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To whom it might concern:

I see that CNN is doing a piece on Scientology and that you are seeking information outside the Church. I don't think that that will give you an objective journalistic viewpoint. Thus, I see it as my duty to send you data as I have been in Scientology since I was 18. I have worked on staff for 23 years, 18 of these at the International headquarters.

I have read a lot of the articles concerning ex-members. I know each of these people very well, as I worked in the same organizations for many years. The people I talk about here are Amy Paul-Scobee-Pesch-Mortland, Marty Rathbun, Mike Rinder, Steve Hall, Jeff Hawkins and Bruce Hines.

What they say and why they say it, only they are accountable. But they are disgruntled and have unhandled issues with the Church and their views are tainted with hatred and bitterness. It is not hard for an outsider to see that. Thus it would never be an objective piece to write about Scientology only taking the stories from these ex-staff. I am not writing this to belittle these people or badmouth them, I don't want to do what they do.

So let me tell you some inside information about my life at the International headquarters and in the Sea Org.

I came to the International headquarters in 1983, having just turned 20 years old. From the first day I arrived I was in awe. I remember telling myself, I must be dreaming. Why? Because I found a little oasis filled with happy people who were the best comrades compared to any other group I had ever been in.

In the years I was there, I developed friends for life, because we all worked through thick and thin around the same purpose. Yes, life was not always a walk in the park. But it was exciting, life-changing and I have never since that time been in a group with such a high work ethic and production as that group.

The years at the International headquarters shaped me to be who I am today and I have never regretted the time I spent there, ever.

During the time I was there, I worked around Chairman of the Board RTC many times. I did not find him as described by the disgruntled people. To the contrary, I found him fair and just. Yes, he had a lot of force, but can you find any successful CEO who is meek and soft?

As an example of him being just, several years ago Mr. Miscavige found through an inspection that some staff members had been unjustly disciplined. He personally cancelled those disciplinary actions and set up a system that could not be abused or misused.

Another time, when I had been demoted, he sent his personal staff to work with me for several hours every day to get me back in the saddle.

Another thing I might add is that I personally did the Rehabilitation Project Force and did not find it the pits as described by the disgruntled. I in fact enjoyed a lot of it. Again, the

people in it, the camaraderie, the feeling of togetherness and working toward the common purpose.

I hope you will make use of this in your story.

Sincerely,

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