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Dear Mr. Remnick,

While I take issue with many things in Lawrence Wright's Profile, The Apostate, I must set the record straight concerning the leader of the Scientology religion, Mr. David Miscavige. Characterizing him in any other way than a warm, human, extremely competent and dynamic individual is dead wrong. Far from living like a movie star, he works around the clock and I have not known him to take a vacation for 30 years.

By any measure, we are indeed fortunate to have him at the helm. As the Church's Chief Accountant I see our phenomenal growth during the same time the world economy cratered. In the past six years Church premises increased from 5.6 to 11.59 million square feet. We acquired 81 buildings and fully renovated and opened 12 magnificent new churches in just the past two years: in Malmo, Sweden; Brussels, Belgium; Rome, Italy, Mexico City; Melbourne, Australia; Quebec, Canada and six across the USA in Washington DC, Nashville, Dallas, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Seattle. We have 805,000 square feet of construction in progress including the near completion of three more magnificent Churches, and the 380,000 square foot Scientology spiritual headquarters in Clearwater, Florida. And that doesn't count completion of two state-of-the-art publishing companies and a fully equipped 185,000 square foot printing plant and custom mill for dissemination of Dianetics and Scientology. Put all else aside, including the fact that he has been my friend for over three decades, I am honored to serve under such a great leader in these troubled times.

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