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## Guardian Article

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The book dealt with "hippie" cults in California, and alleged that Manson entered the "drop-out" society because he was attracted by Scientology.

The publishers accepted that there was no truth in the allegations and unreservedly withdrew them, Mr Shulman said. They also accepted that it was quite wrong to suggest that Scientologists paid "tithes" to the Scientology founder, L. Ron Hubbard.

Mr Richard Hampton, for the publishers, said that had published in good faith and without any intention to injure the Scientologists. They apologized for any damage caused.

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Reverend Lawrence Wilber Church of Scientology 835 West Lake Los Angeles, California 90057

Dear Reverend Wilber:

This is to advise that our investigation of the Tate-La Bianca murders has not revealed any evidence showing that any member of the Church of Scientology was involved in these murders, nor have we found any evidence that Charles Manson was a practicing member of the Church of Scientology at the time of the aforementioned murders.

I hope the above statement will be of some value to you and your church in the event that anyone in the future accuses the Church of Scientology of being somehow involved in these heinous murders.

I enjoyed very much meeting with you and Reverend Brian Roubinek recently.

Sincerely,

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