



CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

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c/o CSI

Anderson Cooper  
1 Time Warner Center  
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I am indignant that after personally providing you with ample evidence as to the true nature of Mark Rathbun and his cohorts, and the sheer falsity of their various allegations, you are still contemplating a show that viciously attacks my friend and my Church's ecclesiastical leader, Mr. David Miscavige. Worse still, you insist that such character assassination upon the leader of a religion is not about the religion itself.

Granting Rathbun, et al a forum and thereby lending artificial credence to their already discredited lies about Mr. Miscavige, is a direct attack on the Scientology religion and its management, including me, and a covert attack on its founder, L. Ron Hubbard.

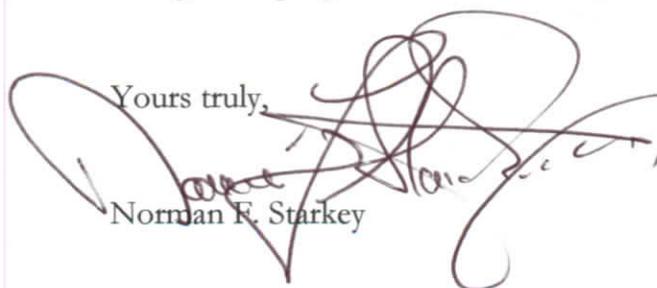
Rathbun knows nothing about Mr. Hubbard's intentions for the Church, who his friends were, whom he trusted and what he directed be done after he departed this life. Rathbun wouldn't have a clue because he never worked for L. Ron Hubbard, never corresponded with him, never spoke to him and *never* even met Mr. Hubbard. He certainly never had even the faintest inkling of what transpired between Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Miscavige nor any access to Mr. Hubbard's personal correspondence. I did. I was there.

Since the day I first met Mr. Miscavige 30 years ago shooting technical training films with L. Ron Hubbard, it was clear to me that Mr. Miscavige was trusted and respected by Mr. Hubbard more than anyone I have ever known. He confided in Mr. Miscavige on artistic ideas, film production schedules, socialized with Mr. Miscavige between film takes and bid him farewell at the end of the day's production, always shaking his hand. It was very evident to me that Mr. Hubbard held Mr. Miscavige in the highest regard.

I worked directly for L. Ron Hubbard for almost 30 years. I was one of his trusted friends, served as his personal aide, ship captain, Executive Director of his personal Literary Agency and was appointed by L. Ron Hubbard as the Executor and Trustee of his Estate. I had full access to every piece of Mr. Hubbard's written correspondence, his directives, his letters, his notes, and his confidential tape-recorded briefings and I listened to and read virtually all of them. I also know that Mr. Hubbard confided in Mr. Miscavige and entrusted him with confidential strategies, directions and responsibilities relative to the future expansion of the Scientology religion. L. Ron Hubbard made Mr. Miscavige Trustee of the Religious Technology Center, an organization dedicated to ensuring that the scriptures of Dianetics and Scientology could never be altered or abused.

A significant factor in Mr. Hubbard's confidence was that he knew he could depend on Mr. Miscavige to keep the ranks clean and the Church on the right ecclesiastical track when he was gone. By way of example, in 1980 the Guardian Office and its Legal Department had turned bad and embroiled the Church in senseless and costly legal battles. Mr. Miscavige took it upon himself to bring a halt to the legal battles and disband that corrupt Office. When Mr. Hubbard was later informed of the actions that Mr. Miscavige had taken to clean out the Church and get rid of the Guardian Office, he stated that it was the first time in the Church's history that a Scientology executive had demonstrated the responsibility needed to ensure the religion's future once he was no longer alive. Indeed, knowing full well that executives in any organization could go bad or corrupt, Mr. Hubbard then formed the Religious Technology Center to hold the trademarks of Dianetics and Scientology and charged with the responsibility of keeping the religion true to the teachings of Mr. Hubbard and seeing that the ranks were kept clean by seeing to the removal of any Church executive that violated those teachings in the future. Concurrent with the formation of Religious Technology Center, Mr. Hubbard personally appointed Mr. Miscavige Trustee of RTC. Mr. Miscavige's removal of Rathbun and Rinder is precisely what Mr. Hubbard entrusted him to do, since it is precisely what he had previously done and which had caused his appointment by Mr. Hubbard. Let me be clear, Mr. Cooper: The removal of Rathbun and Rinder is not the "earth-shaking" event they would lead you to believe. Indeed, it pales in comparison to whom Mr. Miscavige removed when he cleaned out the Guardian Office.

Everything Mr. Miscavige has done for Scientology, and continues to do with each passing day, is exactly in line with Church scriptures and comports with Mr. Hubbard's written and spoken wishes and his directions and plans. Nobody else in the history of Dianetics and Scientology has ever done that. There's your true story—the fastest growing religion of the 21<sup>st</sup> century under the leadership of Mr. David Miscavige—helping millions lead a new, happier and more productive life.

Yours truly,  
  
 Norman F. Starkey