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COMMUNIST STRATEGY L. Ron Hubbar

Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Phychopolitics" INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 22, 1956, a booklet entitled "BRAIN-WASHING, A Synthesis of the Russian Textbook on Phychopolitics." was received for exemination from

California, in which she reported that her hasballe, had received this booklet through the mails and she wanted the Federal Bureau of Invostigation to have it. She was of the opinion that her husband was affiliated with the Hubbard Dianetics Group.

This booklet has been photostated, a copy of which is being furnished to the Central Research Section with the request that it be read and examined and that this office be advised of the authenticity if known, of the information contained therein. It is further suggested that in the event there is authenticity to the information contained therein that it might be used to good advantage in connection with the particularly in interviews with those individuals who are idealists and became involved in the Communist movement primarily for that particular reason.

The Bureau's analysis and comments of this booklet with respect to its authenticity and possible value in interviewing CP members will be appreciated.

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Reuriet dated April 6, 1956.

Captioned booklet has been read and reviewed by the Central Research Section. - Several copies of this booklet have been previously received at the Bureau from various individuals, including L. Ron Hubbard, author of 'Dianetics. The Modern Science of Mental Health."

Hubbard has identified this booklet as being issued under the Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation, Box 242, Silver Spring, Maryland. The stated purpose of the Foundation is to "study and conduct research in the field of human mind and of human thought in action through the medium of dianetics," which may be likened to psychotherapy with certain differences as to method and theory.

The authenticity of this booklet seems to be of a doubtful nature since it lacks documentation of source material and communist words and phrases. Also, there are no quotations from well-known communist works as normally would be used in a synthesis of communist writings. In addition, the author himself admits that he cannot vouch for the authenticity of this booklet.

By definition, psychopolitics is 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." In order to achieve success, psychopolitics makes use of such techniques as electric shock, drugs and hypnosis. It is to be noted that these techniques are in general use in reliable mental institutions in this country.

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In the editorial notes in this booklet, the author expresses a concern over the fact that there is 'no law against driving anyone insane." He also expresses concern over the use of a new drug, LSD, "one-millionth of any ounce of which can create insanity." In addition, the author calls for legislation which would take the treatment of mental patients out of the hands of "European Indectrinated practitioners." According to the author, treatment of the insane should be placed in the hands of ministers. It appears from these statements that the author is expressing primarily a dissatisfaction with methods of treatment of mental patients in this country.

The April 24, 1951, issue of the Washington Times-Herald reflected that the wife of L. Ron Hubbard, "dianetics founder," charged that Hubbard was "hopelessly insane" in her petition for divorce filed April 23, 1951, in Los Angeles.

NOTE: L. Ron Hubbard has corresponded with the Bureau on several occasions and his recent letters have been unanswered.

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