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Re: Federal Citizen Complaint against Church of Scientology and Robert Minton;

Dear Ms. Geer,

as you might remember, on February 25th, 2002 I have filed with the U.S. Attorneys Offices in Los Angeles, California and Tampa, Florida a citizen complaint against various entities and officials of the Church of Scientology, alleging several violations of U. S. Title 18. Both offices notified me to have forwarded this information to the IRS CI Division in Los Angeles and to your office.

On July 22nd, I expanded the complaint by including other Scientology entities and the individual Robert S. Minton for his laundering of money into the United States. Since then I have not heard from you again.

Last week, on November 13th, I was notified that an anonymous individual has posted my name and your name on the Internet in connection with my complaint against Robert Minton. I called your office during the afternoon on the same day and informed a colleague of yours about the public disclosure of your name. Your colleague stated that you would call me back. I have not received any message from you or from your office since then.

On November 16th, the anonymous person again posted a message on the Internet, at this time citing excerpts from my complaint from February 25th and indicating that, because of my investigative actions concerning Scientology, the legal safety of a befriended family of mine, which is living in Ohio, might be endangered. Since then two more Internet messages with similar contents appeared, posted on November 17th and 19th. I regard these postings as attempts by the anonymous poster(s) to silence and intimidate me.

I hope that I do not have to stress the fact that since I had filed the complaints in February and July of this year, I did not divulge the information contained in them to neither the Church of Scientology, to Robert Minton nor any other person, whom I do not consider absolutely trustworthy. Nor has anyone received copies of the complaints besides the mentioned government agencies.

I do not have any knowledge about whether and how you have acted upon my complaint since you have written me on May 6th, stating that my complaint was being reviewed by your Lead Development Center. But the fact that your name was cited in these postings on the Internet make it appear to me that someone from your office voluntarily or involuntarily disclosed information to the concerned parties.

With this letter I am asking your for an explanation as to how it may have been or was in fact possible that my confidential information about certain alleged criminal activities, which I trustfully had forwarded to the U. S. government, is now being used to intimidate me and to threaten the well-being of a family, non-related to this whole matter. Such scenarios I only know from friends' stories who have lived in countries like Brazil or Mexico, where the level of corruption in the public sector is rampant.

I considered the contents of my complaint as substantial evidence for the illegal activities of the Church of Scientology, although I was not sure whether you or any other U. S. agency would actually act upon. Nevertheless I did not expect that one day this complaint would be used by a third party against me.

I can assure you that I do not consider this matter lightly, knowing what the Church of Scientology has done to others who had opposed this organization.

Sincerely yours,



Martin Ottmann