

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I am a career journalist, having graduated from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in 1972. My experience has included editing an award-winning newspaper for the United States Army in the Vietnam War era, when I served the country for three years as an Army officer. In 1981, I worked briefly with investigative reporter Jack Anderson, publishing an investigative feature in his magazine, *The Investigator*, while being in direct touch with Mr. Anderson. Over the decades, my work has been recognized with dozens of awards from state and national journalism organizations, and organizations of media professionals.

With that as a preamble, I must state that the promo I have seen in regard to a possible upcoming series on the Church of Scientology is reckless, irresponsible, and just plain wrong.

I became a member of the Church of Scientology in 1974, while an Army officer, and remain a member to this day. I have been an active member of the Sea Organization since late 1981. My advice to you, as a longtime journalist, would be to check into the background and reliability of your sources. I have found that those who are guilty of crimes or abusive behavior will often accuse others of what they themselves have been doing.

Sincerely,

T.W.