

Scientologists™ Expose IRS Crimes and Abuses

In the mid-1970s, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was shaken by scandal following revelations that its internal manuals contained instructions to IRS employees on how to:

- manipulate the news media;
- evade oversight by Congress and the Government Accounting Office;
- circumvent the Freedom of Information Act;
- avoid tax cases which might embarrass the IRS; and
- selectively prosecute and intimidate taxpayers.

The exposure by the Church of Scientology of more than 200 pages from these previously secret IRS manuals resulted in extensive coverage of what came to be known as "The IRS Papers" by other news media and eventually led to U.S. Congressional hearings sponsored by the late Senator Joseph Montoya (D-N.M.)

On the heels of "The IRS Papers," the IRS was rocked by disclosures that its agents engaged in illegal electronic surveillance of taxpayers, conducted harassing audits of taxpayers on a massive scale and would even drill open taxpayers' safe-deposit boxes without permission in order to get at "information" sought by the IRS.

The disclosures came in the form of an interview with IRS agent Dean Boyd, published in FREEDOM, the Church of Scientology's newspaper. The Boyd interview was to be the first of many explosive interviews with current or former IRS agents published by the Church.

Additional interviews with IRS employees published by the Church revealed to the American people that:

- criminal acts are committed by IRS employees and sanctioned by IRS management in order to attain "quotas" on collections;
- those promoted to management positions within the IRS are only those that condone or go along with the tactics of intimidation and coercion espoused by top IRS management;
- animosity between IRS employees and management is so intense that individual offices are virtual armed camps; and

- the IRS will go to virtually any length — including the commission of further illegal acts — in order to prevent the exposure of its own criminal activities.

The Church of Scientology condemns the heavy-handed, abusive and often illegal tactics used by the IRS in its attempt to gain control over individual Americans and take away their rights.

Systematically, through the years, the Church has documented how the IRS has been a major source of the erosion of our precious and hard-won freedoms.

The Church has shown that the IRS has continually managed to avoid a complete audit by either Congress or the Government Accounting Office. Any attempts to conduct such an audit have been met with vicious retaliation by the IRS against the individual or office involved.

As the Church of Scientology has repeatedly pointed out, no single agency of a democratic government can set itself "above the law." Yet the IRS has done so and considers that it is not answerable to its own government. This agency must be forced to abide by the laws of the United States just as all American citizens are expected to do.

Nationwide surveys conducted recently by the Church show that the overwhelming majority of Americans feel that the United States would be better off if the IRS were reformed or abolished altogether. The Church believes that there is no place in a free society for an agency like the IRS which uses instruments and methods of terror against its own citizens. The IRS even had an "enemies list" that included not only actor John Wayne but the Church of Scientology.

The Church of Scientology will continue to expose crimes committed by agents of the IRS, despite attempts by the IRS to silence all who would speak out against its abuses.

We will not cease our demands for bringing to justice those who have perpetrated illegal acts. We are committed to safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all people, and to a civilization without insanity, without criminality and without war.



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CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO KNOW OF ILLEGAL ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE IRS

FREEDOM News Journal's continuing investigation of the IRS has uncovered what appears to be a nationwide pattern of unconstitutional activities on the part of this agency, as reported to FREEDOM by current and former employees of the IRS across the country. In recent months, hundreds of responses to FREEDOM's request for information have been received, not only from IRS employees but also from American taxpayers who have been harassed and had their constitutional rights violated by this agency.

Information which has been reported by FREEDOM has included:

- IRS employees are often compelled to make a certain number of seizures of taxpayer property within a specified period of time or face adverse consequences from IRS management;
- A day care center in Detroit was raided by seven IRS agents, and 30 children were held as hostages in guarded rooms while the agents pressured parents to pay money to the IRS which should have gone to the day care center;
- Millions of law-abiding American taxpayers are on discriminatory and harassing IRS "hit lists," according to former agents. Examples given to FREEDOM have included lists of members of certain religions and lists of people employed by direct sales companies such as Avon, Shaklee and Amway;
- In 1969, the IRS created a "national office task force" to act as "an intelligence gathering operation" for the purpose of investigating and establishing files on "Ideological Organizations." The chairman of this task force was to work in liaison with the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, to "coordinate matters" with regard to the targeted organizations. Documents received by FREEDOM indicate that

similar task forces may be in operation today;

- Some IRS management personnel are generally more concerned with their bonuses, received by forcing their employees to meet unrealistically high quotas, than they are with honest treatment of taxpayers;
- The IRS directed its agents to go on what one former agent described as "fishing expeditions," auditing the books of such businesses as furriers, jewelers, antique shops, travel agencies and interior decorators to locate names of customers to be targeted for investigation.

FREEDOM, the independent journal published by the Church of Scientology®, is interested in interviewing anyone with information on illegal and discriminatory IRS policies and practices, or evidence of harassing and threatening measures taken by the IRS against taxpayers. FREEDOM is particularly interested in interviewing current or former IRS employees who have worked in the Criminal Investigation Division or who have knowledge of so-called "Special Task Forces" concerning specifically targeted groups.

The constitutional rights and basic freedoms of the citizens of the United States are being threatened and, in some cases, destroyed by this government agency. Reform is clearly needed, and FREEDOM can play a major part in bringing this about by reporting specific abuses to the public. By making this information broadly known, action can be taken to make the IRS an agency that truly services the people of this country.

If you have knowledge of unconstitutional acts or violations of the law committed by the IRS against taxpayers, groups or even IRS employees, and you feel it is time for these acts to be exposed, and our tax system overhauled and turned into an equitable one, contact:

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Scientologists Expose Government-supported Psychiatric Abuses of American Citizens

The Church of Scientology has, for more than 30 years, been one of the most effective organizations in investigating and exposing government-funded psychiatric experimentation carried out on American citizens, often without their knowledge and consent. The Church has stressed that Americans must be free from such abuses and dangers.

In 1975, for example, the Church revealed documents it had obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) which detailed the work of Dr. Amadeo Marrazzi, a psychiatrist at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry. Marrazzi had been involved in the CIA's mind control experiments since 1951 and had conducted illegal LSD experiments on his patients without the knowledge of patients, guardians or his superiors.

Following the Church's revelations, Marrazzi was brought before a Senate hearing and accused of having "devastated" an 18-year-old psychiatric patient with LSD.

Despite the irrefutable evidence of Marrazzi's crimes, the Department of Justice refused to take any action against Marrazzi and ordered the case closed altogether.

In 1979, the Church exposed massive Army experimentation using a mind-crippling psychiatric hallucinogen, nicknamed "BZ." This drug, classified as up to 100 times more powerful than LSD, was given to hundreds of soldiers at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland during the 1960s, as part of a government-sponsored psychiatric "research" program.

Recently the Church released FOIA documents which showed that blacks were singled out for use as human "guinea pigs" during extensive testing of LSD and other destructive hallucinogenic drugs in a CIA-funded research program at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Addiction Research Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Such documentation is evidence that the government has been heavily involved in psychiatric experimentation on American citizens, and that U.S. agencies have been supporting the psychiatric establishment with massive funding, despite the fact that psychiatry has been found to be alarmingly ineffective in bringing about its stated goal: mental health.

Moreover, psychiatry's dismal statistics and its appalling results raise serious questions about the government's support and use of psychiatry. For example:

- In 1983, the Church's newspaper, **FREE-DOM**, reported the staggering fact that psy-

chiatrists were incorrectly diagnosing 50 per cent of their patients as mentally ill when they were actually suffering from only a physical ailment;

- The suicide rate among psychiatrists is more than 50 per cent higher than the suicide rate for the average citizen in the United States;

- At least 50 per cent of all those who commit suicide have had previous psychiatric contact;

- In a study of nearly 400 reported cases of murder, suicide, rape, arson and kidnapping, it was found that each person responsible for the act had either been recently under the care of a psychiatrist, or had, not long before, been released from a psychiatric facility; and

- The list of psychiatry's failures is horrifying — Charles Whitman, the infamous "Texas Tower murderer"; Juan Corona, brutal killer of 25 migrant workers in Yuba City, California; Mark Chapman, killer of John Lennon; Robert DeSalvo, better known as the Boston Strangler; James Earl Ray, assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy; and Sirhan Sirhan, assassin of Robert F. Kennedy — the list is endless. All of these murderers had a history of psychiatric treatment prior to committing these murders.

The Church has made numerous submissions to Congress and to other organizations, detailing the damaging effects of psychiatric treatment and experimentation on our citizens and calling for an end to government funding of this destructive, unconstitutional use of taxpayer monies. As a result of the Church's exposure of the Army's BZ testing, for example, the Army agreed to destroy their stockpile of this drug, thus preventing its further use.

In response to the Church's effective actions in exposing these experiments and in campaigning for an end to government support of psychiatric drug testing, government agencies have occasionally mustered attacks against the Church; but our work to educate American citizens and to bring about a reform of such abuses will not be deterred.

The Church of Scientology believes that freedom from brutal psychiatric treatment and drugging is one of the basic rights of all men, and we will continue our campaign to reform not only psychiatry itself but also the government agencies who have supported and condoned the psychiatric community's abuse of the rights of American citizens.



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