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Dear Mr. Greene:

Thank you for contacting us about your upcoming story on Jason Beghe.

It is rather distressing that *Rolling Stone* would open its pages again to the bigoted lies of an anti-Scientologist. Janet Reitman already went out of her way to publish a story and a subsequent book that was filled with errors and flopped. She could not even get right the date of Mr. Hubbard's passing.

For background, Jason Beghe first came to us for help with his anger issues in 1994. His career was going nowhere, so we gave him parts in Church technical and promotional films to the tune of over \$70,000 to help him out. He wrote that through the Church he had become "a new man" and that what he had gotten back "was nothing less than my life." In addition, when he was nearly killed in a 1999 auto accident that left him unconscious for four weeks, members of our Church stayed by his bedside around the clock helping nurse him back to health. Beghe credited the Church with helping him recover, calling it a "miracle."

When he left the Church, he blamed it for his inability to control his lifelong hair-trigger temper.

You can find the Jason Beghe story, along with supporting legal and other documents, at <http://www.freedommag.org/hbo/white-papers/jason-beghe.html>. Simply put, he is an expelled former Scientologist with a long history of violence and arrests.

Here are examples:

- You mentioned in your e-mail the incident in which he beat up a process server, Javier Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez's attorney, Kendrick Moxon, has sent you a letter detailing Beghe's violence, his no contest plea and the resulting judgment against him. Relevant court records are attached.

Mr. Hernandez and witness Kim Teager are on tape here describing the incident (<http://www.freedommag.org/hbo/videos/jason-beghe.html>). (You are free to use the video or link to it on your website.) Here is what Ms. Teager said when interviewed for that video:

So while I was doing that I had my back turned toward the house, but then I would say a couple of minutes later I turned around and I saw Javier walking down the driveway. And when I did that, shortly, like two, a couple seconds later I saw Jason Beghe coming right behind him. And I just saw Beghe standing next to him, yelling in his ear. He was like smacking the back of his head and he knocked his hat off and so when I saw that, I yelled out leave him alone. Obviously, because I was scared what was going to happen. And so I also saw his dogs coming down the driveway with Javier because Javier started walking faster once Beghe started hitting him.

- As reported in TMZ on January 6, 2011, Mr. Beghe attacked his gardener, Daniel Montalvo, at Beghe's Malibu property, claiming that the gardener had mistreated a weed whacker. Sheriff's deputies were called. The gardener was left with a cut lip, scrapes and bruises. A link to that piece can be found here: <http://www.tMZ.com/2011/06/01/x-men-first-class-star-accused-of-weed-wacking-crime-jason-beghe-daniel-montalvo-process-server-assault-confrontation/>

Please also see enclosed declaration by Daniel Montalvo concerning Jason Beghe.

- These instances are just the most recent for Beghe, who has a history of arrests and another conviction.
- In another incident, he dangled a 14-year-old boy over a third-floor parapet at the edge of a building and threatened to drop him off because he was angry at having waited too long at a Church. Another time he shoved an artist seeking his assistance to the ground, throwing a chair on him. This is

not to mention the time he knocked another person over a table and tried to choke him with his tie.

Beghe joined the cyber-terrorist group Anonymous and staged photo ops with them at hate marches in New York and San Francisco which you can see here: <http://www.freedommag.org/hbo/white-papers/jason-beghe.html>. In another instance, Beghe was recruited by an anti-religious extremist to spew hate speech in Germany, paid for by government funds. This extremist has since been ousted from the German government. All the while, Beghe claimed to speak as an expert on the Church even though he was never a staff member or executive and has no knowledge of how the Church works.

At one point, Beghe requested money (a “financial gesture”) from the Church to go away or he would carry on a public campaign. The Church turned him down, and for the last few years he has been on an anti-Scientology crusade, claiming he is now a “victim” of the Church that he previously credited with helping him reclaim his life.

Beghe is unreliable, dishonest and biased, which made him the ideal poster boy for a small, now-defunct Texas cult, headed by Marty Rathbun, who, through his wife, is currently seeking a jackpot through frivolous litigation they initiated against the Church in Texas. Rathbun is an admitted liar and admitted suborner of perjury who himself has a long history of violence and arrests. He was kicked out of the Church more than a decade ago, and myths and lies he has told since then are too many to count. See <http://www.freedommag.org/hbo/white-papers/marty-rathbun.html>.

Beghe, like Rathbun, has taken his apostasy to another level by engaging in “deprogramming” to coerce individuals to renounce or change their religious beliefs.

Please note that what is stated above related to Beghe’s arrests and convictions is supported with court documents or legal testimony at the web address above. Beghe has no evidence to support his lies, as they stem from his imagination.

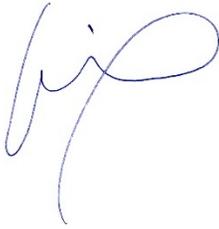
The Church, through counsel, retained licensed professional private investigators because of Beghe’s involvement in litigation against the Church, stolen property issues, and pre-litigation assessments. The Church has applied its lawful rights to defend itself through counsel.

As for the rest of the bizarre allegations, such as his claim about the Church calling Child Protective Services, this is a bald-faced lie and more fantasy. The Church had *nothing* to do with any report to SVU. It is a lie not to be reprinted.

If you are going to write the Church, you should accurately portray it and provide a link to our website at www.scientology.org. The Church is a vibrant religious community that has grown faster in the last 10 years than in its previous 50 years, with more than 40 new Churches opened in major cities around the world. The Church has similarly expanded its humanitarian programs to help millions of people to live drug-free, crime-free and moral lives.

Get back to me with any other claims, allegations or statements being made by Beghe about the Church, its leadership or members, so I can appropriately respond. It is only fair that I know everything you plan to cover.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karin Pouw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karin Pouw