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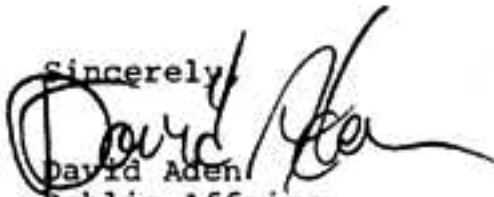
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Dear David,

Enclosed is the press release and the documents which were released. Of particular interest is the affidavit of Ala Tamimi which is part way through the package. It gives the best, most detailed description of the conspiracy. The private investigator on the case, Gene Ingram, has verified - or other investigators have verified - all of the details of this affidavit which could be verified. He can explain how this was done very easily and simply.

He also has generally the best command of the information and materials related to this investigation.*

I'll look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

David Aden
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*In particular the details of the organized crime involvement although as mentioned the names of the people involved are not being released at this time (although this information has been turned over to Federal authorities).

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UNION WHARF ATTORNEYS LINKED TO BOSTON UNDERWORLD IN PLOT TO LOOT HUBBARD ESTATE

BOSTON - Two Boston attorneys with ties to organized crime tried to loot the personal estate of New York Times list best selling author L. Ron Hubbard and blame it on the Church of Scientology according to documents released today by Church President Heber Jentzsch and Los Angeles private investigator Gene Ingram.

The conspiracy hinged on a counterfeit \$2 million dollar check that was drawn on Hubbard's account at the Bank of New England and later used in the sensationalized Riverside, Calif., probate case in an aborted attempt to seize control of the legendary writer's estate. Hubbard's business managers stopped payment on the check before it was cashed.

According to documented eyewitness accounts filed in a Los Angeles Federal District Court, Boston attorneys Michael Flynn and

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Wayne Hollingsworth conspired with Boston underworld figures to counterfeit and pass the check two years ago. Flynn subsequently used his own felony to initiate the sensationalized 1982 probate case brought by Hubbard's estranged son Ronald E. DeWolf in Riverside. Flynn argued that the attempted forgery was proof that the best selling author's estate was in jeopardy and should be seized. Flynn blamed the Scientologists "to divert attention from himself," the documents state.

The attempt failed, however, when the court threw Flynn's case out and ordered DeWolf, a 50 year old Nevada apartment house manager, to pay all costs. Flynn was found in contempt of court during the proceeding for violating court instructions.

"COMMON CRIMINALS"

To finance his attack, Flynn created Flynn Associates Management Corporation (FAMCO) in Boston and tried to sell shares on the promise that profit would be made by capturing Hubbard's estate through a series of frivolous suits, by generating so much "adverse publicity" against Scientology and Hubbard that the church would be forced to settle for millions of dollars. The forgery and probate scheme was but one part of Flynn's conspiracy now in the hands of several federal agencies.

Investigator Ingram along with a team of other private detectives was hired to find the conspiracy.

According to the declaration filed in federal court, "portions of evidence, some recently uncovered" reveal the "evil motivation" of FAMCO and its agents and the "common criminals engaged in a vicious attack upon Freedom of Religion" with "every conceivable type of misrepresentation and accusation."

The plot was revealed in papers filed in a suit brought by Steve Miller against Flynn's brother Kevin and FAMCO in Los Angeles Central District Court for violating the civil rights of Scientologist Steve Miller of Los Angeles. Michael Flynn is an officer and director of FAMCO.

After gaining access to the Bank of New England where Hubbard had an account, Flynn illegally obtained sample checks and then hired Ala Tamimi, a known forger residing in Boston, to counterfeit and forge a \$2 million dollar check on Hubbard's account at the Bank of New England in Boston.

The same Bank of New England is currently the center of another \$2 million forgery case where a contact inside the bank made confidential information available to a disbarred Boston area attorney who fraudulently purchased gems for the stolen cash from a Chicago dealer.

FLYNN PROMISED \$400,000

In a signed, fingerprinted and notarized declaration given in Italy to Ingram and witnessed by his attorney, now in the possession of federal prosecutors Ala Tamimi related how Flynn had promised him \$400,000 to pass the check and transfer the \$2 million from the account of the legendary writer to an overseas account that Flynn would later designate. Tamimi then used his brother Akil to try and cash the forged check in New York.

According to his own sworn statement, also in Federal hands, Akil was very nervous during his visit to the bank, failed to produce proper identification papers, and left the \$2 million check at the bank saying he would return with proper identification the following day.

Flynn's plot was thwarted when Akil panicked and failed to return. Meanwhile, Hubbard's business managers in Los Angeles learned about the check and quickly alerted the bank to stop payment. Ala Tamimi fled the country while his brother Akil disappeared into Maine with the help of one of Flynn's men, according to the filed affidavit.

Flynn later used his aborted plan to file the California probate petition with DeWolf in 1982. Flynn tried to put the blame for his felony on Scientologists and claimed that the crime proved that Hubbard's estate should be seized by the court in order to allegedly

protect it from Scientologists.

According to Rev. Jentzsch the affidavits "are but one small part of the evidence collected. We have eyewitnesses, documents and photographs that leave not one shred of doubt."

The declaration was filed in response to an attempt by Flynn's brother Kevin to halt a court-approved inquiry into the financial transactions of FAMCO and Blossoms, a Washington D.C. restaurant owned by Kevin Flynn. Miller's attorney Donald Randolph stated in his declaration that Kevin Flynn's motives in "seeking to prevent discovery of his fraudulent and criminal activities" were "transparent and understandable. He does not wish to have this information discovered as it may well subject him to severe penalties."

According to the filed declaration Kevin Flynn had illegally obtained a loan from the Small Business Administration "with fraudulent misrepresentations and misleading information designed to prevent the government agencies involved from obtaining the truth" about the restaurant and his activities with Michael Flynn.

\$100,000 REWARD

The investigation of the criminal conspiracy to loot Hubbard's estate was initiated earlier this year with a series of full page ads placed by Ingram in a number of national newspapers including The New York Times, The Boston Globe and the Wall Street Journal offering

a \$100,000 reward for information about the forged check. Private investigators operating in four countries finally uncovered Flynn's conspiracy.

Ala Tamimi's participation in the conspriacy was enlisted by Boston lawyer Wayne Hollingsworth, who works with Flynn. According to Tamimi's sworn declaration, he was at the office of his attorney, Gary Pappas, at Union Wharf, where Flynn also resides, when he met Hollingsworth.

According to Tamimi, Hollingsworth said he had worked for the FBI and had "many friends in the federal government" and "knew all the FBI agents in Boston". Hollingsworth related how Tamimi's other brother Amer had incurred a \$40,000 gambling debt to underworld figures in Boston several weeks before, and had not paid anything. Amer was a student at Northeastern University at the time.

"THEY CAN BREAK LEGS"

"The boys in town are very mad and they can break legs," Hollingsworth told Tamimi, according to the declaration.

In return for his help, Tamimi was told, his brother's debt would be cancelled, plus Tamimi stood to gain 20 percent of a "deal" which Hollingsworth said would be worth \$2 million or more.

After a meeting at the Howard Johnson's restaurant on Boylston Street where further arrangements were made, Tamimi met Flynn for breakfast at the Colonnade Hotel. Two other men were present at the

meeting, according to the declaration, and Flynn took the opportunity to threaten Tamimi. According to Tamimi's declaration, Flynn warned that Tamimi's family would be in grave danger if Tamimi did not follow through with his end of the bargain.

According to Tamimi's sworn declaration, Flynn told him, "Do not f--k us because you have a brother and son in Boston'."

In describing the course of the intensive six month inquiry, Jentzsch said that church investigators had traced the path of the conspiracy through more than a dozen cities, from Boston and New York to Clearwater, Florida, the Cayman Islands and finally to Italy and Dubai and Sharhah in the United Arab Emirates. "The documentation is explicit and complete," he added. "We have corroborative witnesses and documents including photographs that completely verify the criminal conspiracy."

BREAKTHROUGH

A breakthrough came when Ingram located Ala Tamimi and his brother Akil overseas.

Tamimi is currently imprisoned in Italy where he is awaiting extradition to the United States. Tamimi had jumped a \$500,000 bail on a fraud charge and was the subject of a U.S. warrant. The American consulate notified the FBI who requested Tamimi's extradition to the United States. After five weeks of bureaucratic entanglement, Tamimi's attorneys were able to obtain approval from the Ministry of Justice for Ingram to visit Tamimi in the prison.

Faced with the possibility of an additional federal indictment and lengthy legal proceedings in Italy and the United States, Tamimi agreed to detail his involvement with the hope that cooperation would lessen the charges against him in the United States.

The investigator agreed that in exchange for TAMIMI's full disclosure of the details of the crime, including the names of the persons involved in the conspiracy, that they would request leniency from the American authorities and provide financial assistance for both the current and anticipated costs and attorneys fees that would be incurred.

Every detail in Tamimi's account was fully corroborated by independent investigation in the United States.

Rev. Jentzsch stated, "A portion of the results of the international inquiry were made available to Randolph and his client when Kevin Flynn had attacked the church in the case. The links to organized crime have also been given to the federal prosecutors."

"We have the proof that the entire probate case was not only a fraud and a scam but based on a felony," Rev. Jentzsch stated. "Flynn is a criminal who will stop at nothing to make a buck. He is worse than immoral, he is amoral. He has defrauded not only the courts but the media and even his own clients for his personal greed."

"MAKE MY DAY"

When asked if he expected Flynn to respond with a libel suit, Rev. Jentzsch said, "Flynn cannot afford to answer these charges under

oath. His life cannot survive scrutiny. So give him this message: Go ahead, make my day."

Rev. Jentzsch stated that the church is continuing its investigation into "other crimes" uncovered during the two year probe.