

**GERALD ARMSTRONG**

Gerry Armstrong is a former archivist for the Church of Scientology of California who, as part of his duties, was entrusted with the care of thousands of pages of personal records belonging to L. Ron Hubbard. In December 1981, Armstrong left the Church, and took with him over 10,000 pages of records belonging to Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Hubbard and the Church, including over 5,000 pages of original documents for which no copy was left behind. Armstrong then turned those documents over to attorneys representing plaintiffs suing the Church and the Hubbards in spurious civil damages actions. The Church and Mrs. Hubbard filed suit in August 1982 to obtain the return of the stolen documents, and Armstrong was required to surrender all copies of the stolen records to the Los Angeles Superior Court for safekeeping while the action was litigated. In June 1984, following a six week trial in which the Court allowed Armstrong to enter several thousand pages of the stolen documents into evidence as support for his "state of mind," the Court ruled that the Church and Mrs. Hubbard had proven their cases against Armstrong for civil theft of the documents, for breach of his fiduciary duties, and for invasion of Mrs. Hubbard's privacy. However, in a decision which is still on appeal, the Court also ruled that Armstrong was justified in his actions by his fear of potential harm from the Church.

In August 1984, Armstrong began conspiring with staff members of the Church whom he believed to be disaffected with Church management. Armstrong's goal was to overthrow existing Church management and to set up in its place a new set of Church executives who would settle all of the civil damages suits brought against the Church by the attorneys representing Armstrong. Armstrong's actions were directed by attorney Michael J. Flynn as well as Los Angeles Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Division special agent Alan Lipkin. His plans included planting forged incriminating documents in Church files, to be discovered by a government raid, and blackmailing a senior Scientologist executive through attempted sexual entrapment. Armstrong's plans also included the filing of a civil damages suit against Church management and, when the Church staff member with whom he was plotting stated that they did not have the evidence needed for such a suit, Armstrong told the staff member to, "just allege it." However, unknown to Armstrong, the staff members with whom he was conspiring were not actually opposed to Church management, and much of his plotting was videotaped. (See Declarations of John G. Peterson page 4 and Earle C. Cooley page 12.

In March and April 1985, Armstrong testified at the trial of the civil action brought against the Church of

Scientology in Portland, Oregon by Julie Christofferson. During that trial, the videotapes of Armstrong's abortive conspiracy were made public. Also obtained from Armstrong's fellow "conspirators" during that period of time were copies of various "literary" writings authored by Armstrong, none of which more clearly demonstrated his state of mind than a document now known as the "pig letter," in which Armstrong purported to describe a dream. (See letter, page 31.)

In December 1986, the Church entered into a settlement agreement with Armstrong's attorneys in which all of the cases brought by those attorneys, including Armstrong's cross-complaint against the Church of Scientology of California and Mrs. Hubbard, were settled. (The sole exception to this was the suit brought against Armstrong, which remained pending on appeal.) One of the conditions of that settlement was that Armstrong and his counsel surrender all of the documents in their possession pertaining to the Church or the Hubbards. When they did so, copies of the documents which Armstrong had stolen from the Church in December 1981 were provided, demonstrating that Armstrong had perjured himself numerous times throughout the history of the litigation when he had asserted that all such copies were surrendered to the court. (See Declaration of Kenneth D. Long, page 33.)

#### ALLEGATION:

Church management is corrupt, and commits actions such as blackmail and extortion through the use of confidential pastoral counseling information.

#### TRUE INFORMATION:

Armstrong admitted as part of the December 1986 settlement of his case that the actions of the Church from which his disagreements stemmed had all been committed by the Guardian's Office, a branch of the Church which was completely cleaned up by present Church management. (See Declaration of Gerald Armstrong, page 36.)

#### ALLEGATION:

L. Ron Hubbard lied about his background and history, including his record in World War II.

#### TRUE INFORMATION:

Armstrong had no formal training on biographical research, and never attempted obtain any such training. He did not go to government agencies or the Naval Historical Center for records regarding Mr. Hubbard or



the ships on which Mr. Hubbard served in WW II. As a result, he had to testify "I stand corrected" when shown evidence from such sources regarding Mr. Hubbard's command of a squadron of corvettes during WW II - **page 38.**)

Mr. Hubbard's record, because of his assignment to Naval Intelligence, has been "sheep dipped," meaning that multiple copies of his service record have been created, many of which are false, in order to facilitate his duties. (See Declaration of L. Fletcher Prouty, **page 48.**)

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