

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOR JOHN & NAN McLEAN  
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SUBJECT: Support of Cult Victims

June 11, 1979

TO: Taxpayers and Citizens

In 1975 the Scientology Cult occupied the city of Clearwater through the surreptitious actions of two front organizations. Records now reveal that this paramilitary international political group issued military-style directives as follows:

Secret document re Project Normandie--establishing control in Clearwater, Florida area;

Secret guardian order re UCF legal establishment--Project Goldmine (Florida)

Secret report re Goldmine (United Churches of Florida)--front for Clearwater operation.

Before the above documents were obtained by the FBI in July 1977, Mrs. Nan McLean and her son visited Clearwater and Tallahassee and cautioned public officials about the political, economic, and other aims of the cult. As a consequence the McLeans were sued in 1976 and have suffered undue financial and psychological hardships since then. In the interest of justice and freedom of speech, a legal defense fund has been established to assist the McLeans in defending suits by this cult, which has unlimited resources. It would be unseemly and extremely pusillanimous for local residents to ignore the plight of the McLeans and to permit them to assume this financial burden unassisted. Contributions to the legal defense fund will serve as a token of faith, support, and appreciation to these courageous neighbors from Toronto, Canada, who should be acknowledged and acclaimed for their great public service. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: Legal Defense Fund for John and Nan McLean. Please mail contributions to: Gabe Cazares, Post Office Box 1196, Clearwater, Florida 33517.

Recent developments involving this cult are summarized on the reverse side of this letter.

Gabriel Cazares

Enclosure: See reverse side - Chronological Events involving  
Scientologists

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## CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS INVOLVING SCIENTOLOGISTS

1975. United Churches of Florida reports that it is leasing the Fort Harrison Hotel from Southern Land Development and Leasing Corp.

January 1976. Spokespersons first deny, then admit, that the Scientologists are in Clearwater.

July 1977. One hundred fifty FBI agents obtain 23,000 documents, totalling 90,000 pages, in raids of Scientology offices in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, California. The Affidavit of Search Warrant gave as alleged grounds for search and seizure "--the fruits and evidence of violations of 18 U.S.C. 371 (conspiracy): 18 U.S.C. 1503 (obstruction of justice): 18 U.S.C. 641 (theft of government property).

February 1978. L. Ron Hubbard was sentenced in absentia by the Paris Tribunal to four years in prison and fined \$7,300 for fraud. Hubbard and three other Scientologists were convicted of making fraudulent claims that physical cures and professional success can be achieved through Scientology.

August 1978. A Federal Grand Jury returned indictments of 11 top Scientology leaders on a total of 216 counts.

October 1978. The United States Supreme Court let stand a ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court that Scientology is not a religion and its property, therefore, is subject to taxation. The Missouri Court's reasoning in its decision was that Scientology is only applied philosophy "that has religious connotations and falls short of being devoted to worship of a supreme being...."

October 1978. U. S. District Judge Ben Krentzman ruled that a Scientology suit against Gabriel Cazares was frivolous, unreasonable, and groundless and concluded that an award of attorneys' fees as part of the costs was appropriate. The Scientologists were ordered to pay \$36,000.

May 1979. The Scientologists acquired the West Coast Building and one other property on Fort Harrison Avenue, Clearwater's historic main street, thereby removing four major properties in Downtown Clearwater from the tax rolls, since the cult refuses to pay taxes. Clearwater thus becomes the first American city whose major properties on its main street are controlled by a cult.

June 1979. A legal defense fund was established to aid John and Nan McLean who were sued by the Scientologists in 1976, after they spoke to Clearwater and Pinellas County officials and members of the State Attorney's and Governor's Staffs.