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Hubbard records shredded

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who worked as a publicist for Church of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard testified Thursday that orders were given in February 1980 to shred documents indicating Hubbard was in control of church management.

Laurel Sullivan, 34, said the orders for the massive shredding came as church personnel feared a raid by federal agents. Such raids previously took place in Los Angeles, Boston and Washington in July 1979.

Sullivan testified before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul Breckenridge that while Hubbard claimed he had severed all connections with the church in 1966, he actually continued to run the organization from his yacht.