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July 13, 1978

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Mr. Joseph Chasin
 Internal Revenue Service
 Department of the Treasury
 Washington, D.C. 20224

Re: Citizen's Freedom Foundation, Inc.,
 Non-profit Application
 Your file: E:SO:T:R:1-2

Dear Mr. Chasin:

Enclosed please find the following information in support of the request for tax exempt status by Citizen's Freedom Foundation, Inc., a non-profit California corporation.

- a. Letter dated June 13, 1978, concerning effective date of tax exempt status.
- b. Minutes of the Board of Directors authorizing change in the preamble to the by-laws.
- c. A statement of purpose, etc.
- d. List of literature, recommended books and copies of other information and literature sent to those making inquiry to Citizen's Freedom Foundation, Inc.

We anxiously await your response to our request for the tax exempt status.

Very truly yours,

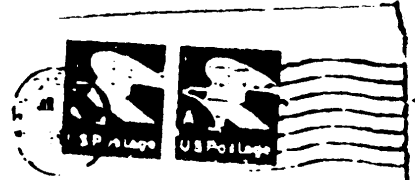
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CITIZENS FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Statement of Purpose, Functions and Activities

To properly understand the purpose, functions and activities of CITIZENS FREEDOM FOUNDATION it is necessary to review briefly why and how CFF was formed. This review will provide answers to the questions most frequently asked about cults and will readily reveal the dire need for developing organizations such as CFF and the services they will provide.

The need for some kind of organization became apparent in 1971 when many people became concerned about the influence and control exerted upon their loved ones by the Children of God organization. These people were unable to get any information or help from any source what-so-ever. Determined to provide a source of information and assistance when needed, a number of people met in San Diego and formed an organization called FREECOG. The startling revelations about the Children of God made by FREECOG generated national publicity which resulted in inquiries about other groups operating in a similar manner. Counter groups were formed to reveal the activities of these "Children of God like" groups.

By 1973 the activities of many of these groups had become suspect and it was clear that any destructive activities must be revealed and equally important, that the counter-cult activities be coordinated so as to provide factual information and yet to insure constitutional rights to all involved individuals. Thus in 1974 CITIZENS FREEDOM FOUNDATION was formed.

Almost immediately CFF was recognized as an authority on cult activities and became an educational information center for matters dealing with the cult phenomenon. In addition to the vast data gathered from other sources the personal accounts of involvement with specific cults by ex-members provided a very valuable source of information and proof of the "behind the scenes" activities of various cults.

Because there was no established method of helping their children and no other place to turn for help at this time, many parents resorted to the "deprogramming" process of rescuing their loved ones. If improperly done by unqualified personnel, the deprogramming experience could be very traumatic especially since the legality of deprogramming is often questioned. It is therefore a function of CFF to recommend established professional personnel and facilities to those who believe that deprogramming is their only hope.

CFF is involved in the exchange of information and ideas with other professional, educational and religious organizations, enters into public debates with members of cults and others, conducts lectures and seminars and makes public appearances when requested. Many guest appearances have been made on public broadcasting networks as well as on local stations and educational TV programs. These services have been provided for but not limited to organizations and institutions here-in listed.

The National Council of Christians and Jews
The San Diego Ecumenical Conference
The National Council for the Separation of Church and State
The San Diego Evangelical Association
The American Civil Liberties Union

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Seventh Day Adventists
Bishops of the Church of Latter Day Saints
Parent Teachers Associations
Department of Health Education and Welfare
City Councils
Congressmen and Senators
Investigative Agencies, District Attorneys, FBI, Attorneys General
Public, Medical and Legal Libraries
Colleges and Universities
Others

In addition to the aforementioned public services, CFF engages in providing information and counseling of a private nature. This includes recommending professional services and facilities where properly regulated and effective professional assistance can be obtained.

A very large part of CFF activities is generated by the large number of individual contacts requesting information or assistance. These contacts are most generally made by telephone followed by correspondence and fall into two broad categories.

I. Distressed people seeking immediate information and assistance for themselves or for a loved one. Emergency category.

II. Those seeking information and assistance for all other reasons. Non-emergency category.

To provide the actual correspondence would be very voluminous and may violate the confidentiality of that correspondence, therefore the most asked questions and/or requests will be included in the above categories followed by the specific reply CFF would make in each case.

CATEGORY I

Contact: My son has left school and we haven't heard from him for several weeks. We are very worried about him because this is not at all like him. He was an A student and was anxious to get his degree. He was always very close to the family and a very considerate person. We feel he may have joined a cult because his close friends tell us that he had gone to a meeting with the Unification Church. He has quit school, given up his job and has moved to another area. We hear he is now selling flowers on the street. What has happened to him? Please help us.

Contact: My daughter just joined the Children of God. She has changed so drastically that we don't know her anymore and we fear for her health. She says she is happy and has just found the Lord. This is hard for me to understand as she was an active leader in the youth organization in our church. We were a close family and had good communication until this situation and now we are unable to talk with her. She is spaced out and can't rationally answer any questions. She says she will come and visit us, but has to get permission from her leader. We need help desperately because my husband says he will get a gun and go get her. Please help us! We don't know where else to turn. You are the only one who understands what we are talking about. It is like a horrible nightmare.

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Contact: I'm all mixed up. I don't like what I'm doing but I am afraid to stop. I can't help myself. I just left the Family of Love and need help. Please let me talk to you or to someone who can help.

Contact: I'm about to enter the Church of Scientology and would like as much information as I can get before joining.

CFF Response: We have heard similar stories to yours, we understand your problem and are prepared to help or provide another source of assistance. Don't do anything on the spur of the moment but research thoroughly the information we have provided. Follow closely the suggested DO's and DON'Ts and keep in touch with us or our chapter in your local area. Contact the ex-members and friends at the numbers we have provided. For legal advice contact Attorney Does in your area and for medical advice and assistance contact Dr Smith also in your area. Read as much of the suggested reading list as you can however do not delay as time is a very important factor in helping your loved one. Should you desire to help CFF in it's cause we have also included our brochure, some newsletters and a form letter asking for your help.

CATEGORY II

Contact: The National Council of Seventh Day Adventists is meeting in October in Fort Worth, Texas. An item on the agenda is to determine our position on the issue of deprogramming. Would you or a member of your organization appear on a discussion panel on the subject?

CFF Response: On an issue so vital and yet so misunderstood as deprogramming we would be most happy to participate. I believe our input will be most beneficial to you and will greatly benefit CFF as well.

Contact: I am writing a book, technical paper, doing a term paper. Our church youth group is studying cults. My client is involved and I would appreciate any information you have available.

CFF Response: There is far more information available than we can send to you; however the suggested reading list plus other enclosed information should provide enough to start. If further information is desired, we will be pleased to grant you an interview with a member of our staff. Also, we will provide knowledgeable people to appear on discussion panels, public debates and as guest lecturers.

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DO AND DON'T

- + DO record all names, addresses, phone numbers of persons known to be associated in any way with your child's activities.
 - + DO maintain a WRITTEN chronolog of events associated with your child's activities relating to the group.
 - + DO answer all communications from your child in sincere, firm but unrecriminating language.
 - + DO collect related items from newspapers, magazines and other sources.
 - + DO keep your "cool"; avoid threats, be firm but remain open for communication at all times.
 - + DO file a written complaint with your County Supervisor and other public officials.
 - DO NOT send money to your child or to the group; without economic support the group cannot survive.
 - DO NOT give original documents to ANY party (unless required by law); provide copies ONLY.
 - DO NOT be persuaded by "professionals" to spend large amounts of money for "treatments" or legal action, until you have verified their credentials and qualifications for handling YOUR problem.
 - DO NOT give up, remember your child is a product of your love, training, heredity and home environment. These influences can never be permanently eliminated by any technique.
 - DO NOT feel guilty or alone. This is a common problem faced by thousands of parents all over this nation. It affects families of all religions, economic and family backgrounds.
- DO ESTABLISH and continue an association with an organized group of parents with similar problems.

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