Mr. Anderson Cooper c/o CNN

Dear Anderson,

...I am a Scientologist and a former staff member who used to work for the Church of Scientology International and RTC. I no longer work for the Sea Organization. These facts give me the unique opportunity to set the record straight as I worked at the location you are reporting on for years and had direct access to see the people you are talking about—namely those that work in the International Management of Scientology and those that work in RTC including its Chairman, Mr. David Miscavige. I am writing to you in an effort to share my experiences of working on staff and to clear up false information and downright lies about the organizations I used to work for and the individuals in them.

Above all I want to clear up any confusion that Mark (aka Marty) Rathbun has generated with regard to Mr. David Miscavige, Chairman of the Board RTC.

I am writing this statement to bring forth the truth, since Mark Rathbun has been spreading vicious and false statements about Mr. Miscavige's character. I am an ex-RTC staff member, having worked in the organization for over 9 years. I worked with both men throughout my tenure and I can attest unequivocally that Mark Rathbun is a liar and is putting false blame on Mr. Miscavige, accusing him of things that Mark himself did. I have never known Mr. Miscavige to be anything but selfless, dedicated, caring and compassionate as a person and senior official in the Church. He is a truly rare individual who does more good in a week, than most of us would do in an entire lifetime. His focus was always on the production of unadulterated Scientology materials and seeing to it that the technology was delivered exactly as intended... He was a joy to work for and with.

I can say firsthand that Mark Rathbun was the cause of much upset when I was a staff member, to me personally and to others around me. I worked directly under Mark, on and off for at least 3 years. He was a very unpleasant and difficult individual to work with, constantly yelling and berating myself and others. He was an angry individual who had a propensity to instill this in others, thus making the environment difficult to work in. He was an instigator and thrived on finding the worst in others. Despite being corrected (by the Church's equivalent of Human Resources) many times it was to no avail—he continued to alter the Scientology technology in its application in the day-to-day running of the organization at RTC. His work had to be constantly corrected by others to get production done. In any other organization, he would have been fired for not being able to get his job done and for abusing his staff the way he did. He was given many chances to redeem himself but didn't. Instead of being a helpful or encouraging manager, he instilled fear and made my job very difficult to do. He was the worst manager I have ever dealt with. He is no longer in RTC because his actions were contrary to the religion's teachings. David Miscavige on many occasions had to stop him from altering Scientology and personally advised me to stay clear of Rathbun's alteration of the ethics

technology which he was trying to get myself and others to follow. Rathbun has psychotic tendencies and his ideas of yelling and instilling fear or manhandling to get what he wanted were solely his own—not anyone else's in the Church and certainly not David Miscavige's.

While I had my own personal situations for no longer being able to work at RTC, through most of my tenure I thoroughly enjoyed working for the organization and with the people in it—it was a great experience. They were some of the best years of my life, and I have the utmost respect for the individuals that are still there. I made a lot of wonderful friendships and gained organizational skills and competence from working in an environment that supported growth, creativity and responsibility of the individual. Anderson, I haven't found that anywhere else to the extent that I did working for RTC. Scientology makes you think, it brings out the best that you have to offer as an individual. The staff who work within RTC and the Church of Scientology International dedicate their lives to helping others. The lies being spread about the Church, RTC and Mr. Miscavige are disparaging and twisted—twisted to suit the ends of those telling the lies.

I want to help set the record straight for those that do not know him: Mark Rathbun has another agenda. He is actively trying to create his own altered offshoot of a Church with his corruption of Scientology and slander...to serve his own personal ends. Maybe his motivation is money and greed, maybe it is power. Whatever his deal is he is a blatant and outright liar. I am personally offended by his attacks on Mr. David Miscavige and the Church—they make me sick.

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