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Scientology & the CIA

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This presentation was read by Aleksandr Leonidovich Dvorkin (http://www.pravoslavie.ru/90753.html), president of the Irinaeus of Lyons Center for Religious Research Studies, on January 26th, 2016, at a conference run by the Orthodox St. Tikhon University for the Humanities. (Translator's note: While we wouldn't claim that the Church of Scientology is an integral element of the US Intelligence Community, Dvorkin's lecture is an excellent expose of the nexus between the Western power structure, its intelligence apparatus and dangerous cults (http://souloftheeast.org/2015/01/22/attack-of-the-cults/)).

The topic of Scientology's connection to the CIA became commonplace long ago. It's mentioned in a mass of articles, interviews, and television programs. But when I referred to this in passing during a conversation with one journalist several months ago, he took interest: do I have irrefutable evidence of or clues to this connection? Could I, so to say, point to a "smoking gun?"

The question interested me, and I decided to try and collect materials on this topic. So can we bring irrefutable evidence?

L. Ron Hubbard.

It's understandable that if I could point to a "smoking gun," my name would be Edward Snowden, and I would be hunted by US intelligence services, who (like any intelligence services) never disclose the names of organizations that cooperate with them, and for obvious reasons. However, open information on when the US government began to openly and publicly lobby the interests of Scientology (this occurred in 1993) could compose an entire arsenal of smoking guns. It knew full well about the cult's activity in legally and illegally collecting information on various people and organizations.

From documents published today, we know that already in 1957 the CIA began investigating the activities of L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. But the collated data that was the result of the investigation has still not been published up to this time. I don't think we should expect the publication of these materials in the near future.

All his life, Hubbard himself was quite actively and constantly fascinated with two things: occultism and intelligence activities. For example, as a still wholly young man he entered the Rosicrucian order, undertook occult seances, and experienced certain otherworldly meetings.

Aleister Crowley, head of the Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO) and the most well-known Satanist of the twentieth century. Crowley was also a British intelligence asset (http://www.amazon.com/Secret-Agent-666-Aleister-Intelligence/dp/1932595333).

Already as head of the Scientology cult, with pride he called Aleister Crowley, the most famous Satanist of the twentieth century, his "very good friend (http://www.villagevoice.com/news/scientology-and-the-occult-hugh-urbans-new-exploration-of-l-ron-hubbard-and-aleister-crowley-6662160)." We can bring a multitude of other facts, but that wouldn't fit into the parameters of the current presentation. I'll remind you that John Atack's excellent article "Hubbard and Occultism" was published in my Russian translation. [1] (http://iriney.ru/knigi/kapkan-bezgranichnoj-svobodyi.-sbornik-statej-o-sajentologii,-dianetike-i-l.-r.-xabbarde/xabbard-i-okkultizm.html)

Scientology's official biography of the cult's founder furiously denies Hubbard's ties to occultism, but then it exaggerates his special relationship with the intelligence services on a cosmic scale. And so with pride the Scientologists inform us that during the war Hubbard worked in the US Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), where he heroically proved himself in "catching foreign spies and rendering aid to US forces surrounded by the enemy on the island of Bataan." As a matter of fact, we know that while working in ONI, Hubbard was just a rank-and-file clerk in the mail department, where he mainly censored the correspondence of servicemen – there's certainly nothing heroic in that. Not once during the entire war did he take part in combat action.

Scientologists also invented the legend justifying Hubbard's postwar time in the Pasadena lodge of the Satanic Ordo Templi Orientis (the "Order of the Eastern Temple" headed by Crowley) and his fascination with sex magic rituals, which he conducted together with lodge head Jack Parsons (http://www.spacesafetymagazine.com/aerospace-engineering/rocketry/jack-parsons-occult-roots-jpl/). According to the cult's legend, Hubbard, you see, was sent into the Satanic cult by a certain intelligence agency as a mole and destroyed it from within. There is no need to speak about this version not withstanding factual criticism.

Hubbard's enthusiasm for occultism also left its mark in the symbols of Scientology he and his followers developed.

Here, for example, is a Scientology flyer published during Hubbard's life, called "The Golden Dawn (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermetic_Order_of_the_Golden_Dawn)" (so was called the occult lodge whence came Aleister Crowley).

"An invitation to freedom? Sign me up!!"

Here is a contemporary audio and video publication of Hubbard's works, also called "The Golden Dawn."

Be ready to surrender all your gold to listen to Golden Dawn.

And here's what a speech by the current head of Scientology, David Miscavige, looks like. The occult symbology of a previously thought-out stage interior doesn't need any clarification. Temple columns, the theme of "Golden Dawn and the Moon" (an extremely widespread occult symbol) over the "high priest."

Here is the Scientology cross well-known to all, borrowed from the deck of Tarot cards developed by Crowley. I'll remind you that this is in fact a crossed-out cross. Also pay attention to another detail: the eight-pointed star, on which is set the image of the cross. We'll come back to it again.

The rose-and-cross Tarot card developed by Satanist Aleister Crowley. Note the likeness with the Scientology cross.

Now we will note that there is something in common between Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard and the US Intelligence Community – a passion for occultism.

For a start, here are a few facts:

In 1989 in London former CIA officer Miles Copeland's memoirs, *The Game Player* (http://www.ama-zon.com/The-Game-Player-Miles-Copeland/dp/0948149876), were released, in which he told of a scheme set into action during the early-mid 1950s by his colleague Bob Mandelstam. The scheme was called "Occultism in High Places (http://infinitecomplacency.blogspot.com/2011/04/spy-v-spy-part-i.html)." Its idea was simple: since some leaders and heads of governments had the habit of consulting with astrologers and other occult advisors, American intelligence officers were to "work with" these occultists and make them conduits of their agency's influence.

This scheme worked, for example, when a "clairvoyant" sent by the agents convinced Ghana's President Kwame Nkrumah (https://espionagehistoryarchive.com/2015/08/28/the-kgb-in-africa/) to make a visit to China, during which a coup inspired by the CIA overthrew the absent leader. In Copeland's words, the US intelligence community influenced Indonesian President Sukarno "quite solidly" through occult "seers" and "fortune tellers."

Mandelstam also used the spiritual-political movement "Moral Rearmament," which, according to Copeland, gave agents the opportunity to influence not only African and Asian political figures through secret channels, but also European leaders. It is there that Copeland also mentions a special agreement, which, in his words, the CIA concluded with Scientology, although he is silent about what was contained therein. Inasmuch as I was able to find out, no one aside from the chatty Copeland mentions this agreement (clearly established in the 1960's) in open sources.

Copeland tells of another interesting case:

We sent into the Scientology cult our agent, who under the direction of Ron Hubbard himself became "clear," but then he demanded and started to receive ever more "monetary compensation for operational expenditures," which together with his savings he gave over to Dianetics.

So we will hardly find out who was ultimately manipulating whom: the CIA Scientology, or Scientology the CIA.

In the same way the work of US intelligence officers with a variety of occultists hasn't gone unnoticed: we can presume that influence disseminated to both sides, and someone among the intelligence officers began practicing occultism. The set of images used by the secret services gives certain bases for making such presumptions concrete.

Here is the emblem of the United States Intelligence Community:

We see the same eight-pointed star, just like the one placed on the Scientology cross. Let's return to the image of the Scientology cross. Its crossing out can also be viewed as the union of four daggers. And so the daggers cross out the symbol of Christianity. But the dagger is a famous symbol of intelligence, and precisely the star of the Intelligence Community is composed of them.

In the center of the Intelligence Community's star is a rose with five petals. But this – the five-petaled rose – is the symbol of the Rosicrucian order. Is that a coincidence? Hardly: after all, even the image of the sharp leaflets between the petals is repeated.

And then there's the most interesting thing: we'll read the description of the seal that is found on the official site of the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The eight points of the polar star symbolize the six departments and two independent agencies of the Intelligence Community. They are combined with the 15 stars around the circumference [sic] represent the elements of other agencies that are also part of the Intelligence Community [3] (http://www.dni.gov/index.php/intelligence-community/seal).

The problem is that there aren't 15 stars. There are 16. Count them yourself. So what then is the unnamed sixteenth organization, an element of which is part of the US Intelligence Community? Can we build suppositions?

Now we will finally bring some circumstantial evidence that can easily be found in open sources.

At the beginning of the 1990's, the Greek police executed raids in the Athens Scientology office and confiscated a multitude of the cult's internal documents, a part of which were published. In some of them are contained references to assistance that the CIA rendered to Scientology's foreign branches.

Scientology internal document on CIA cooperation, confiscated by Greek police.

Already in 2001 in the magazine *Le Monde Diplomatique* was published an article by the famous journalist Bruno Fuscero "Cults: a US Trojan Horse for Europe" [4] (http://www.entheta.ru/forum/viewtopic.php?id=2780), in which he quite reasonably wrote on the use of a whole set of cults,

including Scientology, by US intelligence and diplomacy. Despite the sensational character of the article, no lawsuits followed after it.

Hardly anyone can deny that the US State Department lobbies the interests of Scientology (http://lubbockonline.com/news/020197/germany.htm) in various countries: France; Germany; Italy; Greece; Russia; Hungary, etc. Even among the published Wikileaks documents, a report slipped by that after US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's arrival in Germany, German Scientologists were invited to the US Embassy for a briefing. Inasmuch as I know, no other cult enjoys such attention and such privileges from the United States government. I also understand that nothing is given for free in this world. So what can Scientology offer the US government that the latter would so actively lobby the interests of a comparatively not large cult with far from the most spotless reputation, and whose secret doctrine the whole world laughs at?

One of Scientology's main objectives is the collection and storage of a large mass of information, so that with its help it can compromise and establish control over whomever: from a simple member of the cult who has gone astray to the powerful of this world, control of whom would give unlimited possibilities. 25 years ago the former head of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office said that Scientology "has one of the most effective intelligence services, which can even compete with the FBI." From that time the cult's capital has increased several times over, if not exponentially. It can afford to hire many more lawyers and private detectives, which significantly raises the cult's potential for carrying out complex special operations.

Now a little history. In 1993, after a 25-year war it waged against Scientology, the US Internal Revenue Service *de facto* surrendered: having conducted secret negotiations with cult head David Miscavige, it signed an agreement (http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-0412-gibney-scientology-20150412-story.html) with the group, according to which it recognized Scientology and all related organizations a religion and totally freed them from taxes. Namely after this agreement the State Department began to lobby Scientology's interests in all the world's countries. Moreover, a secret protocol was attached to the agreement (a new one, not the one mentioned by Copeland), and it hasn't been published to this day. What could the content be?

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk (http://m.strategic-culture.org/news/2014/04/01/the-charge-of-the-scientology-brigade.html) (who many years ago, as director of Aval Bank in Kiev, possibly underwent several Scientology courses) is an example of a man about whom personal information would be extremely interesting not only to Scientology, but also to the US Intelligence Community. I think that we could continue a list of people occupying high posts in various countries, people who are of interest to US intelligence, for a sufficiently long time. And if Scientology has such information and is ready to share it, then why wouldn't an intelligence service use such an opportunity?

Yet in what way can the cult obtain such data? Scientology's information collection is generated through several methods.

Are we having fun yet? Tell all your most intimate secrets to the E-Meter; it's strictly confidential! Author William S. Burroughs, pedophile, occultist and suspected CIA asset had plenty of blackmail material handy.

The first of them is auditing, presented by the cult as a kind of confession. But during this "confession," everything that a person – in a state of light hypnotic trance – might report over a three-to-four hour session is picked up on audio and video and kept forever (I'll remind you that this is conducted with the help of the so-called "E-Meter," i.e. a primitive lie detector). Those who conduct the auditing are not obliged to keep the secrets of this "confession." Rather, they collect the most intimate information about a person in order to turn him into an obedient slave. Let's recall that during a raid of the Taganskaya Scientology "Ideal Org" (https://www.rt.com/news/312721-scientology-church-moscow-spying/) by Moscow law enforcement, spy equipment for audio and video recording was found built into the walls of the auditing room. By the standards of the cult, such equipment should be present in all auditing facilities.

The second method is the "targeted" collection of information on a person who interests the cult. Specialists are hired for this, and specially instructed cult members help them. Either compromising materials are found, or they are fabricated. Among those who interest the cult could be famous personalities; figures in show business; law enforcement; officers of the security services; political figures; and of course, enemies of the cult.

We can and must emphasize that both methods of collecting and using information are flagrantly amoral. The cult uses the obtained data for self-advancement and self-expansion. I wonder, has it ever crossed the minds of American intelligence officers that receiving such information from the cult and using it is deeply amoral? Scientologists themselves think that the opportunity to control people in such a way serves a higher goal that brings the cult's victory closer, meaning the victory of "good" in all the world. But if US intelligence, in no way believing in Scientology's good and progressivism, finds it necessary and permissible to use this information, then we need to honestly admit that it considers getting information acquired by a quite dubious organization through deceit, bribery, theft, torture, and confidential confessions normal.

Finally, even if we believe that Scientology has absolutely no ties with any of the agencies of the US Intelligence Community, it could still absolutely and unmistakably be called a foreign intelligence organization active in the Russian Federation. And this intelligence organization sends personal and deeply confidential data on Russian citizens to its headquarters in the United States. That means we must approach such an organization in corresponding fashion.

But of course, it seems to me that we can claim with an enormous degree of confidence that Scientology has a multitude of connections with the US Intelligence Community. The evidence I've brought forth in this presentation, quite weighty if circumstantial, indicates precisely that. Almost two years ago, US President Barack Obama publicly announced that international religious freedom (read: its American version) is a vital factor of US national security [5] (http://www.voanews.com/content/president-obama-religious-freedom-matters-to-national-security/1845717.html). I this that this announcement, striking in its cynical frankness, just admitted what had been an obvious fact for years. And we can probably suppose which organization hides behind the unnamed sixteenth star on the US Intelligence Community's coat of arms.

P.S. Thank you to my friend Gerry Armstrong for help in gathering materials for this article.

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- $^{[2]}$ (http://www.pravoslavie.ru/90753.html#_ftnref2) *Miles Copeland*. Confessions of the CIA Original Political Operative, London, 1989.
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Translated by Mark Hackard.

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9 thoughts on "Scientology & the CIA"

1. joekano76 says:

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 AT 2:56 AM Reblogged this on TheFlippinTruth.

2. **jay008** says:

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 AT 8:30 PM Reblogged this on Jay's Analysis.

3. **Charles Frith** says:

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 AT 11:02 AM

CIA loves Scientology. All those truth psychological tests done for free with willing applicants.

4. <u>Angelo</u> says: <u>FEBRUARY 28, 2016 AT 1:09 PM</u>

Reblogged this on deinvestiture.

5. **Gerry Armstrong** says:

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 AT 5:17 PM

I am Dr. Dvorkin's friend. I imagine my Christian name was translated phonetically. It's Gerry. Gerald, but I go by Gerry. I was named after Gerry the Bus Driver.

Here is a talk I gave in Russia in 2004 that touches on Scientology as an intelligence organization: http://www.gerryarmstrong.org/50grand/writings/scientology-cult-of-total-espionage.html Also in support of some of what Dr. Dvorkin wrote, please see the documents my wife Caroline and I assembled on this site:

http://armstrong-op.gerryarmstrong.ca/

6. Luke Harwood says:

MARCH 2, 2016 AT 9:56 AM

I love your logo at top of the page. Gone are the crosslinked sword and gun bayonet. Just the single dagger sought of like a spinal column.

Yes CIA and occult go hand in hand. I have personal experience having crossed swords with them back in 1987. The link to Scientology seams plausible because that crossing also happened the very same year.

For an agency that prides itself on intelligence – the smartest of the smart – act dumber than dogshit!!!

I told them then and consistently since, that they leak like a sieve and their system is full of holes – a la the 2000 "love letter".

They don't get it!!

I also told them if you're gona play GOD with this mind control shit, make sure you are – otherwise you'll get played. THEY GOT PLAYED!!!

Intelligence?? REALLY??

I'm thinking 2017 is going to be a dreadful year for those exceedingly smug and dim witted losers. Victim nation is written in the stars!!

And just so as you know – in this Universe everything is watching everything else all the time – donc; no need for expensive surveillance apparatus if you know how to access it at any point for free!!!

They might have a printing press but there just aren't enough trees to cut down to cover the debts they've already run up.

Gambling against infinite credit isn't just dumb, it's the very definition of INSANITY!! KIDS TAKE NOTE – NEVER KID A KIDDER!!! (rule 101)

7. **dchoice** says:

MARCH 7, 2016 AT 11:45 AM

Just some rapid flyby notes

I recently read Viginia Mc McClaughry's article on https://mikemcclaughry.wordpress.com/2016/03/03/document-1944-naval-reserve-register-l-ron-hubbards-pay-entry-date/which has some information related to your article.

As regards the 1993 IRS agreement, I have not read much of it, but I did hear while I was in an sci-

entology organization...hmm circa late 90's or early 0's that the CoS did agree to have a person either actually in each cherch or reporting about each church regarding any scientologist not paying their taxes or the like. Was anything like that in the available to read agreement?

8. **Gerry Armstrong** says:

MARCH 17, 2016 AT 1:49 AM

Dear Mr. Hackard:

Your copy of my letter to DNI Clapper follows. I am sending this via your comments form just because I do not have an email address for you.

Thanks.

Gerry Armstrong

March 17, 2016

The Honorable James R. Clapper Director of National Intelligence Office of the Director of National Intelligence Washington, DC 20511 cc: Alexander L. Dvorkin, PhD

Dear Director Clapper:

cc: Mark Hackard

I confess to not finding an appropriate name or email address for the contact responsible for ODNI's website, so I am writing you directly at the postal address provided. I am sure your staff will route my letter to the appropriate persons in your office.

I am writing you about what appear to be contrary facts regarding the number of US departments, agencies, etc., in the US Intelligence Community, and the stars or other symbols representing them on the US Intelligence Community Seal.

On ODNI's page about the IC seal (http://www.dni.gov/index.php/intelligence-community/seal) it states:

The eight points of the polestar represent the six departments and two independent agencies of the Intelligence Community. They are combined with the 15 stars around the circumference represent the elements of other agencies that are also part of the Intelligence Community. The banner draped over the lower portion of the compass rose is inscribed with the three core values of the Intelligence Community – Courage, Collaboration, and Commitment.

There are, of course, 16 stars around the seal's circumference.

In your FAQ it states:

Who are the members of the US Intelligence Community (IC)?

The IC is a federation of executive branch agencies and organizations that work separately and together to conduct intelligence activities necessary for the conduct of foreign relations and the pro-

tection of the national security of the United States. There are 17 federal organizations in the Intelligence Community.

The link is to this page where 16 US Federal entities are listed: http://www.dni.gov/index.php/intelligence-community/members-of-the-ic

On another page it states:

The Director of National Intelligence serves as the head of the Intelligence Community, overseeing and directing the implementation of the National Intelligence Program and acting as the principal advisor to the President, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council for intelligence matters related to national security.

http://www.dni.gov/index.php/about/organization

With a very limited study of the website and the federation for which it stands, it becomes apparent that the 16 identified US entities plus the ODIC equal 17.

It is quite reasonable that the number "15" for the stars around the IC seal comes down to a typo. Also a clue is that there is definitely a grammar error as well in the same sentence. ("They are combined with the 15 stars around the circumference represent the elements....")

I would not have cared a great deal about these numbers or typos, but I recently came across an English translation of a talk my friend Dr. Alexander Dvorkin apparently gave in which he brought this up and questioned it.

https://espionagehistoryarchive.com/2016/02/27/scientology-the-cia/ He had apparently seen enough of a mystery in these numbers, which, as I say, might not have been part of much of a mystery at all, to question them publicly.

Mark Hackard, who I do not know, apparently translated a talk he reports Dr. Dvorkin giving January 26, 2016 at St. Tikhon's Orthodox University in Moscow about connections and cooperation between the US Intelligence Community and the Scientologists. Mr. Hackard's translation states, quoting Dr. Dvorkin:

And then there's the most interesting thing: we'll read the description of the seal that is found on the official site of the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

"The eight points of the polar star symbolize the six departments and two independent agencies of the Intelligence Community. They are combined with the 15 stars around the circumference [sic] represent the elements of other agencies that are also part of the Intelligence Community [3]." The problem is that there aren't 15 stars. There are 16. Count them yourself. So what then is the unnamed sixteenth organization, an element of which is part of the US Intelligence Community? Can we build suppositions?

I also confess that it was undoubtedly a comment from me to Dr. Dvorkin back last December — that the stars around the IC seal numbered 16, not 15 as your web site says — which apparently motivated him to ask his audience at St. Tikhon's to suppose that Scientology might be a missing or hidden star in the IC constellation.

Dr. Dvorkin's major thesis in his talk, in my judgment, is right, and very topical. The IC has for many years collaborated with the Scientologists, who themselves form and operate an intelligence entity. And there have been many secret relationships involving IC entities and occult, left-handpath or fanatical and even criminal religious entities and persons from long before the IC's confederation. Dr. Dvorkin being hugely correct in all this, however, does not mean that the 15 stars vs. 16 issue is not blowback from a typo.

If it is a typo — an unwillful one — then the supposition that the Scientologists comprise the missing intelligence entity that isn't missing would be humorous, but not meaningful in the US-Scientology-Russia relationship. This conclusion makes sense because the Scientologists comprise an entity with whom, according to logic, US law and its own visible directives, the IC can stop collaborating at any time. The IC cannot stop collaborating with its own actual announced entities — CIA, FBI, State, 25 AF, etc. – any more than the whole of the US Federal Government can lawfully stop collaborating with any of its myriad parts or entities. By law, logic, humanity and for the good of all, the IC, indeed the entire Government should end all collaboration with the Scientologists, no matter what that brings to light.

I see that other sites have republished Mr. Hackard's translation of Dr. Dvorkin's talk, but the visible discussion has been limited. E.g.,

http://www.whenthenewsstops.org/2016/02/scientology-and-cia.html

http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/91070.htm

The pravoslavie.ru also has what purports to be the original Russian text of the talk:

http://www.pravoslavie.ru/90753.html

Certainly I realize that deceit and confusion are items in the IC's mandate, craft and goals, so if the "15," the grammar, perhaps the "8," are not just typos, I apologize. The Scientologists too derive much of their success and power from deception and confusion. Either way, can you please signal to me as soon as possible what the truth is.

Sincerely,

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9. Pingback: Letter to James R. Clapper