the guise of psychology...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 40.

⁵⁶ “...Marxist principle smoothly slid into a capitalist framework...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 15.

⁵⁷ “It is generally only necessary to persuade...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 22.

⁵⁸ “These are milder methods but have proven extremely effective...” Brainwashing Manual. Pages 20/21.

⁵⁹ “A continuous hope for prosperity...” Brainwashing Manual. Pages 14/15.

⁶⁰ “...there must be continued propaganda...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 27, also page 12.

⁶¹ “...Communism... which will now be of our own definition.” Brainwashing Manual. Page 53.

⁶² “The subject of hypnotism is the subject of belief.” Brainwashing Manual. Page 31.

⁶³ “The limitation of hypnotism...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 11.

⁶⁴ “Entirely by bringing about a public conviction...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 24.

⁶⁵ “The populace must be brought into the belief...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 42.

⁶⁶ “It should become well known...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 52.

⁶⁷ “It is important to know that the entire subject...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 31.

⁶⁸ “It is the mission of the psychopolitician...” “But where the individual is troubled...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 10.

⁶⁹ “So certain is this principle...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 11.

⁷⁰ “The changing of loyalties...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 20.

⁷¹ “..defamation of the loyalties...” “It is adequately demonstrated...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 21

Layer Three of the Scientological Onion: The Confidential “Upper Levels” of the “Bridge to Total Freedom”

⁷² “The cleverness of our attack...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 25.

⁷³ In 1973 L. Ron Hubbard wrote *Intelligence, Its Role*. This Confidential issue contains a peculiar reference to a seemingly unrelated subject. In the context of a discussion of Scientology Intelligence tech appears the following:

“We at the G.O. [*Guardian Office*] do not need diviners, augurers, visionaries, astrologers or fortune tellers. We have our own brand of prediction technology [*Prediction is a euphemism for spying.*] and it has very little to do with the arcane arts. Although our Intelligence tech might seem like black magic to those in primitive [*Intelligence*] services.”

Was Hubbard reacting to a question as to why he didn’t use his O.T. powers to spy on his “enemies”? Was this question prompted by word of Ingo Swann’s work with Stanford Research Institute in the area of extra-sensory perception? Work that was being funded by the United States government to see if telepathy could be used in covert Intelligence gathering.

Swann had achieved some interesting results with his work at Stanford, and credited introductory (“lower grade”) Scientology counseling for the return of a capacity for extra-sensory perception that he had as a child - and lost as an adult.

Ingo Swann, an unusual individual, had sustained a distant and diplomatic relationship with Scientology, as a “public person,” during the 1970s. But Ingo Swann was an awkward issue for Scientology for two reasons:

1) Here was someone with a Scientology membership card, who had received Scientology counseling services, and he was working independently with another institution exploring psychical or paranormal abilities. This would normally fall under the category of what is called “squirreling,” but was tolerated for its great Public Relations value in validating Scientology. 2) Hubbard was supposed to be *the* chief O.T. As early as 1952 he had written, matter-of-factly, of the psychical power that Scientology provided: everything from shooting lightning bolts to reading books telepathically from miles away.

Did someone inquire as to why it wouldn’t be easier to covertly collect data *that way*? Did this trigger an outburst from Hubbard about “astrologers, fortune tellers,” etc. The experiments being done at Stanford did not involve “astrologers, fortune tellers” etc., yet being an alternative activity in an area Hubbard claimed to have monopolized, the experiments at Stanford would have been regarded as a challenge, necessitating the “degradation” of their “image” - in this case in an indirect fashion. All speculation aside, there’s no doubt that Hubbard promised god-like psychic powers to his followers, but that he himself was - and now the ruling “hierarchy” are - very down-to-earth when “collecting data” and “handling enemies.”

As for Ingo Swann, he long ago disassociated himself from Scientology, describing its “upper levels” as “disappointing.”

⁷⁴ The Aleister Crowley Connection. Sequence of events: December 1945: Ron Hubbard went to live at the house of California Institute of Technology chemist Jack Parsons in Pasadena, California. Parsons was a member of Aleister Crowley’s Ordo Templi Orientis or O.T.O. He had a girlfriend named Sara Elizabeth Northrup. Hubbard spent some time at Parsons’ house with whom he shared an interest in Crowleyan Magic(K). (Crowley added a “K” to the word “Magic” to separate his version of “Magic” from that practiced by “weaklings” and “dilettantes.”) Hubbard and Sara became a couple, and were later married. In 1950, they had a daughter named Alexis, and were divorced in 1951. In December 1952 Hubbard gave a series of lectures in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the Philadelphia Doctorate Course lectures, he talked positively of Aleister Crowley. Perhaps the most notable quote is from Lecture #18:

“The magic cults of the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th centuries in the Middle East were fascinating. The only modern work that has anything to do with them is a trifle wild in spots, but is a fascinating work in itself. And that’s work written by Aleister Crowley, the late Aleister Crowley, my very good friend.”

Hubbard was name dropping to his 1952 Scientology audience. In reality, he never met Crowley who had died in 1947. The multiple approving references to Crowley and Magic(k) in these lectures are ignored by Scientology these days, which repeats Hubbard’s PR story from 1969. (Public recognition of the Crowley Connection is considered to be very bad for Hubbard’s and Scientology’s image.) The PR story is that Hubbard’s only contact with Crowleyan Magic(k) was during his stay at Parsons’ house in Pasadena, and that he was there because he had been “sent in by Naval Intelligence to break up a Black Magic group, and rescued a girl.”

PDC taped lectures discussing Crowley and/or Magic(k), or related topics, can be found on Lectures #1,#18, #30, #35, #40 and #59. The 1984-1986 *Critique on Scientology* examines the many parallels between Crowley’s ideas and Hubbard’s. Much of what constitutes the “non Science Fiction” portion of the “O.T. data” can be found in Crowley’s writings - Crowley being largely a relay point for earlier occult information. Such “O.T. data” include: “Spacation” - the creation of “mental space”; the idea of “postulates” as a dynamic assertion of one’s Will - which would include influencing an other’s decisions and, in a more extreme form, as “mind over matter”; subjective mental constructs or “mock-ups” (“Creative Processing”); the idea of the multiplicity of Infinite Minds; “The Factors”; the “Four Conditions of Existence”; the “Know to Mystery scale” and other scales; putting the subject into axioms; the concept of O.T.; forms of co-auditing and solo-auditing; developing past life recall; the idea of “exteriorization,” and drills or exercises done while “out of the body.” Even the “Scientology Symbol” - the “S” with the “Double Triangle” - is an expression of Crowley’s motto: “Love is the Law, Love under Will.”

An examination of these parallels - excerpted from the *Critique on Scientology* - can be found in *Messiah or Madman?*: In the 2nd and 3rd editions, in Part 2, Chapter 14, *The Crowley Connection: L. Ron and the Beast Revisited*. In the first edition of *Messiah or Madman?* there is a shorter description of these parallels in the second half of the chapter, *Clay in the Master’s Hands*. Chapter 3, *L. Ron and The Beast*, which is unchanged in all editions, presents further “Crowleyan derivatives.”

⁷⁵ Hubbard utilized the “counter-play of opposites.” Scientologists, attracted to Scientology by one idea, eventually come to accept an opposite idea - while still accepting the initial idea. (An aspect of this is Hubbard publicly deriding disreputable “enemy tactics” - and “aberrative” or manipulative behavior - then using those same tactics on Scientologists, or instructing that such tactics be used by Scientology on outsiders.) Scientology denounces authoritarianism but is authoritarian; announces that knowledge of the mind should be available to everyone, but keeps secret what it says is the most important knowledge of the mind; publicly opposes involuntary institutionalization of mental patients, yet seeks to take over “mental health,” and have the power to institutionalize any critic or dissenter - and, where it does control “mental health,” has its own version of “involuntary institutionalization”: The “RPF” and the “RPF’s RPF.”

Even Hubbard's description of psychiatry, appearing in the *Scientology Dictionary*, and taken from a taped lecture of 14 August 1963, describes what was to soon become its own "upper levels": "...psychiatry is authoritarian and tells the person what's wrong with him, often introducing a new lie. Scientology finds out what's wrong with the person from the person." Of course Scientology is authoritarian and - particularly with its "implant" and "body thetan" ("BT") infested "upper levels" - "tells the person what's wrong with him, often introducing a new lie."

Layer Four: "...a well trained individual who serves in complete obedience..."
The Sea Organization, the Rehabilitation Project Force, and the Five Card System

⁷⁶ "In rearranging loyalties..." Brainwashing Manual. Pages 25/26.

⁷⁷ 1986 Interview of former "Class 8 auditor" John Ausley by Bent Corydon for *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

⁷⁸ Written account by former "Class 12 auditor" Otto Roos, 7 September 1984.

⁷⁹ "The body is less able to resist..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 37.

⁸⁰ 1986 interview with Hana Eltringham Whitfield by Bent Corydon. *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

⁸¹ 1997 interview for *Secret Lives* TV program, Channel 4 London. Broadcast 19 November 1997.

⁸² The child described by Hana Eltringham Whitfield on the *Secret Lives* TV program was first described in *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?* as "Little Tony." This was after a 1985 interview of the child's mother by Bent Corydon. Corydon's description of the incident, as told to him by the child's mother, appears in Part 1, Chapter 1, of *Messiah or Madman?* At the time the child's mother - who had left Scientology and wanted no further contact with it - insisted that a pseudonym be used.

⁸³ *Tonya Burden v. Church of Scientology of California.*

⁸⁴ 1986 Interview of former Personal LRH PR Officer by Bent Corydon, *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

⁸⁵ "There is a curve of degradation..." Brainwashing Manual. Pages 41/42.

⁸⁶ "Hypnosis is induced..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 31.

⁸⁷ 1985 Deposition of Howard (Homer) Schomer. Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. *Larry Wollersheim vs. Church of Scientology of California.* No. C 332 027.

⁸⁸ 1982 Affidavit of Gerry Armstrong. United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

⁸⁹ *Brainwashing in Scientology's Rehabilitation Project Force* by Stephen A. Kent, Ph.D. 13 September 2000. Revised and expanded version of a presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, California, 1 November 1997. Interviews. With Jesse Prince, 1998. With Pat (pseudonym) 1997.

⁹⁰ *Forbes Magazine.* 27 October 1986. *The Prophet and Profits of Scientology* by Richard Behar.

⁹¹ "...we must have command..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 25

⁹² 1994 Declaration of Stacy Brooks Young. Church of Scientology International vs. Steven Fishman and Uwe Geertz. United States District Court, Central District of California. Case No. CV 91 6426 HLH.

⁹³ "Defamation and conquest are companions... on the broad field." Brainwashing Manual. Page 41.

⁹⁴ *Moira Hutchinson Story.* 27 January 1997. (<http://www.xs4all.nl/~kspaink/mpoulter/sods/mairah.html>)

Hutchinson observed the RPF as a non-participant, when she worked for a time in the kitchen at the Scientology (Blue Buildings) Complex in Los Angeles. She noted that, "I became pretty close with an officer in the ASHO [*American Saint Hill Organization*] whose husband was on the RPF. I remember her telling me, very excitedly, that she was to be allowed to share her half hour meal breaks with her husband. When she told me this, she had not seen him for a year."

⁹⁵ *The Clearwater Sun* of 28 August 1984. *Ex-Members Denounce Sect Rehab Program.* George Shelor.

⁹⁶ "A certain amount of fear or terror..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 32, 33.

⁹⁷ "On the subject of obedience..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 33.

⁹⁸ *Modern Management Terminology Defined* by L. Ron Hubbard. 1976.

⁹⁹ Aznaran Complaint I District Court, Central District of California, No. CV 88-1786-WDK

¹⁰⁰ “The technologies of Psychopolitics...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 18.

¹⁰¹ “The psychopolitical dupe is a well-trained individual...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 56.

Layer Five of the “Onion”: Confidential Scientology Policy and Tech for “handling” uncooperative outsiders

¹⁰² “Planted besides...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 36.

¹⁰³ “...operate in an atmosphere of emergency...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 32.

¹⁰⁴ “Any organization which has the spirit and courage to display inhumanity...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 29.

¹⁰⁵ “...harass him in one way or another...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 27.

¹⁰⁶ City of Clearwater (Florida) Hearings on Scientology, May 1982 transcript. Paulette Cooper excerpt.

¹⁰⁷ Legal Declaration from former Scientology attorney Joe Yanny. 13 July 1988.

¹⁰⁸ Judge M. Ideman United States District Court, Legal Declaration, 21 June 1993. Adjudicated over the David Mayo case.

¹⁰⁹ Judge Charles R. Richey. Case 78-401. (The covert and illegal Snow White Program also manifests as the non-covert Snow White Project, which seeks to “expunge” others’ files “legally,” via the Freedom of Information Act or through litigation. Making “unauthorized” or uncomplimentary files disappear - covertly or overtly - is a long-standing preoccupation. Covert action [*Covert Data Collection/Ops*] and overt activity [*“legal” and “PR”*] have a history of working symbiotically.)

¹¹⁰ 7 January 1988 Letter from KPCC FM News and Public Affairs Director Larry Mantle to Bent Corydon. Originally quoted in the 1992 edition of *L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?*

¹¹¹ “They must be discredited...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 3.

¹¹² “...defamatory data concerning the person... should be on file...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 51.

¹¹³ “...if the psychopolitical archives... are adequate...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 50.

¹¹⁴ Gerry Armstrong was the archivist for the original (1980) Hubbard Biography Project. The main dispute of what became known as the “Armstrong trial” was whether or not documents relevant to Hubbard’s past would be publicly accessible.

¹¹⁵ Church of Scientology of California vs. Gerald Armstrong, Superior Court, County of Los Angeles.

¹¹⁶ *Public Relations Series # 23.*

¹¹⁷ *Public Relations Series # 14*

¹¹⁸ *Public Relations Series # 1*

¹¹⁹ *Public Relations Series # 2*

¹²⁰ Philadelphia Doctorate Course tape #24. Many views expressed were in direct opposition to those of the earlier 1950/1951 Dianetics period. For example, in 1950 Dianetics, Hubbard expressed opposition to the practice of abortion. His views were reversed by December 1952 - at least in the semi-private forum of the Philadelphia Lectures.

Average Scientologists will rationalize this as a consequence of his “research.” It would be much closer to the truth to recognize this as an early expression of the publicized/in-organization/confidential basic pattern of Scientology.

¹²¹ The 1957 book *All About Radiation* “by a Nuclear Physicist and a Medical Doctor.” A description of this book in the Scientology *Technical volume 3* (1976 printing) states: “L. Ron Hubbard was one of the first nuclear physicists in the United States.” In the same *Technical volume 3* is the Bulletin, *What is Scientology* of 23 June 1959: “Doctor Hubbard, American nuclear physicist...” Etc. (L. Ron Hubbard attended George Washington University for one year. He took and flunked a class in nuclear physics.)

¹²² Besides the Brainwashing Manual's references to the use of propaganda and dishonest tactics generally, there is also reference to the "The lying mechanisms of Christianity..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 43.

¹²³ Operation Shake and Bake and Operation Juggernaut occurred from 1979 into the 1980s. Sources of information on these include the testimony of Lavenda Van Schaik at the city of Clearwater Hearings in 1982, and legal Complaint in Michael Flynn vs. Hubbard, U.S. Court for the District of Massachusetts. No. 83-2642-C.

¹²⁴ Sentencing Memorandum for Federal criminal case 78-401, District Court, Washington, DC.

¹²⁵ "...if such do not exist, they can be created..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 28.

¹²⁶ "The dupe can thus be induced..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 56.

¹²⁷ "...if there is any doubt whatsoever..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 22.

¹²⁸ "...with full confessions already arrived at..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 52.

(Note: L. Ron Hubbard Jr., also known as Nibs, was subjected to years of harassment and attempted "dead agenting." In 1987, Ron Jr. was hospitalized and underwent surgery related to a diabetic condition. In poor health and in debt with unpaid hospital bills, he agreed to a "settlement" with Scientology. This "settlement" involved his signing a lengthy bogus "retraction" and "confession." Ron Jr.'s freely made statements - not under duress - fall into 3 main categories:
1. His own experiences. 2. His conclusions and opinions. 3. Things Ron Sr. told him.)

¹²⁹ *A Piece of Blue Sky* by Jon Atack

¹³⁰ "...have to hand innumerable documents..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 50.

¹³¹ "...technical appearing papers should exist..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 62.

¹³² "Any man who cannot be persuaded..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 22.

¹³³ "In a case of a very important person..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 22.

¹³⁴ "The psychopolitician should carefully adhere..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 57.

¹³⁵ "He must labor to increase... until at last..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 3.

¹³⁶ "Where groups interested in mental health..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 46.

¹³⁷ "...national institutions totally..." Brainwashing Manual. Pages 46/47.

¹³⁸ "...financing of a psychopolitical operation..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 49.

¹³⁹ "mental health groups, properly guided..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 45.

¹⁴⁰ "The psychopolitical operative must not..." Brainwashing Manual. page 40.

¹⁴¹ "...the psychopolitical operative... must be thoroughly enjoined..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 40.

¹⁴² "When psychopolitical activities have reached a certain peak..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 34.

¹⁴³ *Inspector General Network Bulletin* No. 44. Printed in *Advance!* magazine issue 156.

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¹⁴⁴ Judge Breckenridge summation. Church of Scientology of California vs. Gerald Armstrong, 1984. Case No. C 420153.

¹⁴⁵ "We must be like the vine upon the tree..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 60.

¹⁴⁶ Decision in *B and G Wards*, Royal Courts of Justice, High Court, London, 23 July 1984.

¹⁴⁷ "Psychopolitics depends... upon its fantastic aspects..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 34.

¹⁴⁸ "The psychopolitician has his reward..." Brainwashing Manual. Page 64.

Epilogue

¹⁴⁹ The Introduction, parts of "Layer Six" and the Epilogue, were excerpted, with some modifications, from a piece entitled *Sly and Tall Edgy Lurks*. *International Viewpoints Magazine* # 42. May 1999.

¹⁵⁰ The Brainwashing Manual was presented as a statement of "enemy tactics" - True to his confidential policy of "using enemy tactics," Hubbard incorporated virtually all of these tactics into Scientology doctrine. A Scientologist, beyond the neophyte stage, would likely consider it acceptable for Scientology to apply "enemy tactics" on enemies. It would not occur to this same Scientologist, however, that "enemy tactics" are also being used, by Scientology, *on him*.

Some of “Dr. Hubbard’s” FBI letters

¹⁵¹ “Should any whisper, or pamphlet, against psychopolitical activities be published...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 52.

¹⁵² “...a great deal should be made of such terms as schizophrenia, paranoia...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 51.

¹⁵³ “The by-word should be built into society...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 52.

¹⁵⁴ “This... method consists of defaming...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 20.

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¹⁵⁵ “If the Communistic connections... become disclosed...” Brainwashing Manual. Page 62.

Attachments:

(To be added.)

- 1) Text (including back cover) of 'Brainwashing, A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics', circa 1968. "American St. Hill" version of the 64 page "Brainwashing Manual." Substitutes "Scientology" for "Dianetics." Changes from the original 1955 "Manual" are on pages 1, 45, 46, and 49.
- 2) Back and front cover of the mid 1960s "Hubbard College of Scientology, St. Hill Manor, East Grinstead," etc. version.
- 3) The 4 original pages – later changed in the American 1968 version – featuring the words "Dianetics." These original pages are: 1,45, 46, 49, from the original 1955 "Brainwashing Manual."
- 4) The 1956 Kenneth Goff cover and Goff's "Editorial Note."
- 5) Two letters from Hubbard to Manney of the Wichita Publishing Company, dated 4 September and 6 September 1955.