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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 23 1977

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FROM : Benjamin R. Civiletti
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Request for Interview of Dr. Margaret Singer, Berkeley, California

On May 18, 1977, representatives of the Criminal Division met with [redacted] a professor at the University of Washington; [redacted] Yale Divinity School; Dr. Margaret Singer, Berkeley, California and Representatives [redacted] and [redacted] to discuss allegations of brainwashing and mind control as they relate to religious sects. During the meeting, Dr. Margaret Singer advised that she had interviewed persons associated with religious sects that had information concerning the imposition of physical restraints on members and associates of certain religious sects. Because we were not able to obtain additional information from Dr. Singer during the meeting, it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation interview her regarding this information for the purpose of obtaining the names and addresses of individuals who were physically restrained by religious sects or were present and observed such restraints being placed on others by religious sects. It is also suggested that Dr. Singer be requested to provide any information she may have concerning the interstate transportation of any persons who were physically restrained. For your information, Dr. Singer consented, at the meeting, to such an interview.

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Please provide the results of the interview to the Criminal Division for review so that a determination can be made as to whether additional interviews are needed.

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To: SAC, San Francisco

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From: Director, FBI

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
~~RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING~~ -
KIDNAPING MATTERS

Enclosed are two copies of a Department of Justice memorandum which is self-explanatory.

San Francisco (SF) should review your file 105-15261 prior to this interview. Also, Dr. Singer is mentioned in the Patty Hearst Kidnaping case, but a review of pertinent serials indicate that this reference relates solely to her apparent expertise in the brainwashing or mind control field.

SF should expeditiously conduct this interview and furnish results via cover LHM and FD-302, to facilitate dissemination to the Department.

Enclosures - 2

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NOTE: This is to instruct SF to conduct interview of Dr. Singer as requested by the Department in memorandum dated 5/23/77. Results of file review at FBIHQ noted above.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (C)

SUBJECT: Dr. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTERS
OO: San Francisco

Re Bureau airtel to San Francisco, 6/1/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for Albuquerque, Boston, Los Angeles, New Haven, New York, Phoenix, Portland and San Diego are two (2) copies of same LHM. The LHM is being furnished to the above offices for their information in the event that the Criminal Division of the Justice Department requests further investigation in this matter.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted at San Francisco until further instructions are received from the Criminal Division of the Justice Department.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

June 27, 1977

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTERS

In a letter dated May 23, 1977, addressed to "The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation", Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised as follows:

On May 18, 1977, representatives of the Criminal Division met with [redacted] a professor at the University of Washington; [redacted] Yale Divinity School; Dr. Margaret Singer, Berkeley, California, and representatives [redacted] and [redacted] to discuss allegations of brainwashing and mind control as they relate to religious sects. During the meeting, Dr. Margaret Singer advised that she had interviewed persons associated with religious sects that had information concerning the imposition of physical restraints on members and associates of certain religious sects. Because we were not able to obtain additional information from Dr. Singer during the meeting, it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation interview her regarding this information for the purpose of obtaining the names and addresses of individuals who were physically restrained by religious sects, or were present and observed such restraints being placed on others by religious sects. It is also suggested that Dr. Singer be requested to provide any information she may have concerning the interstate transportation of any persons who were physically restrained.

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The following are the results of the interview of Dr. Margaret Singer:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription June 27, 1977

Dr. MARGARET THALER SINGER, 17 El Camino Real, Berkeley, Ca. advised that she is a Professor of Psychology at the University of California at Berkeley (UCB), and the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and has been thus employed since 1958. Furthermore, Dr. SINGER advised that she obtained her Ph.D. degree in Psychology at the University of Denver in 1952.

Dr. SINGER further stated that she has been interested in "brainwashing" techniques and the effects of "brainwashing" since her service in the United States Army at the Walter Reed Army Hospital during the early 1950s, immediately following the Korean war. Dr. SINGER stated that she did a five-year "follow-up" study on the "brainwashed GIs" who had been prisoners of the Koreans during that war. Dr. SINGER stated that she has been studying the subject of "brainwashing" for over the past 25 years.

Dr. SINGER further stated that she has been interested in "brainwashing" by the so-called "religious sects" since approximately 1970. Since that time, according to Dr. SINGER, she has interviewed numerous persons who were members or had been members of such religious sects as the Unification Church, members who are commonly known as "Moonies", Hare Krishna and the Church of Scientology.

Dr. SINGER advised that during the course of her study on the religious sects, she has interviewed numerous persons who have told her of incidences wherein which persons were physically restrained or taken away to other parts of the country and even to Vancouver, British Columbia, against their will. However, Dr. SINGER advised that she did not record in her conversations with those persons which involved specific incidences of criminal activity such as kidnaping, fraud, theft, etc., because she was more interested in the "psychological and sociological coercion" techniques used by the various sects. However, Dr. SINGER stated that she would provide a list of persons who have firsthand knowledge concerning actual physical abduction, fraud or other

Interviewed on 6/23/77 at Berkeley, California File # SF 7-1014

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b7C Date dictated 6/24/77

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criminal activities perpetrated by members or leaders of various sects.

Furthermore, Dr. SINGER advised that the "Moonies" practice a program of "brainwashing" new members in a similar manner as practiced by the Koreans on the American prisoners of war during the Korean war. In other words, according to Dr. SINGER, the "Moonies" have practiced:

1) Sleep deprivation.

2) Low protein diet.

3) Isolation of new members from each other.

4) "Oral sharing" in which new members "confess their sins" before others in the sect.

For example, Dr. SINGER pointed out that if a young person is "invited for dinner" at the local "Moonie" house, which is located in Berkeley, California, at 2717 Hearst Street, he is requested to sign what appears to be a "guest registration card". However, according to Dr. SINGER, the "guest registration card" is actually folded in half to conceal words to the effect that the young person is "voluntarily joining" the Unification Church. This card bearing the young person's signature is, according to Dr. SINGER, then shown to inquiring friends and relatives to prove that the young person has "voluntarily joined" the Unification Church.

Furthermore, according to Dr. SINGER, during the dinner the young person is subjected to the "peanut-butter-jelly position" in which new members are separated from each other at the dinner table during conversations by the older members. Then, according to Dr. SINGER, the young person is taken to the "Moonie" ranch which is located in Booneville, California, an isolated area in Northern California. Dr. SINGER advised that during the ride to Booneville, the young person is kept awake by continued chanting (sleep deprivation). When the young person, according to Dr. SINGER, finally arrives at the "Moonie" ranch, he is placed on a low protein diet and isolated from other new members by the older members of the sect. According to Dr. SINGER, the new members are encouraged to join in "oral sharing", which is in effect, according to Dr. SINGER, "confessing their sins" in front of the other members of the sect.

Furthermore, Dr. SINGER advised that in one of her interviews a former "Moonie" told her that at the Booneville ranch there was a "on and off" switch located in the office to the pay telephone located at the ranch. Dr. SINGER advised that during this interview the fomer "Moonie" told her that if a new member wanted to make a telephone call to his parents or friends he would have free access to the pay telephone; however, when he placed his money into the pay telephone, the telephone was "switched off" in the office, resulting in a "dead line".

As mentioned previously, Dr. SINGER stated that she has interviewed numerous persons against whom crimes such as kidnaping, fraud and theft were committed; however, she did not record the specific instances or circumstances of those crimes. However, Dr. SINGER furnished the following list of persons who she stated could provide first-hand knowledge, including specific individuals, incidences and circumstances in which criminal activity occurred:

1) [redacted]

2) [redacted] b7C

3) [redacted]

10) [redacted]

11) [redacted]

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12) [redacted]

13) [redacted]

Dr. SINGER advised that [redacted] b7C who is currently in jail in the Denver area on unknown charges; however, according to Dr. SINGER, [redacted] has information concerning certain allegations of kidnaping, theft, fraud, etc., perpetrated by a religious sect.

14) [redacted]

15) [redacted]

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In conclusion, Dr. SINGER advised that she would be more alert in the future when conducting her interviews of members or former members of religious sects in that she would obtain specific incidences such as the date, time, place and circumstances of alleged criminal activities by these sects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 18, 1977

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FROM : Benjamin R. Civiletti
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Allegations of "Brainwashing" by ~~Various~~ Religious Sects

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated June 27, 1977, at San Francisco and captioned Dr. Margaret Singer; Religious Sect Brainwashing-Kidnaping Matters.

As you know, the Department has received numerous inquiries from Congress and from citizens, expressing concern that members of certain religious sects are the victims of "brainwashing," "mind control" or "mental kidnaping" by leaders of these groups. Consideration has been given to the possibility that the imposition of mental restraints upon the freedom or movement of religious sect members might constitute a violation of the Federal kidnaping statute. However, we have concluded that a prosecution under the Federal kidnaping statute could not be sustained based on evidence that an adult of normal intelligence had been "brainwashed" by a religious sect and subsequently transported across state lines.

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It has been our experience, based on FBI interviews of former sect members and parents of sect members, that members are not and have not been restrained from leaving the sect if they choose to do so. In a meeting on May 18, 1977, with representatives of the Criminal Division, Dr. Singer said she could furnish the names of individuals who were physically restrained by religious sects, or who were present and observed such restraints being placed on others. In her interview of June 23, 1977, Dr. Singer furnished the names of 18 individuals who may have such information.

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It is requested that the Bureau interview each of these individuals to determine:

(1) if the individual was actually physically restrained by any religious sect, or

(2) if the individual was actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect.

These interviews should be strictly limited to this area of inquiry, and it should be made clear to these individuals that the FBI is not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group.

Please direct your response to the General Crimes Section.

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7/21/77

To: SACs, Albuquerque
Boston
Los Angeles
New Haven
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Portland
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From: Director, FBI

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DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 6/27/77, captioned as above.

Enclosed for receiving offices is a copy of Department of Justice memorandum dated July 18, 1977.

Referenced San Francisco airtel furnished a list of individuals supposedly in possession of information concerning the interstate transportation of persons who were physically restrained by members of certain religious sects.

The enclosed Departmental memorandum requests that these individuals be interviewed and asked two specific questions set out on page two of this memorandum .

Receiving offices are therefore requested to conduct these interviews of individuals who were identified as residing within their Divisions. The interviews should be limited strictly to the two questions posed by the Department; however, if positive information is furnished, facts concerning times, places, and names of individuals viewed being physically restrained should be obtained. 7-17-78- X4

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Airtel to SACs, AQ, BS, LA, MH, PX, NY, PD, SD & SF
Re: DR. MARGARET SIGNER;

Interview information obtained should be furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Date: 8/3/77

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: [redacted] SAC, NEW HAVEN (7-511) (P)

SUBJECT: MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re Bureau airtel to New Haven dated 7/21/77.

On 7/30/77, [redacted] advised that [redacted] and that he was presently enroute from California to Stamford, CT. [redacted] did not know when [redacted] would arrive in Stamford explaining it could be two weeks to six months and that he had no present contact [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] became involved [redacted] who joined one of the religious sects which [redacted] could not identify. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was in Berkeley, California and that [redacted] made many efforts to have her released from this particular sect. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] he believed, [redacted] because of his activities in this regard.

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on 8/8/77, [illegible] advised no [illegible] to be [illegible]

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[redacted] felt that [redacted] would have a wealth of information to furnish the FBI relative to captioned matter. [redacted] further pointed out that he was not sure whether [redacted] was involved in any transgressions of the law for which [redacted] is presently incarcerated. [redacted] inquired that prior to interviewing [redacted], would it be possible for the FBI to grant him immunity from prosecution in the event he furnished information to the FBI which indicated that he had in fact violated local, state or federal statutes.

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The Bureau is requested to make the above information known to the department for an opinion prior to New Haven interviewing [redacted]

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8/8/77

To: SACs, New Haven (7-511)
San Francisco

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From: Director, FBI

MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER
OO: SF

Re New Haven (NH) airtel to the Bureau dated 8/3/77.

On 8/8/77, Department of Justice Attorney Roger Cubbage was contacted concerning the possible granting of immunity to [redacted] prior to interviewing him. Mr. Cubbage stated that no immunity of any kind would be granted [redacted] and that he should only be asked to voluntarily furnish any information he has in regard to Department of Justice questions set out in Buairtel dated 7/21/77.

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NH should conduct interview of [redacted] and furnish results to FBIHQ in a form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/9/77

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (7-1927)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
Religious Sect Brainwashing -
Kidnaping Matter
OO: San Francisco

Reference Bureau airtel dated 7/21/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM and one copy enclosed for San Francisco.

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] b7C
[redacted] at Santa Barbara, California.

No further investigation is being conducted unless further instructions are received from the Criminal Division of the Justice Department.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
August 9, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER

[redacted] Westmont College, 955 La Paz Road, Santa Barabara, California, advised on July 29, 1977 that [redacted]

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He said he has no first hand knowledge of individuals who were actually physically restrained by any religious sect nor was he actually present to observe any such person being restrained by a religious sect.

He said the person most knowledgeable of physical restraint practiced by religious sects is [redacted]

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He remarked that as the result of his research, he investigated the case of [redacted]

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who was once a member of Hara Krishna. He said that he interviewed this girl at length in September 1976 and obtained a signed statement from her, relating that she had been restrained by Hara Krishna, had been placed under guard

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by the sect and had been moved around the country, prior to her escape. He remarked that the story of this girl was well known and had been featured in the Los Angeles Times in the recent past.

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Date 8/16/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (7-608) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER (7D)
(OO: San Francisco)

Re San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/27/77; and Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, et al, dated 7/21/77.

Reference is further made to the LHM contained as enclosure to San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/27/77. Page 4 of that LHM sets forth the name of [redacted] as a person included on a list of those who reportedly could provide firsthand knowledge of instances in which criminal activity occurred.

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Referenced Bureau airtel instructed that [redacted] be interviewed and that she be asked two specific questions at the request of the Department of Justice.

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After several unsuccessful efforts to locate anyone at the above [redacted] residence, her mother was located and interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 8/15/77. [redacted] advised that her daughter will be out-of-state until at least the middle or latter part of September, 1977. She said that [redacted] can be reached through the Freedom of Thought Foundation Rehabilitation Center, P. O. Box 4340, Tucson, Arizona, 85717, telephone (602) 749-5342.

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b7C She said the individual who may be contacted there to put Agents in touch with her daughter is one [redacted]

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA. Will contact [redacted]
b7C through the above address and/or telephone number and interview her as requested in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Date 8/17/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (7-1143) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTER
(OO: SF)

Re San Francisco airtel to Director, 6/27/77 and Director airtel to Albuquerque, 7/21/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

Enclosed for San Francisco is one copy of same LHM for their information.

Inasmuch as no further investigation is to be conducted by this office, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

August 17, 1977

DR. MARGARET SINGER

On August 16, 1977, [redacted] Harvard University, 476 Conant Road, Weston, Massachusetts, was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of this office in the presence of his Attorney, [redacted] was asked the following two questions: b7C

1. Was he [redacted] ever actually physically restrained by any religious sect - or b7C

2. Was he [redacted] actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect. b7C

In response to the above two questions, [redacted] answered, "No". b7C

[redacted] voluntarily stated that he has done research on the religious sects and that he would be willing to assist the United States Department of Justice in any further inquiries that they may conduct. b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: AUG 25 1977

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (7-2490) (RUC) (#21)

SUBJECT: DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING - KIDNAPPING MATTERS
(00: SF)

ReSFairtel to the Bureau, 6/27/77, and Bulet to Albuquerque, dated 7/21/77.

On 8/17/77, [redacted] Postal Inspector's Office, U.S.P.O., NY, NY, advised that P.O. Box 2027, NY, NY, 10017, is assigned to the "Citizens Awareness". This box was formerly a personal box, issued to [redacted] changed this personal box to Citizens Awareness.

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On 8/17/77, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted and stated that his son is constantly traveling between Washington, D.C., NY, and Massachusetts. He last saw his son on Wednesday, 8/10/77, at Darien, Connecticut. At that time [redacted] was en route to Massachusetts, address unknown.

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[redacted] stated that mail is sent to their residence for their son and they hold it till he visits them periodically.

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[redacted] also stated that [redacted] and that he is constantly taken on causes that will help his fellow man. [redacted] was never a member of the Unification Church, but is active in a campaign against Reverend Moon, according to [redacted] Arrangements were made with [redacted] to have his son [redacted] contact the NYO or the New Haven Office the next time he contacts his parents, so that arrangements can be made to interview him.

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2 - Bureau
1 - New Haven (INFO)
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No further investigation being conducted by the NYO.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (P)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re Bureau airtel to New Haven and San Francisco, 8/8/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM captioned as above.

Pending instructions from the Bureau, San Francisco is making no effort to interview [redacted] b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

August 19, 1977

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS

Re San Francisco letterhead memorandum dated June 27, 1977.

On August 17, 1977, [redacted] was interviewed at the office of Friends Outside, 136 Church Street, San Francisco, California. [redacted] advised that he had been a former member of the Unification Church in the San Francisco, California, area, but he had never been physically restrained by any members of the group and had never been actually present and observed another person being physically restrained by that group. b7C

[redacted] did advise that another person associated with Friends Outside, [redacted] According to [redacted] had told him that on one occasion she had seen a person tied down by members of the group; however, [redacted] stated that he had had no corroborating information concerning this occurrence. b7C

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (7-645) (P)

DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT
BRAINWASHING - KIDNAPPING MATTER
(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

Re Bureau airtel to Albuquerque dated 7/21/77.

On 7/27/77, it was determined from a review of the Haines Crisscross Directory telephone number [redacted] is assigned to [redacted] Apartment Number 1 at [redacted] stated that [redacted] resides in Apartment Number 59, but is on a two week vacation.

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On 8/15/77, efforts to contact [redacted] at Apartment Number 59 met with negative results. [redacted] was recontacted and she stated that since last being contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she realized that the person living in Apartment Number 59 is [redacted] and that [redacted] used to live in Apartment Number 34, but moved in January, 1976. She stated she has no forwarding address for [redacted]

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A check of the San Diego Telephone Directory determined [redacted] was listed, showing telephone number [redacted] with no address given. The number was called, and

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an Answering Service stated [redacted] would be advised of the call and a message given to contact the case Agent. b7C

On 8/16/77, after no call was received [redacted] was telephonically contacted, and stated she would be available for interview within the next week. She stated she would contact the Case Agent and make an appointment. b7C

LEADS:

SAN DIEGO

Will interview [redacted] per instructions set out in referenced Bureau airtel dated 7/21/77. b7C

Airtel

8/25/77

To: SAC, San Francisco (7-1014)

From: Director, FBI

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DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTERS
OO: SF

ReBuairtel to New Haven and San Francisco (SF) 8/8/77, and SF airtel to Bureau dated 8/19/77.

SF should conduct interview of [redacted] asking only those questions previously furnished SF under instructions from the Department of Justice set out in reBuairtel.

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Date 8/29/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (7-645)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT
BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER
(OO: San Francisco)

Re Bureau airtel to San Diego dated 7/21/77 and San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 8/16/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of San Diego LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two copies of above LHM, one copy of San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 6/27/77, one copy of San Francisco LHM dated 6/27/77, one copy of San Francisco FD-302 dated 6/27/77, and one copy of Bureau airtel to Albuquerque dated 7/21/77. Enclosed for San Francisco are two copies of above LHM.

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2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2)
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AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. Contact [redacted] telephone
b7C number [redacted] regarding information requested in referenced Bureau airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Diego, California
August 29, 1977

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER

On August 29, 1977, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted and advised that she does not know of any individuals who were actually physically restrained by any religious sect nor was she present when anyone was being physically restrained by a religious sect. b7C

[redacted] stated that she has been contacted by [redacted] and [redacted] who are associated with Congressman Frazier's Subcommittee on International Organizations. She stated that she furnished information to [redacted] and [redacted] but was not specific as to its nature. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] could be reached at telephone number [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted], who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] possibly is aware of a person or persons who were physically restrained by a religious sect. b7C

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- ENCLOSURE

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Airtel

9/9/77

To: SACs, Albuquerque
Boston
Los Angeles
New Haven
New York
Phoenix
Portland
San Diego
San Francisco

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From: Director, FBI

DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTERS
OO: SF

ReBuairtel to Albuquerque and receiving offices dated 7/21/77, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 9/6/77.

For information of receiving offices. When conducting interviews requested in connection with captioned matters, if additional individuals' names are provided, the appropriate offices should also conduct interviews of these individuals and handle as set out in reBuairtel.

San Francisco should immediately review all LHMs submitted in connection with captioned matter and assure that all individuals mentioned in these LHMs are immediately interviewed and information provided the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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Date: 9/6/77

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (P)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER; CA,
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER
OO: San Francisco

Re Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 7/21/77, and San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 8/19/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM, captioned as above.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA: Will interview [redacted] care of telephone number [redacted] in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

September 6, 1977

Dr. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER

In a letter dated July 18, 1977, addressed to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised as follows:

In an interview conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 23, 1977, Dr. Margaret Singer furnished the names of 18 individuals who may have information concerning individuals who were physically restrained by religious sects or who were present and observed such restraints being placed on others.

In referenced letter dated July 18, 1977, Mr. Civiletti requested that the FBI interview each of the eighteen individuals named by Dr. Singer to determine:

1. If the individual was actually physically restrained by any religious sect, or;

2. If the individual was actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect.

The following are the results of the interviews of

[redacted]

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed on the below indicated date. At the outset [redacted] was advised the interview was to determine if she was ever physically restrained by any religious sect or if she had ever been actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect. [redacted] was also advised the Federal Bureau (FBI) was not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group. b7C

After carefully listening to the above, [redacted] advised she fully understood the nature of inquiry by the FBI. [redacted] advised, however, she could not answer the aforementioned questions without first prefacing the answer with certain background information which would result in positive information. b7C

She stated her daughter is a member of a religious sect commonly referred to as the "Moonies." [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7C

Interviewed on 8/3/77 at ROSS, CALIFORNIA File # SF 7-1014

by SA [redacted]:aav b7C Date dictated 8/4/77

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[redacted] then concluded by stating she, herself, has never been physically restrained or observed others be restrained by a religious sect. b7C

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Date of Transcription 8/4/77

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed on the below indicated date. At the outset [redacted] was advised the interview was to determine if he was ever physically restrained by any religious sect or if he had ever been actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect. [redacted] was also advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group.

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[redacted] then advised his daughter is currently an active member of a religious sect commonly referred to as the "Moonies." [redacted] stated he and his wife, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he personally has never been actually physically restrained by any religious sect, nor was he actually and observe anyone being physically restrained by a religious sect.

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by SA [redacted] aav b7C Date dictated 8/4/77

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Berkeley Resident Agency. [redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview, namely; that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was requested by the Criminal Division of the Justice Department to determine if [redacted] had ever been physically restraigned by any religious sect or if he had ever been actually present and observed another individual being physically restrained by a religious sect. [redacted] was also advised that the FBI was not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group. b7C

[redacted] advised that he fully understood the nature of the inquiry. b7C

[redacted] advised that he has never been physically restrained by any religious sect nor has he ever been actually present and observed another individual being physically restrained by a religious sect. b7C

[redacted] advised that he became acquainted with the Unification Church [redacted] became a member of that religious sect some time in 1968. [redacted] advised that by working closely with the Freedom of Thought Foundation, located in Tucson, Arizona, [redacted] in approximately January 1975. b7C

[redacted] advised that the following persons might have direct knowledge of persons being physically restrained by religious groups: b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] b7C

[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] efk b7C Date dictated 8/17/77

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[redacted] address not given. b7C

[redacted] address and telephone number not given.

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AIRTEL

Date 9/2/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (7-671) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING - KIDNAPPING MATTER (C)
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 6/27/77, and Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 7/21/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Also for Phoenix and San Francisco is one copy each of same LHM.

[redacted] was interviewed at Albuquerque, New Mexico. [redacted] advised that he was previously interviewed at length at Tucson, Arizona, by two investigators from the House of Representatives and also by the FBI. He further advised that his girlfriend, [redacted] was also interviewed.

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[redacted] now is attending the University of Michigan.

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Phoenix should review their indices and furnish the Bureau in appropriate manner results of interviews with [redacted] and [redacted]

b7C

ENCLOSURE

2-Bureau (Enc 6) (RAM)
1-Phoenix (Enc 1) (RAM)
1-San Francisco (Enc 1) (RAM)
1-Albuquerque
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

September 2, 1977

DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTER

[redacted] was interviewed on August 31, 1977, by a Special Agent of the FBI. [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] phone [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he was a former member of the Unification Church (Moonies) for approximately five years.

b7C [redacted]

[redacted] advised he spent several months in Tucson, Arizona, for "de-programming" from the Unification Church and at that time was interviewed in length by two investigators from the House of Representatives and also was interviewed by the FBI.

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[redacted] advised during the time he was associated with the Unification Church, he was at no time ever physically restrained from leaving the organization, however, the mental restraint was great. He stated the Church uses fear and guilt to hold individuals under their control and indicated that most of the people associated with the Unification Church are very idealistic and religious.

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[redacted] stated he first had contact with this organization in December, 1971, [redacted] and was attracted to a booth entitled "International Ideal and City Project". He shortly thereafter met [redacted]

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and they attended an indoctrination session at a house in Berkley, California, and he thereafter traveled to Mendocino County (Booneville, California) and received three weeks of indoctrination concerning the Church. During that time, the new members were kept on a low protein-high carbohydrate diet and were only allowed to sleep two or three hours each evening. As time passed, [redacted] advised that their critical thinking processes were diminished and a person really did not think of "escaping" the Church. If an individual indicated he had a desire to leave, no physical restraints were placed upon them, however, the person was interviewed on a one-to-one basis by a member of the Church and usually following this interview, the person would agree to stay on a day or two longer, which normally would extend to months.

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[redacted] in Tucson, Arizona.

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Date 9/15/77

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

From: SAC, PHOENIX (7-790) (RUC)

Subject: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPING MATTER (C)
OO: SF

ReSFairtel to Bureau, 6/27/77, Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 7/21/77, Portland airtel to Bureau, 8/16/77, Albuquerque airtel to Bureau, 9/2/77.

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On 8/10/77 [redacted] advised [redacted] is associated with the Freedom Ranch in Tucson. He advised [redacted] is on an extensive trip to New Jersey and [redacted] would return to Tucson during the early part of September, 1977.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
At Phoenix, Arizona
September 15, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING
KIDNAPING MATTER

During the period August 9, 1977, through September 13, 1977, [redacted]

b7C [redacted] were interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI at Tucson, Arizona.

On August 17, 1977, [redacted] was interviewed by

b7C a Special Agent of the FBI at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Date of transcription 8/11/77

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[redacted] advised he is a white male, 29 years old, [redacted] and he is a resident of Tucson.

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[redacted]

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[redacted] the Freedom of Thought Foundation, which he described as a non-profit foundation certified by the Internal Revenue Service and which provides free rehabilitation services for cultist victims who have been de-programmed. He advised that most of these people are principally from the Unification Church, more commonly known as "Moonies", Hare Krishna and the Church of Scientology.

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[redacted] and he has been featured in articles in Time Magazine, Newsweek Magazine and the TV program, Who's Who, in relation to his work in de-programming cultist victims.

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[redacted] of Unification Church in San Francisco, which had extensive media coverage and which is still on appeal in that state.

Interviewed on 8/9/77 at Tucson, Arizona File # Phoenix 7-790

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] lb b7C Date dictated 8/11/77

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[redacted] was asked if he was actually physically restrained by any religious sect and he replied that he was not. b7C

[redacted] was asked if he was actually physically present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect and he replied that he was not. b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] advised he is a white male, 56 years old, [redacted] associated with the Freedom of Thought Foundation, [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] He said that the Freedom of Thought Foundation was organized during December, 1976. [redacted]

[redacted] was asked if he was actually physically restrained by any religious sect and he said that he was.

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[redacted] advised that in November, 1975, exact date not recalled, he was travelling by air from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Minot, North Dakota. He said he had to change planes in Chicago and he had only a few minutes to go from one airline to another. He said he was rushing through the air terminal when he was stopped by a young man who was a member of the Hare Krishna sect and who asked for a donation to the Krishna Youth Council. He said he told the young man he was in a hurry and that he could not be bothered with him. He said this young man was insistent and said to [redacted] "I know you." [redacted] said he told this young man that he had never seen him before. He said this young man motioned to some other young men, who were members of the Hare Krishna and who surrounded him. He said he was carrying a heavy briefcase and members of this group grabbed him by both arms and one of them said, "Come on down stairs, we want to talk to you." He said he resisted and one of the people jumped on him from behind. He said he swung his briefcase around and struck one or more of these people. He said the airport police quickly arrived and detained the young men, who had surrounded him. He said one of the officers pressed him to file a criminal charge as they wanted to get rid of the Hare Krishna people from the airport terminal.

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Interviewed on 8/10/77 at Tucson, Arizona File # Phoenix 7-790

by SA [redacted] 1b b7C Date dictated 8/11/77

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[redacted] said he told this police man he had to hurry to catch his other airplane because he was going on an urgent mission which could not be delayed and he left to catch his plane without filing criminal charges against these people. He said that he was going to Minot to help de-program a young lady whose father, a [redacted] had requested his services. He said this young lady was a member of a cult called Brother Evangelist and she was picked up by the police and she was going to be released in about five hours. He said when he arrived in Minot, he and others successfully de-programmed the young lady and returned her to her parents. b7C

[redacted] advised he did not obtain the names of any of the young men who accosted him in the Chicago airport and he does not know if the airport police made any report of this incident. b7C

[redacted] was asked if he was ever actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect and he said he was not, but that he knew of many young people who were physically restrained, abused and beaten by members of religious cults and he could furnish many of their names if requested. b7C

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[redacted] advised she is a white female, 25 years old and her home address is [redacted] telephone [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that from April, 1973 to April, 1977, she was a member of the Unification Church in the Oakland-Berkeley, California area. She said she was brought into the Unification Church by a college roommate named [redacted] She said one night in April, 1973, she went to dinner at her girl friend's house in Santa Cruz, California. She said she was encouraged to stay the weekend. She said the following day, she was ushered into her girl friend's car for a drive with some other young people. She said after a while, she asked where they were going and she was told they were going to a Unification Church workshop. She said she asked if they were going to drop her off before they got there and they said they were not. She said she had not intended to go to this workshop, but she did not demand to be let out of the car. She said at the workshop, she became thoroughly indoctrinated into the Unification Church and was a devout member of the church for four years until she was deprogramed, during the well publicized suit brought against the Unification Church at San Francisco. She said she was one of the five church members involved in that suit. b7C

[redacted] was asked if she was actually restrained by the Unification Church or any other religious sect and she stated she was not. b7C

[redacted] was asked if she was actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect and she stated she was. b7C

[redacted] advised that the home she grew up in in Portland, was located next door to the Unification Church in that city. She said one day when she was ten years old, in the year 1962, she was in her bedroom and she heard a man in the Unification Church next door call for help. She said she heard him say he was locked in and someone had taken his clothes. She said she told her parents b7C

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by SA [redacted] man b7C Date dictated 8/24/77

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about this and she does not know if they reported it to the authorities.

[redacted] further advised that after she had been a member of the Church for about a month, during the [redacted] b7C b7D

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[redacted] and she can be reached in care of [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] said on one occasion at the Unification Church, while the group was engaged in singing hymns, she was hit and kicked by [redacted] a church leader, because she was not holding her songbook properly. She said on another occasion, [redacted] struck her on the head between the eyes for a minor transgression. She said this is called "klunking" and members are often "klunked" for transgressions as a disciplinary measure. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised on another occasion she was at a Unification Church weekend workshop in Booneville, California. She said one young man who was a recruit, b7C b7D

suddenly realized that the workshop he was attending was connected with Reverend SUN YUNG MOON and he became panicky. She said he began yelling derogatory statements about Reverend MOON claiming MOON was connected with the Central Intelligence Agency. She said six young male church members grabbed this individual, held him down, put cloth into his mouth and dragged him out to a van. She said they locked him in the van and then drove him to the edge of the church property where they let him out.

She said another church member, [redacted] who has been deprogramed, use to take care of [redacted] children by a previous marriage. She said [redacted] told her that her children were possessed by a devil and that whenever they acted up, they were to be locked up. She said [redacted] can be reached at her parents home at [redacted]

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[redacted] said another church member named [redacted] who has since been deprogramed, often felt the only way to fulfill his purpose to the church was to lock recruits in a van to pray. She said one person [redacted] locked up was [redacted] who is still in the Unification Church in Berkeley, California.

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[redacted] stated that church members are given razor blades and instructed that if they were picked up by deprogrammers, they were to slash themselves so that they would require hospitalization and by that means get to a telephone and call the Unification Church. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that there is little actual physical restraint to keep members in the Unification Church, but a tremendous amount of psychological pressure is applied to keep members in line. She said this is in the form of sleep deprivation, forced fasting, constant indoctrination to arouse guilt feelings in the member, all of which she described as brain-washing. b7C b7D

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[redacted] advised he is a white male, 22 years old and resides with his parents at [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he was a member of the Unification Church for one year from October, 1972 to October, 1973. He said [redacted]

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[redacted] said he became interested in the Unification Church [redacted] who strongly urged that he join the Church. He said after he graduated from high school in 1972, he had some time before he was to enter college, so he went to California [redacted] He said he went to the Unification Church training center where he joined the church.

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[redacted] said recruits are attracted into the Church by a appeal to their sense of beauty, justice and a belief in God. He said no mention is made of the Unification Church or of Reverend SUN YUNG MOON until a recruit is in the movement for about three months.

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[redacted] said the entire time he was in the Church, he worked for a maintance company run by the Church and operated by [redacted] He said he worked twenty hours a day for six days a week for the entire year he was in the Church. He said the day began at 1:00 p.m. when they were sent out on a door to door campaign selling flowers. He said about 6:00 p.m., they were given a sack lunch brought to them by a car. He said from 6:00 p.m. to midnight they worked cleaning up various restaurants, then from midnight to 6:00 or 7:00 a.m., they would clean up other businesses which were closed for the night, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., they would clean other establishments and from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. they would do some more cleaning before they returned to the

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center. He said they would be allowed to sleep from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He said the only break was attending the workshop on Sunday where they would get relatively good meals and eight hours of sleep. He said the food was insufficient and the members were given hard work to keep them constantly occupied.

[redacted] said the members were kept in a poor emotional state and received constant indoctrination and were never allowed to think for themselves. He said whenever he began to have doubts, [redacted] would brow-beat him as long as it took to wear down his resistance. He said in the entire year he was at the center, he was never alone for more than an hour at a time. b7C

[redacted] was asked if he was ever physically restrained by the Unification Church or any other religious sect and he said he was not. b7C

[redacted] was asked if he was ever present when another was physically restrained by the Unification Church and he said he was not. b7C

[redacted] advised that one of the problems within the Unification Church, which resulted in physical restraint was a policy in some chapters, that whenever a member or group of members from another chapter came into the chapter area, to sell flowers, the members of the first chapter were instructed to hold them and take their flowers. b7C

He said [redacted] and a [redacted] [redacted] (phonetic) of the Michigan Unification Church gave orders to their members that whenever a group from Oakland came into their territory, they were to be restrained, brought to the Michigan Center and their products taken away. He said he heard of one [redacted] who was physically restrained by the Moonie group in Cadillac, Michigan. He said [redacted] [redacted] had been deprogrammed and can be reached at [redacted] [redacted] He said he heard of one [redacted] who had his flowers stolen and who forced into the Unification Church center in Ohio. He said [redacted] b7C

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can be reached at [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that at the large Reverend MOON rallies in Madison Square Garden and Carnegie Hall, New York City, Unification Church has enforcers at the gates and throughout the audience to control and expel hecklers and trouble makers. b7C

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1977, at Phoenix, Arizona:

[redacted] was contacted and he advised he is an attorney at law and has represented many families whose sons and daughters have been the alleged victims of brain washing and possible kidnaping matters involving religious sects. [redacted] advised he has never personally been physically restrained by any religious sect or group or has never been personally present when another individual was physically restrained or abused by a religious sect. [redacted] did advise, however, he would be more than willing to furnish the FBI with any information desired concerning actual situations in which he has been the responsible attorney which has resulted in the recovery of victims from various religious sects.

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[redacted] advised he is a white male, 26 years old; he resides at [redacted] and he is employed [redacted] a position he has held for one year.

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[redacted] advised he was a member of the Unification Church for four years, from 1972 to 1976. [redacted] He advised he was de-programmed in May, 1976, and since that time he has been actively involved with the programming of other cultist victims.

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[redacted] was asked if he was ever actually physically restrained by any religious sect and he replied he was not.

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[redacted] was asked if he was ever actually present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect and he advised he was.

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[redacted] at Barrytown, New York, when a church member would consider leaving the church, that person would be surrounded by other members who would engage the person in heated conversation to break down his resistance. He said if the reluctant member would attempt to leave the circle he would be pushed back to the center until a constant outpouring of arguments would overcome his resistance. He said this occurred on a fairly frequent basis and served to keep people in line who were wavering in their commitment to the church. [redacted] stated at Barrytown, New York, all of the church members had to attend two workshops a week, one on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and the other on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He said he was mostly involved in the Saturday, Sunday and Monday workshops when the abovedescribed tactic mostly occurred. He said his responsibility during these workshops was to see the church members remained loyal to the church regardless of the tactics used to keep them in line.

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b7C [redacted] advised another tactic used to hold people at the workshop was to provide them with transportation from New York City to Barrytown, located in the Catskill Mountains near the Hudson River, and then refrain from providing them with transportation until after the workshop was over and, in fact discouraged them from seeking to be transported back to New York City. He said it was possible for a determined, angry recruit to walk out, but he would be left stranded in an unfamiliar place with no street signs or friendly people nearby or any ready means of being transported back to the city. He advised anyone who wanted to leave would have to request to be transported home but they would discourage such a person from seeking to be taken home. He said he and others would tell such a person that the driver who brought them up was not available and they should wait until the program was over. He said this was especially effective on women who were reluctant to leave and be stranded in a strange locality.

[redacted] further advised during the summer of 1973 he was advised by a [redacted] whom he described as a
b7C fanatical "Kamikaze" follower of Reverend MOON and who at the time [redacted] about strong arm tactics being used to recruit members. He said [redacted] would have church members go to various locations in New York City where young recruits could be found, such as the public library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. They would contact likely prospects, engage them in conversation and then at a given time would put their arms around their shoulders and usher them into a waiting van where they would be driven to the Unification Church center at East 73rd Street and Madison Avenue. There the recruits would be talked to continuously and ushered into a lecture hall for more indoctrination. If a recruit tried to leave, one of the indoctrinators would put his arm on him and talk him back into sitting down. He said over 200 people were recruited into the church during this summer, using these tactics. He said prior to this the church was having a hard time getting recruits to attend the workshops in Barrytown, but during this period [redacted] bragged to him that he recruited 80 to 120 persons in one week, using these tactics. He advised he knows of no one who complained about being victimized through these tactics.

b7C [redacted] stated as far as physical restraints being used in the Unification Church, it is hard to draw the line because of the tremendous psychological and social pressure placed on recruits to keep them in the church. He advised the Federal Government should be made aware of these tactics.

b7C [redacted] stated when a recruit is brought into the Unification Church, he is transported to some out of the way place, such as Barrytown. Once there, the recruit is effectively isolated from his family, friends and familiar surroundings. He said recruits are not allowed to make telephone calls. He said the emotional pressure is intense and recruits are subjected to indoctrination that is so sincere and uplifting that it appeals to their sense of justice and feelings about God and they are disarmed by it. He said they are put on a strict schedule which allows them no time alone, they are always in a group and are accompanied by a church member even when they go to the bathroom. He said a recruit is given no time to reflect on what is happening to him and all his time is spent in participating in the church's program. He said they are fed food low in protein. He said recruits are encouraged to sleep only two to three hours a night and are not permitted to sleep more than four to five hours a night. He said the result is the recruits are kept in a sluggish state and submitted to pressure of constant indoctrination so their resistance is broken down. He said only one viewpoint is allowed, that of the Unification Church teachings; no discussion or varying from the church doctrine is tolerated. He said strict obedience is demanded or the recruit is subjected to severe humiliation. The indoctrinators identify God with the church and if a recruit disagrees with anything, he is made to feel he is going against God and he is sinful and he is opening himself to Satanic attack. b7C

[redacted] said a recruit is brainwashed by such tactics which keep him away from friends and associates. Poor food, sleep deprivation, constant praise or censure and tremendous peer pressure are used to break down his resistance. He said he and some other leaders were instructed to weed out those people who were not docile and who insisted on independent thought and action. He said these would be returned to New York City after the workshop as people who could not be controlled, while the others would be kept on. He

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said he has been advised by persons recently programmed that these tactics are still going on, although he understands the church facility at Barrytown, has been closed down.

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Date: 9/19/77

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014)(P)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS
OO: SF

Re Bureau airtel (O-9), 8/25/77.

Enclosed for Sacramento, one San Francisco LHM, dated 6/27/77; one Justice Department memo dated 7/18/77, and one San Francisco LHM dated 8/19/77.

Referenced communication directed San Francisco to interview [redacted] asking only those questions contained in enclosure to Sacramento, 7/18/77, which were furnished from the Department of Justice. b7C

On 9/16/77, after several negative attempts to contact anyone at residence of [redacted] at same address, advised that [redacted] who was a former member of the Unification Church was presently an undergraduate daytime student attending Chico University (State) and residing at [redacted] telephone [redacted] b7C

[redacted] stated that her daughter was no longer associated with the "Moonies" and would be greatful to talk to the FBI. b7C

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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AT CHICO, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will interview [redacted] b7C [redacted], asking only those two questions which were furnished from the Department of Justice.

(2) Will submit results of this interview in form suitable for dissemination.

It is noted that interview should be strictly limited to this area of inquiry, and it should be made clear to [redacted] b7C [redacted] that the FBI is not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group.

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Date 9-30-77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (7-511) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
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OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re: New Haven airtel to Bureau, 8-3-77; Bureau airtel to New Haven, 7-21-77.

[redacted] advised on 9-19-77 that his son [redacted] had recently arrived home. [redacted] advised that he had told his son of the FBI's interest in talking to him. [redacted] suggested the FBI contact [redacted] by telephone on 9-26-77 to determine [redacted] intentions relative to FBI interview. b7C

On 9-20-77 [redacted] telephonically contacted and advised he was happy to learn of FBI's interest in captioned matter and supported it thoroughly. [redacted] advised that he felt he had a wealth of information to furnish the FBI but had some reservations regarding possible recrimination from religious sects if he was not granted complete confidentiality. [redacted] advised that "religious" sects had no need to physically restrain its members since they were so successful in brainwashing and hypnotic techniques that the restraint was more of a psychological nature. b7C

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[redacted] advised that the religious sects, particularly the Unification Church had amassed unbelievable sums of money and reportedly had been quite generous to some ACLU attorneys. [redacted] also alluded to religious sects attempts to infiltrate maintenance groups who clean government offices on the west coast and felt it not beyond the realm of possibility that these sects could actually b7C

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influence government or State officials by financial remuneration.

[redacted] advised he would call the FBI in 2 or 3 weeks at which time he would decide if he wished to furnish the FBI information on specific cases or would discuss facts pertinent to captioned inquiry on a generality basis. b7C

In view of the above, UACB, New Haven will await [redacted] contacting this office and at that time will accept any information [redacted] wishes to volunteer. If [redacted] contacts the New Haven Office and furnishes information appropriate LHMs will be prepared dependent on the pertinency of information furnished, noting the limitations placed on such interviews by the Department of Justice. b7C

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (P)

SUBJECT: Dr. MARGARET SINGER
Religious Sect Brainwashing
KIDNAPPING MATTER (D)

Re Bureau airtel, 9/9/77.

Enclosed are six copies of LHM captioned above.

Inasmuch as the physical restraint detailed in LHM was minimal and of short duration, it is doubtful if it would support successful prosecution. Therefore, San Francisco, at this time, is making no attempt to interview those members of the Unification Church mentioned therein.

It is suggested the Bureau present this phase of the investigation to the Department to ascertain if those individual members of the Unification Church should be contacted for interview.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

September 28, 1977

Dr. MARGARET SINGER
Religious Sect Brainwashing

Re San Francisco letterhead memo of September 6, 1977.

Attached is a report of an interview of [redacted]

b7C [redacted]

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[redacted] with residence at [redacted] telephone number, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] telephone number, [redacted] At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised that the FBI was not conducting an investigation of a religious sect or group but an inquiry was being made concerning a possible kidnapping violation. [redacted] was asked if she had ever been actually physically restrained by any religious group or if she had actually been present and observed another being physically restrained by a religious sect. b7C

[redacted] advised as follows: b7C

She was born [redacted] North Carolina. In 1972, she was a student at the California Institute of Arts at Valencia, California, working on a Masters Degree. She was contacted by members of the Unification Church (Moonies) and on [redacted] after spending a weekend at the Moonie Retreat at Boonville, California, she became a member of the Unification Church and spent four years and one month with the group. b7C

On December 15, 1976, while at Boonville, California, she told a group that she was going to visit an uncle and left the establishment. Instead, she went to see [redacted] a well-known Deprogrammer of Ross, California and severed her connections with the church. b7C

[redacted] claimed that there had been only one incidence of possible physical restraint on her during her membership in the Unification Church. In the spring of 1974, exact month not recalled, she was at the Moonie establishment in Oakland, 6502 Dana Street. [redacted] and while in the front yard of the Dana Street house, with [redacted] a staffer for the Unification Church, and [redacted] another member, she advised the group that she had had enough of the organization and was leaving. As she started to go out the gate, she was grabbed by [redacted] who pulled her back, put her down on the grass, sat on her stomach and read to her about a four-page of b7C

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by SA [redacted] / SA [redacted] b7C .lo Date dictated 9/28/77

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"Master Speaks", an English translation of one of Reverend MOON's speech. During this period, [redacted] talked [redacted] into staying and after about 15 to 20 minutes, she said that she would be agreeable to stay. [redacted] stated that in all fairness, she stayed of her own accord from the talk that [redacted] had given to her and not from physical restraint. b7C

She stated that the period of time he was holding her down on the ground would not have mounted to more than 15 or 20 minutes.

As far as restraints of other individuals, [redacted] related that in 1974, month not now recalled, [redacted] all members of the Unification Church, were on a work assignment cleaning carpets at about 4:00 a.m. in the Victoria Station, a restaurant of Oakland. During that period, [redacted] exclaimed that she was going to leave. [redacted] backed her and pushed her up against the wall and talked to her for some ten minutes. He was giving her a religious talk, not threatening violence but holding her. After a while, she cried and apologized and stated that she would remain with the group. b7C

[redacted] believes that [redacted] is still a member of the Unification Church [redacted] She stated that actual restraint of [redacted] would not have lasted more than 15 to 20 minutes. b7C

[redacted] next detailed another restraint of a Unification Church member in Berkeley, California, in 1976. A young 17-year-old male, [redacted] had made contact with the Unification Church and was at the church's residence at 2717 Hurst Avenue in Berkeley, preparing to go to Boonville, California. A friend of [redacted] who [redacted] believed to be gay, came to the Hurst Street establishment and requested to talk to [redacted] His request was refused b7C

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and [redacted] was secreted for a time in an upstairs room. While the friend of [redacted] was still there, he threatened to call the police and [redacted] said that he wanted to talk to his friend. [redacted] came downstairs and [redacted] and [redacted] grabbed him and dragged him upstairs. Later, [redacted] told ~~me~~ them that they had put [redacted] in a cold shower. [redacted] stated that she had observed the man being dragged up the stairs but she did not observe him in the shower but knew that he went on to Boonville and later joined the group. She stated that she believes that [redacted] is still located with the Unification Church at the Hurst Street address. She also stated that she did not believe that this physical restraint lasted more than 15 to 20 minutes. [redacted] stated that she was positive that these individuals, who are still members of the Unification Church, would not be amenable to interview, although she has heard rumors that [redacted] may have recently left the organization. [redacted] is described as follows:

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Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Height	5' 2"
Weight	123 pounds
Characteristics	Freckled face
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Age	27
Place of Birth	Durham, North Carolina
Date of Birth	[redacted]

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[redacted] furnished the following description of the other individuals mentioned herein:

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Name	[redacted]
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	25
Height	5' 4 1/2"
Hair	Long, brown
Weight	140 pounds

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Present Location [redacted] b7C

[redacted] was a student prior to joining the Unification Church and is still a member of that establishment.

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Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	26
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Short, brown

[redacted] is still a member of the Unification Church and is believed to be located at [redacted] b7C

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	5' 2"
Age	18
Weight	115 pounds
Build	Thin
Hair	Curly, brown
Eyes	Blue

[redacted] is a high school graduate and is believed to be residing at [redacted] b7C

Name	[redacted]
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	25
Height	5' 6"
Weight	130 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Long, brown

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[redacted] b7C

Name	[redacted]
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	27
Hair	Long, black
Complexion	Light
Eyes	Green
Weight	135 pounds
Height	5' 3"
Characteristics	Freckled face

[redacted] resides at the [redacted] b7C of the Unification Church in [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Height	5' 3"
Hair	Short, brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Age	28
Dress	Conservative
Eyes	Blue

[redacted] was last known to be residing at the [redacted] b7C [redacted] of the Unification Church in [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she had heard rumors that [redacted] may have left the Unification Church and if he did, possible his present whereabouts would be known to [redacted] of Ross, California. b7C

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D OCTOR MARGARET SINGER; RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -

KIDNAPING MATTERS (A), OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED JUNE 27, 1977;

SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 29, 1977.

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ON OCTOBER 11, 1977, [redacted] WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY

BEEN CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE

SAN DIEGO OFFICE AND ADVISED SHE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION

THAT THE DAUGHTER OF ONE [redacted] IS PRESENTLY UNDER THE

CONTROL OF [redacted]

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[redacted] SHE STATED SHE WOULD HAVE [redacted] CONTACT

THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE WITH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.

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[redacted] CONTACTED THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE AND STATED

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HER DAUGHTER, [redacted] HAS BEEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF [redacted] FOR NUMEROUS YEARS AND IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD APPARENTLY AGAINST HER WILL. [redacted] STATED SHE FEELS HER DAUGHTER HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED, STARVED AND APPARENTLY HAS NO FREE WILL. b7C

[redacted] STATED SHE RESIDES AT [redacted] PHONE NUMBER [redacted] BUT IS PRESENTLY STAYING AT [redacted] PHONE NUMBER [redacted] SHE STATED THE AD DRESS IS CLOSE TO [redacted] SHE FURTHER ADVISED SHE WOULD BE AT THIS ADDRESS UNTIL NOVEMBER 4, 1977. b7C

[redacted] STATED SHE WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO COME INTO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND FURNISH DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING HER DAUGHTER. b7C

LOS ANGELES. AT PALM DESERT. CONTACT [redacted] AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE HER COME INTO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE FOR INTERVIEW REGARDING THIS MATTER. b7C

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
JULY 1973 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/21/77

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (7-357) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re Bureau airtel (09) dated 8/25/77, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 9/19/77.

Attached for the Bureau and San Francisco are the results of interview with [redacted] at Chico, California, conducted on 10/11/77, set forth in form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Sacramento, California
October 19, 1977

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING
KIDNAPPING MATTERS

On October 11, 1977, [redacted] was located b7C
and interviewed at her residence [redacted]
[redacted] The results of this interview are set forth
as follows:

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ENCLOSURE

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/18/77

[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] and voluntarily provided the following information: b7C

[redacted] stated that she had been a member of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity Church, commonly known as the Unification Church, for a period of approximately four and one half years, from February 19, 1973, through May, 1977. b7C

When asked if she had been physically restrained from doing anything of her own free will while a member of this Church, [redacted] advised that she decided to leave the Church after being a member for approximately three years. At that time, she lived at [redacted] a house belonging to the Unification Church. [redacted] stated that when she made her intention to leave known to others in the house, her immediate superior, [redacted] physically restrained and abused her by holding her arms and shaking her violently for a few minutes. [redacted] additionally hit [redacted] a few times with his hand, stating that she was possessed by the Devil for having such thoughts. [redacted] additionally told her that, because of this possession, she would commit suicide if she left the Church because of depression which would come to her. [redacted] stated that [redacted] told her many other things, all of which combined with the physical restraints placed on her, intimidated her into not leaving the Church. [redacted] further stated, that true to Unification Church procedure, [redacted] had assumed a position much like a father to her, in that to hit him back or to further counter his physical restraints would have been unthinkable. b7C

When asked if she had seen anyone else physically restrained while a member of the Church, she recalled that in February, 1977, a registered nurse, name not recalled, from North Carolina, had a "schizophrenic breakdown" approximately two weeks after joining the Church. She stated this nurse was acting as if she was several people at one time, spoke through several voices consistantly, and would then

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by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] kmc b7C Date dictated 10/14/77

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switch back into a coherent state of mind. [redacted] stated that she met this girl at the Unification Church farm at Booneville, California, on a Monday morning. When [redacted] arrived at the farm on Monday morning, this nurse had been locked in a barn on the farm at the direction of [redacted] was told by [redacted] to guard the door of the room in the barn where she was locked up, insuring that she did not leave. Later that day [redacted] told [redacted] to take the nurse to Highland Hospital in Northern California and drop her off outside the hospital doors. [redacted] advised that she was unable to do this and that she transported the nurse to the Highland Hospital and took her and checked her into the hospital. She then stayed with the nurse for several hours while hospital staff began treatment. [redacted] had no idea what the outcome of this individual's case was. She noted, however, that this person had been locked in the room in the barn all the previous weekend prior to [redacted] arrival at the Booneville farm.

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[redacted] further advised that in approximately 1974, while at the Belevedere Estate, Tarrytown, New York, an estate belonging to the Unification Church, she recalled seeing a Japanese girl locked in a room and pounding against the windows yelling to outsiders. [redacted] asked the individual with whom she was walking at the time what was wrong with that particular girl, to which she received the response that the girl was locked in the room because of a "spiritual problem". [redacted] could not further identify this girl and had no further information concerning this incident.

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[redacted] is further identified through observation and interview as follows:

Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	160
Address:	[redacted]

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Finally, [redacted] stated that if she could remember the name of the nurse who had been taken to Highland Hospital, she would immediately contact the Chico Resident Agency of the FBI and furnish that name.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 21, 1977
BRC:ALH:AFN:mac
109-017-11

FROM : Benjamin R. Civiletti
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Religious Sects Allegations of Unlawful Confinement

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated September 28, 1977, at San Francisco and captioned Dr. Margaret Singer - Religious Sect Brainwashing.

We have reviewed the interview of [redacted] concerning her experiences with the Unification Church. The allegations of physical restraint described by [redacted] are not of an aggravated nature and do not indicate a violation of Federal law. Accordingly, interviews of the individuals mentioned in the [redacted] interview should not be conducted.

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In the future, we can expect additional allegations of misconduct on the part of religious sects. As you know, the Department of Justice cannot conduct a general inquiry into the activities of a religious group. Any investigation must be based on an allegation of a violation of Federal law.

In responding to allegations of physical restraints being imposed on sect members, the Department must balance the interests of the religious group in the free exercise of their religion against the right of the sect member not to be confined against his will.

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Any unlawful confinement of a sect member accomplished by threats, force, violence, or other aggravating circumstances would be a prosecutable violation of the Federal kidnaping statute, assuming the jurisdictional

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element of interstate travel is present. However, where the confinement is accomplished primarily by zealous, aggressive proselytizing, a Federal investigation would not be warranted.

It is requested that the FBI continue to furnish the Criminal Division with reports of interviews of citizens alleging wrongdoing by religious sects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/28/77

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (7-1927) (RUC) (3)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTER
OO: San Francisco

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/21/77, and San Diego teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, San Francisco 10/12/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies and for San Francisco one copy of a LHM reflecting interview of [redacted] b7C

No further investigation to be conducted by the Los Angeles Division until further instructions received.

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2 - San Francisco (7-1014) (Enc. 1)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California 90024
October 28, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

DR. MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTER

[redacted] located at [redacted] on October 14, 1977 advised her permanent address is [redacted] advised she is the mother of [redacted] who is now the wife of [redacted] feels her daughter is not being properly treated and feels her daughter's freedom of movement is being restrained, possibly against her will. b7C

Following are the results of the interview with [redacted] b7C

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ENCLOSURE

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 10/28/77

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] where she is residing until November 1977. b7C

[redacted] advised she was referred to the FBI by [redacted] telephone [redacted] formerly the [redacted] does not know [redacted] daughter, [redacted] but [redacted] has told [redacted] of the problems regarding [redacted] talked to [redacted] on two occasions approximately three to four years ago. b7C

[redacted] stated her daughter is married [redacted] has been married approximately 4½ years and met [redacted] According to [redacted] was also [redacted] for 11 years but was asked to resign by the church in June 1977. [redacted] have not been attending the Church of Scientology. b7C

[redacted] advised she has not talked with her daughter, for any length of time, for the past 6½ years and has not seen her daughter for a year. The last time [redacted] saw her daughter was [redacted] prevented [redacted] from looking at [redacted] never got close to [redacted] but blew her a kiss. As a result [redacted] was placed in [redacted] by Superior Court Judge WILLIAM A. CALDECOTT. Judge CALDECOTT ruled the blowing of a kiss was a violation of a restraining order which prohibits [redacted] from any contact with [redacted] stated the restraining order also prohibits her from discussing the matter with anyone for any reason and [redacted] wondered if she might be in violation for discussing it with the FBI. b7C

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Interviewed on 10/14/77 at Palm Desert, California File # Los Angeles 7-1927

by SA [redacted] ral b7C Date dictated 10/19/77

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[redacted] advised [redacted] in March 1972 called police to keep people away from [redacted] but [redacted] did not know what allegation [redacted] used to have the police respond. b7C

[redacted] stated she has never seen her daughter [redacted] actually physically restrained by any member of any religious sect nor has she personally seen any other person physically restrained by a member of a religious sect. b7C

[redacted] stated [redacted] on February 18, 1975, in Superior Court, physically restrained her from talking with [redacted] and she stated two other persons have been restrained from seeing [redacted] identified those two as: b7C

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised she knows of two people who have had contact with [redacted] in the past four years and identified them as: b7C

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised the whole matter involving her troubles with [redacted] can be found in [redacted] Los Angeles County Superior Court. b7C

It was made clear to [redacted] that the FBI is not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group. b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/14/77

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (P)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING
KIDNAPING MATTER (D)
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM captioned as above, representing interview of [redacted] b7C

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Date of transcription 10/19/77

[redacted] home address [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted at her place of employment, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised that the interview was being conducted to determine if she was ever physically restrained by any religious sect or if she had ever been actually present and observed another person being physically restrained by a religious sect. [redacted] was also advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group. b7C

[redacted] stated that she was a member of the Unification Church, commonly referred to as the "Moonies" from April, 1974, until January, 1977, when she left this religious sect for personal reasons. b7C

[redacted] advised that during the time she was a member of the Unification Church she was never actually physically restrained by any other member of this church nor was she ever actually present and observed another member of the Unification Church being physically restrained. b7C

[redacted] advised that she currently attends each Friday evening a group session of former ex-members of the Unification Church in San Francisco, California, and this group is sponsored by Doctor MARGARET SINGER. [redacted] said that some of the ex-moonies attending this group session possibly may have information concerning whether they were actually ever physically restrained or observed another member of the moonies be physically restrained. [redacted] said that one [redacted] who lives in Berkeley, California, exact address unknown, reportedly was actually physically harmed while a member of the Unification Church. [redacted] said that [redacted] address unknown, while a member of the Unification Church, was both physically harmed and b7C

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by SA [redacted] ct b7C Date dictated 10/14/77

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observed other members being physically harmed while she was a member of the Unification Church. [redacted] said that she will try to attain addresses for both [redacted] and [redacted] and furnish these addresses to the FBI. b7C

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/1/77

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (P)

SUBJECT: Doctor MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS
00: SAN FRANCISCO

Reference Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 7/21/77, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, 9/6/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM reflecting interview of [redacted] on 10/27/77, by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

December 1, 1977

DOCTOR MARGARET SINGER;
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING -
KIDNAPPING MATTERS

On August 3, 1977, [redacted] was interviewed to determine if she was ever physically restrained by any religious sect or if she had ever been actually present and observed another person being physically restrained by a religious sect. At that time, [redacted] advised that she was never actually physically restrained nor did she have any firsthand knowledge of another person being physically restrained by religious sect, however, she advised that, among others, a [redacted] telephone number [redacted] might have knowledge concerning past members of the "Moonies", who have either been actually physically restrained by that religious sect or was present and observed another person being physically restrained. b7C

On October 27, 1977, [redacted] was telephonically contacted at her place of employment, [redacted] b7C

At that time, [redacted] was advised that the FBI was not conducting a general inquiry into the activities or religious practices of any religious group. [redacted] was asked if she was ever physically restrained by a religious sect or if she had ever been actually present and observed another person being physcially restrained by a religious sect. b7C

At that time, [redacted] advised that she was a member of the Unification Church for about two and one half years, prior to 1975. During that time, [redacted] advised that she was never actually physically restrained nor did she observe other members or potential members of the Unification Church being physically restrained by that sect. b7C

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FBI

Date: 2/6/78

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (7-1014) (C)

SUBJECT: DR. MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING
KIDNAPING MATTER (D)
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

ReSFairtel to Director, 9/28/77.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM reflecting interview of [redacted]

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A review of individuals interviewed by the San Francisco Division as well as other divisions indicates that logical persons who could shed light on any possible kidnaping charges have been interviewed and the results furnished the Bureau. UACB, San Francisco is conducting no further investigation and considering the matter closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

February 6, 1978

DR. MARGARET SINGER
RELIGIOUS SECT BRAINWASHING
KIDNAPING MATTER

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/7/77

[redacted] was interviewed by the undersigned agent and provided the following information: b7C

[redacted] advised that he was associated with the Unification Church after being recruited approximately one year ago in the Los Angeles area. [redacted] advised that he was living in Los Angeles and was in somewhat of an estranged situation in that he was not living with his parents nor did he have any close personal friends at the time. He advised that he was walking down a street in Los Angeles in the Westwood area when he contacted a representative of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP). These individuals contacted him in the street and after a brief conversation in regards to religion, he was asked to go to dinner with them. He went to a dinner and a series of lectures that followed the dinner and was subsequently transported to a mountain retreat in the San Bernardino Hills for further indoctrination into the what he had then learned was the Unification Church. [redacted] advised that he received many, many hours of religious instruction and ended up staying well past a weekend, more into eight or nine days, at the retreat. He then went back to the Westwood area of Los Angeles with other individuals from the Unification Church and began collecting donations from people they would contact in the street in shopping centers and in any other public areas. [redacted] advised that he would collect somewhere between fifty and a hundred dollars per day in donations for the church. A portion of the money went for the physical support of the individuals living in Westwood and the remainder was forwarded to higher officials in the Unification Church and he is unaware as to the final destination of the money, although he believes it went to North Korea to the Reverend MOON. [redacted] advised that after being in the Church he was receiving a tremendous amount of pressure from his parents to leave the Church and on one weekend visiting his parents in San Leandro, a former member of the Church. [redacted] was there at his parents' residence and after spending three to four b7C

Interviewed on 10/27/77 at San Leandro, California File # SF 7-1014

by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 11/2/77

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days in conversations with his parents and [redacted] finally realized that he had been used by the Unification Church and that many of the things that he had been told by them were untrue. At this point [redacted] dropped out of the Church and is no longer associated with its members. [redacted] advised that he did not witness any incidents of individuals being physically restrained from leaving the Unification Church, from leaving the retreat or from leaving any residences where they stayed. However, [redacted] advised that he is firmly convinced that not only he, himself, but that most individuals associated with the Unification Church were "brainwashed" and therefore were not associated with the Church on a voluntary basis. [redacted] felt that once an individual had been indoctrinated into the Church itself that it would be very difficult for a person on his own to drop out, but that it requires "deprogramming" by another member or in a situation away from members of the Church in order to allow an individual to think clearly enough to drop out.

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