

DECLARATION OF THOMAS DE MOVAL ARMISTEAD

I, Thomas De Moval Armistead, am over the age of 18, and if called to the stand, and under sworn oath, I could competantly testify as follows:

1. I first became involved with Scientology in 1967, in East Grinstead Sussex, England. In 1968, I joined staff with the World Wide Organization at Saint Hill, England. I worked in several different capacities and ended up in the Franchise Office, a branch of the Church of Scientology World Wide. In approximately 1974, I left the Franchise Office to participate in a Church sponsored musical group for approximately nine months. I then engaged in Scientology training and processing as a parishioner, except for a brief period when I worked for the Hubbard College of Scientology as a part time staff auditor. I returned to the United States in 1976 and soon thereafter continued my participation in the Church of Scientology, taking courses at the Church of Scientology ASHO Foundation. I then worked as a volunteer for the Guardian's Office Social Coordination Bureau for a period of approximately five years.

2. In or about the first part of September 1983, I received a call from Brad Ballentine, who at that time was working for the Church of Scientology, in Special Activities, to the best of my knowledge. During this phone conversation with Brad he asked me to meet with him, to which I agreed. A few days later we met at a restaruant in Los Angeles called "Eating High". Also at that meeting was one of Brad's juniors, a gentleman by the name of Jeff. I do not recall his last name at this point in time.

3. The two of them explained to me that the Riverside Mission

had splintered, a fact that I was already aware of, and that they needed someone to go into the mission to find out what was going on there. Then they asked if I had an interest in doing this for them. Being that I was interested, for my own sake, in what was happening at the Riverside Mission, I agreed to do so. They further explained that I would go in on the pretense that I was a Scientologist who was confused and in doubt about the current situation within Scientology and that I wanted some information. They instructed me to go to the Riverside Mission to try to buddy up with Bent Corydon and find out whatever information I could, specifically in regards to their legal situation and strategy. Jeff did say that in regards to their legal case, I was not to influence them or give them advise, but merely encourage conversation on the subject in hopes that Bent would divulge some vital information.

4. Shortly after the meeting with Brad Ballentine and Jeff, I was taken to the Mission and introduced to Bent Corydon by a girl who was known at the Riverside Mission, and at that time was trusted. I then proceeded to do as instructed. The impression I got from the meeting with Brad and Jeff was that this project was to consist of only a few trips into the Mission, but I later learned that this was not to be the case.

5. On or about September 15, 1983, I received a call from Jeff who was wanting to set up a time in which we could get back together. On the 18th I called Jeff to set up the time to meet. On the 19th Jeff called and wanted me to once again go into the Mission, to speak with Bent and to get copies of documents that I had told them about. On Thursday, September 22nd, I went to the Mission and spoke with Jeanne Hansen and Eilleen Wimbush. I managed to get the docu-

ments that Jeff requested, which I provided to him. One document that I recall copying was the Jim Dincalci debrief.

6. Once again, on or about the 11th or 12th of October, 1983, I was sent to the Mission to get copies of documents that Jeff requested. I was able to get them and I mailed them to Brad, as requested.

7. Starting sometime in late October 1983, I noticed that my intended function was beginning to change from just listen and observe, to actually doing things, such as the obtaining of documents as I mentioned earlier. Also as I mentioned previously I began to realize that this mission was not going to be a short project of going in once or twice. During this time and up to the end of the project, I was asked to visit the Mission at least once or twice a week.

8. An escalation of the project occurred again towards the end of 1983 when Jeff was called to another area, or at least that is what I was told. Upon Jeff's departure, the project was turned over to a gentleman named Paul. I do not recall his last name. Paul's attitude towards the project seemed to be considerably less cautious and requests to do things which were designed to sabotage the Riverside Mission began coming my way. He seemed very dedicated to find some way of closing the Mission, as his requests of me seemed to demonstrate. This attitude was even more prevalent after the release of L. Ron Hubbards "Ron's Journal 38", which was designed to dissuade people from joining the independent centers. He told me that the "RJ-38" tape would handle the majority of the people and that his office would pick up the pieces.

9. On or about March 5, 1984, Paul told me of a project that

had been started against the Riverside Mission, which I was to be made a part of. He told me that they planned to wipe out the Mission financially by swamping them with small claims court actions, for the return of donations. He said that this project, referring to the project that I had been involved in and the attempt to destroy the Riverside Center would be over soon, as they were going to close the Center within 90 days with the small claims actions. He said that the project was also designed to "Cave-in" (a Scientology term meaning to destroy someone emotionally) Marc Chacon, as they knew he was the only one working on the lawsuit and that by overworking him it would cause him to leave the center.

10. Paul told me that I was to visit the Center on various occasions, locate Marc, and start making the following comments: Do you see any light at the end of the tunnel; You're not looking very good, you seem tired; don't you hate getting up so early for court; to point out that he was overworked and underpaid. I did call on Marc several times regarding the small claims suits.

11. On one particular occasion Marc Chacon made a comment to the effect that he hated getting up in the morning. When I reported this to Paul, his response was "He hasn't seen anything yet. We have discovered over a \$100,000.00 in potential refunds and we are going to hit them hard." He said that Marc Chacon was having to handle all of them and that he is wearing down. He wanted me to suggest to Marc that perhaps there were many more suits coming. He went on to say that within a short period of time, we should have Marc Chacon out of there, referring to the Mission, he would be caved-in. Paul also said that this project should be over soon, as we will have the

Riverside Mission closed down very rapidly.

12. I also recall Paul saying that they were going to send in a big guy to harrass Marc, by serving him at inoportune times, as well as at home. He said that this guy used to be the ethics officer at the Mission.

13. On March 9, 1984, Paul called and instructed me to start hitting Marc Chachon on his family life. I was to tell him things like: Isn't it hard to support a family; isn't your wife angry that she has to support you; is she getting upset over the fact that you spend so much time at the mission and that you get paid so little. I was also to ask Marc what his wife thought about the divergence of the Mission and the fact that Marc was attacking L. Ron Hubbard.

14. It was about this time that Paul really began to harp on me to find out the Riverside Center's strategy in regards to the lawsuit. I was to question both Marc Chacon and Bent Corydon on how the case was going. He was referring to the Superior Court case, not the small claims actions. Almost every time he called, which was about two or three times a week, he asked me about their plans and despite any disagreement in regards to getting involved with their legal case, he refused to take no for an answer and insisted that I get him the information he wanted. At this point I told Paul that when I first came onto the project, Brad Ballentine and Jeff didn't want me to get involved with their legal strategy. His response was that I was not to influence or advise, but merely encourage conversation in regards to their legal strategy.

15. At one point, during the time the special unit was harassing Marc Chacon and the Mission with the small claims suits, I at-

tempted to call Paul at his office but since he was not in I left a message with the girl who had answered the phone. When Paul found out that I had left a message with someone else, he was upset that I had risked his security that way. He said the person you left a message with could have been an FBI or an IRS agent and instructed me to never do it again. During one of my subsequent visits to Los Angeles to meet with Paul, Paul pointed out a girl to me and said that she was the one you left the message with, she works for me. He told me that she was the one who was going to small claims court each day and that she was the one who was reporting back on how Marc Chacon was looking. On another occasion, Paul told me "You should have seen how bad Marc Chacon looked in court today".

16. During the phone conversation with Paul on March 5, 1984, He, in addition to the attack on Marc Chacon, wanted me to befriend Jeanne Hansen and get involved in the Starway Program with her. This was a result of some intelligence I gave Paul regarding Jeanne, that Peter Green had given a talk on the Starway Program and that she was involved. I was to join Starway and then get Jeanne to have Starway meetings during times that the Mission needed her the most. I was to then point out how much better Starway was than working at the Mission. This was intended to estrange her from the Mission, thus putting the Mission in a bad position. One thing Paul said after I had informed him about Jeanne's involvement with Starway, was that I was that I was to do nothing until he got approval for this program from the higher ups. It was after that, that he instructed me on what to do.

17. During one of my conversations with Jeanne Hansen I asked her what condition the Mission's finances were in, which was one of

the main subjects I was to get information on. In her response she mentioned something about making payments on the parking lot and of course some other things. When I reported back to Paul he was extremely interested in the parking lot. He said "I bet that the Mission has to have the parking lot in order to legally operate the Church" and that he was going to look into the parking lot as they, meaning special activities, could possibly gain control of the parking lot thus prevent them from operating out of the building. He said never to mention the parking lot to the people at the Riverside Mission again. I have no idea what became of his looking into the parking lot.

18. Another of the assignments that Paul gave me was to get him a floor plan of the Mission. When I did so and presented it to him he commented that this was just the public areas. He said that he wanted to know where Bent's office was in respect of the front of the building and where the people that were staying at the Mission were located. He said that he knew that there were people staying at the Mission because there were cars parked in the lot over night. I explained to him that I did not know the building very well, that when I went up to Bent's office I was led there and that I was not able to tell him where it was. I went on to say that he certainly could contact people that had worked at the Center before and that they could tell him what he wanted to know, to which he responded something to the effect of, Oh that's right and stopping asking me for additions to the map.

19. Toward the end of my involvement on the project Paul told me that Bent Corydon's wife, Mary Corydon, had told her sister-in-

law that Bent was going to New Zealand and that the sister-in-law had in turn told her friend. It was her friend that had contacted a Scientology Organization and informed them that Bent was going to New Zealand. Paul then said that they had gotten someone to call Bent and make an offer he couldn't refuse to get him to Denmark and that they would have a surprise waiting for him at the airport.

20. That very next Sunday I talked with Paul and he asked me if I knew when Bent was leaving. I told him that Bent had already left. At this Paul exploded, saying that this could not be possible. He said, "Now keep this under your hat. We have two investigators trailing Bent" and "He is still driving his car and he is still at home". I told him that I was sure that Bent had already left for New Zealand. He said that he would look into it.

21. Later that Sunday, Paul called me again and asked that I call Bent at his house to see if he was in fact gone. I refused to do so, as I knew that he had already left. Again he became furious and hung up. Again that afternoon, Paul called to tell me that I was right, and that the private investigators had determined that the car they were following was not being driven by Bent. He later told me that he had fired the two private investigators.

22. At one of our meetings, Paul handed me a sheaf of crisp, unfolded issues entitled "Smash the Squirrels". He said these were published by unknown persons in the field who hated squirrels. However, I got the definite impression that he was more involved in their production than he wished to say publicly.

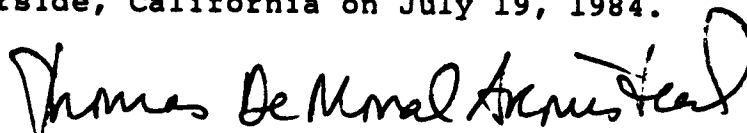
23. I know that there were numerous things that Paul had asked me to do during the 4 or 5 months I was working with him, but the above examples are a few I distinctly remember, either because they



stand out as being offensive to me at this point or I had made notes in my appointment book which I used to recount many of the dates and exact requests. I do know that Paul called me at least two to three times a week and every time we spoke he would ask me about the same four subjects: the small claims court proceedings and how Marc Chacon was reacting, the Superior Court case and any strategy that I had uncovered, the condition of the Mission finances and finally the names of any new person that came to the Mission. I do remember telling him that Neville Glazier, Ronny D'Armon, Hannie Arink, Roger Sorokin, and a couple from Orange County, whose names slip my mind at this point, all had come to the Mission.

24. My involvement with the project ended on April 25th, 1984, when Ken Hoden also of the Special Activities Unit told me that I was off the project.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct. Executed in Riverside, California on July 19, 1984.

  
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