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Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-21027) (RUC)

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Re Bureau airtel dated 9/2/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated as above captioned Reverend SUN-MYUNG MOON. Enclosed for New York is one (1) copy of LHM and enclosed for Washington Field Office is one (1) copy of LHM.

Referenced Bureau airtel requested San Francisco to prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination setting forth pertinent data received from [redacted] for U.S. Congressman NORMAN Y. MINETA. A careful review of the information provided by [redacted] revealed that the two-part article written by ANDREW ROSS and DAVID McQUEEN regarding Rev. MOON for the Pacific News Service included all pertinent information regarding MOON. For that reason, the article is set forth in enclosed LHM. It is felt that other Government Agencies may have an interest in statements made by ROSS and McQUEEN concerning MOON and concerning the Korean Central Intelligence Agency as well as the United States CIA. In addition, the article claims that MOON was allegedly investigated by the Justice Department for violation of the Foreign Agent's Registration Act. The article continues that legal services of a former CIA employee were obtained and subsequently the investigation was dropped.

No additional investigation is being conducted at San Francisco regarding this matter. This matter is being considered RUC.

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On July 30, 1975, and August 11, 1975,

[redacted] to United States Congressman Norman Y. Mineta, 13th District, California, made available information concerning captioned individual. [redacted] stated that she had acquired the information concerning Rev. Moon and the Unification Church from constituents of the Congressman's office in [redacted] California. [redacted] stated that the activities of Rev. Moon appeared to be questionable and she wanted to make the information available to U.S. Government investigative agencies.

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[redacted] provided a two-part news article dated June 9 by Andrew Ross and David McQueen of the Pacific News Service, 604 Mission Street, Room 1001, San Francisco, California. The article is titled "Moon Reaps Profits in U.S." and the article sets forth the following:

"The new savior of the world lives in a plush mansion right next door to Lawrence Rockefeller. He is the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and his Unification Church has made more splash in the U.S. over the past year than almost all of the other new religions put together. Sun Moon commands the devotion of up to a million members world-wide who regard him as the new messiah, and he presides over a multi-national, multi-million dollar conglomerate which blends big business, messianic quasi-Christianity, and virulent anti-communism. It is all a far cry from his humble beginnings as the only son of a poor Presbyterian farm family living in what is now North Korea. But Moon has encountered a great deal of opposition, some of it extremely bitter. One critic, Rabbi Maurice Davis of White Plains, New York, who counsels distressed parents of Moon's American followers says " 'I hold this movement to be evil and dangerous.' Davis accuses Rev. Moon of being a 'charlatan', and 'his inner henchmen to be devious, unscrupulous and false.'

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The IRS, Immigration authorities and even the State Department, have all looked into aspects of the Unification Church. Rabbi Davis is advising parents to demand that State Attorneys General investigate Moon's church in their home states. Once such investigation has quietly begun in California.

Criticism of the movement has not dampened the ardor of Moon's followers, most of them earnest, conservatively dressed young people who believe that Moon and his religion will literally take over the world in their lifetime. "Our movement is more important even than Martin Luther's 95 theses" says Moon's interpreter, the former South Korean military attache in Washington, Colonel Bo Hi Pak. "Reverend Moon's spiritual revolution will have a thousand times greater impact than the Christian reformation.

American membership, according to Unification Church calculations has grown from just five (5) people in 1961 to an estimated 7,000 "core" members, those who live and work full time for the church and 20,000 "associate" members with communal houses and affiliated organizations in every major city in all fifty states. In some respects, Moon's cult resembles other "new religions" which have sought to integrate elements of Eastern and Western thought. The rank and file Moonies often share that "blissed out" look of the Guru Maharaj Ji's followers, and their austere and rigidly controlled living conditions are nor unlike those of the Hare Khrishnas. However, while the other cults have leveled off or declined in support and membership recently, the Unification Church continues to expand in its amoeba-like way. It is close to the American fundamentalists Christian sects in its affinity for rightwing politics, and far surpasses the other "new religions" in terms of wealth and corporate complexity.

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According to Unification Church American President, Neil Salonen, the American branch has an annual operating budget of \$8 Million, most of it spent on lavish banquets for civic leaders and saturation advertising preceeding Moon's "day of hope" rallies in cities across the country. Moon's Madison Square Garden rally in New York last September was estimated to have cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 The cash flow involved in all the activities of the Church's subordinate organizations is much more than \$8 Million. The overall worth of the church in this country alone, about

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\$35 Million is reflected in expensive property deals. Moon's private residence in Tarrytown, New York, cost the church \$625,000. His "principal evangelist" Colonel Pak, lives in a \$115,000 home in Fairfax County, Virginia, which serves as the headquarters of Pak's own lucrative real estate business as well as a branch of the Unification Church. Other properties include a New York City townhouse, a Washington, D.C. office building, 680 acres of prime land in Mendocino County, California (Moon's "international ideal city", at this point just two trailer houses and a lot of open land), and the One and One-Half Million Dollar Christian brother's seminary in Barrytown, New York, which serves as the Church's main training center. In January, 123 acres in New York's Westchester County were purchased for \$5 Million as the site of the Unification Church "university". Just last month, the Church bought the prestigest Columbia Club of New York as its new American headquarters for \$1.2 Million.

While some of the money for Moon's American operations may come from the profits of his industrial holdings in South Korea (worth \$15 Million), most of it derives from the Herculean fund raising efforts of the Church members. In return for no wages and spartan room and board, the Moonies work from dawn to dusk, selling candles and flowers on the streets or laboring for one of the galaxy of church enterprises, including a printing company, gas station, a janitorial service, restaurants, and a business consultancy firm. The income from such projects is larger than one might think. Selling candles nets the non-profit, tax exempt church well over a Million Dollars a year. According to one former church member, a 24-person team operating out of a single church house in Berkeley, brought in \$500,000 a year selling roses on the streets of the bay area.

The church's fund-raising efforts are not entirely straight-forward. Donors are often misled about what happens to their money. "The people who bought the flowers never had any idea what they were contributing to" said former bay area member Darcy Black. ^{SAL}"We would ask them if they would like to donate to youth programs. If asked to elaborate, we would simply lie". Tyler Cole who was once treasurer of the church's Laramie, Wyoming branch agrees. She told a reporter: "We were going around telling people the money we were raising was being used to help young people get off drugs, and for charity, when none of it was

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going for that. I once confronted the group with this; the consensus was that the goals of Mr. Moon's movement were so magnificent that the means we used to support them were okay whatever they were."

The primary goal of the Unification Church is nothing less than the conversion of the whole world to Reverend Moon's religion. As outlined in the Divine Principle, the Church's Bible, most of humanity is in the clutches of Satan as a result of congenital "blood impurity" passed on by Eve's seduction by Satan. Christ's real mission, according to Moon theology was to re-establish the kingdom of God by marrying and having pure children whose pure descendants would erase the taint of Satan. But Christ failed, and told Moon in a revelation Moon claims to have received at age 16 that he was to carry out my unfinished mission. Moon's children, plus the initiate of the church are the advanced guard of the new pure race come to rule the world.

The millenium, according to Moon's followers, is close at hand, and while they would prefer a non-violent conversion of humanity, they are told that the new age may be preceded by a final cataclysmic confrontation between the pure and those still controlled by Satan. They are instructed to prepare to die for the Church if necessary. Church officials realize that Moon's message may be difficult for the uninitiated to swallow immediately, so they play down Moon's devine status when speaking in public. They have formed a number of front organizations.

One such group, "New Education Development Systems, Inc." (NEDS) has denied any links to the church on its own sworn application to the IRS for tax exemption, even though former members of NEDS insist it is a fund raising and recruitment arm of the Unification Church. Church president, Neil Salonen told Pacific News Service that "core" members of NEDS are also members of the Unification Church. Cancelled checks show that money paid by "associate" members who thought they were joining NEDS went straight into the bank account of the Unification Church.

There is no privacy and no free time for Moon's followers. If they are not fund raising, then they are seeking converts or reading and discussing Divine Principle. Recalls Darcy Black, "You are never allowed to think. If you're driving in the Church bus or in a car, you are always

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singing. If you are caught just looking out the window or just sitting, you are immediately told to stop spacing out."

Some members rebel against the Church's absolute control over their lives, and leave the church while others are strongly attracted by it. Pressure on members to stay however, can be enormous. In one case reported by NBC News an individual deemed by a Korean woman high in the church leadership to be "possessed by Satan" was forcibly held at the Barrytown Training Center.

There have also been scattered reports of violence used against Moon's opponents. Tom Riner, pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Louisville, Kentucky, told Pacific News of two such incidents -- one last April in Indianapolis where a follower of Reverend Moon pushed the pastor's wife around and took anti-Moon material from her, and another in Louisville last July when two women members of Riner's congregation were slugged by two male supporters of Moon for distributing anti-Moon leaflets.

For forty days and nights in Washington, D.C., last winter, followers of the Reverend Sun-Myung Moon marched, prayed and camped out on the steps of the Capitol in a "forgive, love, Unite" crusade on behalf of the Watergate-beleaguered Nixon. Similar demonstrations were staged by Unification Church members in a dozen other world capitols. Moon in full-page newspaper ads all over the country evoked a kind of divine right in Nixon's behalf. The ads told Americans: "At this time in history, God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States. Therefore, only God has the power and authority to dismiss him." One Unification Church memo entitled, "Project Watergate" referred to the soon to resign President as the archangel Nixon.

Moon's pro-Nixon stance reflected in part his desire to become a spiritual advisor to the politically powerful in this country. God told him to speak out, Moon said in his newspaper ads because "there has been no American spiritual leader speaking out for unity". Moon's ambition, however, goes well beyond replacing Billy Graham as the nation's number one man of the clothe. He has told his upper echelon followers in writings entitled Master Speaks (available only to the initiate) "the world is in my hand and I will conquer and subjugate the world".

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In the meantime, the Church's political energies are directed against communism, which Moon regards as the embodiment of Satan on earth. Thus Moon has been a militant advocate of the Vietnam war and has developed close ties to like-minded political and financial circles, especially in Korea and Japan. The 55 year old Korean preacher has remained silent in the face of the South Korean government's virtual elimination of civil liberties and its increasingly repressive measures against all suspected opponents. Last April, eight students and intellectuals, including practicing Christians, were executed in Seoul for allegedly plotting to overthrow the Government. Christian leaders, including the Roman Catholic Bishop of Seoul and the head of the Korean National Council of Churches, have been arrested and imprisoned and American missionaries who have protested the Park Government's policies have been deported. Moon on the other hand has enjoyed an especially warm relationship with the park government. As early as 1962, Prime Minister Kim Jong Pil then head of the newly formed Korean CIA assured the first small group of American converts at a meeting in a San Francisco Hotel of his full, but secret support, one of those present told P & S. Today, Moon's machine tool factory, part of an industrial empire Moon has built under the benevolent eye of the Park regime, supplies the South Korean army with parts of M-16s.

One of Moon's training centers, located just outside Seoul gives anti-communist training courses to hundreds of South Korean military officers and civil servants each year. Moon's Korean anti-communist league actively participates in all anti-North Korean and anti-Japanese demonstrations in South Korea.

In the United States, Moon's principal evangelist and interpreter, Colonel Bo Hi Pak, heads the Washington-based Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation (KCF), which was established in 1965 to foster closer relations between the U.S. and South Korea. Church officials deny any organizational link between the KCF and the Unification Church. However, a majority of KCF's Board of Directors, are, or have been, high ranking Unification Church officials. and Reverend Moon's own calling card lists him as "Chairman of the Board and Founder" of one of KCF's major projects -- the Little Angels Korean Folk Ballet. Another KCF project is Radio Free Asia, which at the height of the Vietnam war produced anti-communist programs in Washington and beamed them into China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

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In 1971, Radio of Free Asia came under investigation by several Government agencies, including the Justice Department, for alleged violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. In question was the radio station's status as a foreign private foundation when the South Korean Government consistently gave it free air time on its national network. Colonel Pak acquired the legal services of former CIA Deputy Director of Intelligence Robert Amory, Jr., then employed by the Washington law firm of Thomas Corcoran, himself a top legal counsel to the CIA. The investigation was subsequently dropped.

This is the source of recurring rumors that Moon is somehow connected to the American Central Intelligence Agency. While no hard evidence for this exists, connections between the Unification Church and the Korean Central Intelligence Agency - created in the early 1960s by Park Chung Hee and the American military intelligence agencies - are more apparent.

The Boston Globe reported recently that Moon's interpreter, Colonel Pak, has been a member of the Korean CIA. Korean exiles have told Pacific News Service and the Washington Post that Pak is still connected to Korean intelligence circles, and had pointed out that Moon could not have built his industrial and religious organizations and his anti-communist training centers in South Korea without implicit cooperation of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency. The Korean CIA gained international notoriety in 1972 when its agents kidnaped South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung from a Tokyo Hotel room and spirited him back to Korea. In the United States, its frequent harassment of anti-Park exiles prompted an FBI investigation and a Government warning to curtail its activities. (Members of San Francisco's Korean community have told PNS, and Washington officials have confirmed, that the Korean Central Intelligence Agency frequently uses the Tae Kwan Do Karate schools in major American cities as a cover for its agents. The agents are reportedly controlled from the South Korean Embassy in Washington where Colonel Pak was a military attache from 1961 to 1964. (Coincidentally, the largest chain of Korean tae Kwan Do Karate schools in the United States is owned and operated by Colonel Pak's, Jhoon Rhee, who is well known in Washington as a teacher of Marshal arts to political figures and columnists. Rhee was one of the founders of the Unification Church in the United States and his first Karate school served as a recruiting front for

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the church. Rhee also helped establish the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation, but, though he still professes support for the church's goal, he insists he is no longer actively involved in the church's affairs. Through his representation in the World Karate Association, however, Rhee is connected to one of the church's principal Japanese backers, Sasagawa Ryoichi, who founded and heads the association. Sasagawa is now one of Japan's most prominent financiers and behind the scenes political figure. In the 1930s, he was a leading advocate of imperial expansion and an architect of Japan's wartime strategy. After the war, he was imprisoned for a time as a "class A" war criminal. Sasagawa admits helping fund the anti-Sukarno coup in Indonesia in 1965 and reputedly exerts large influence over today's Japanese criminal underworld.

Although Unification Church officials deny any financial links between Sasagawa and the church, Colonel Pak told Pacific News that Sasagawa is Moon's "chief ally in the battle against communism".

Much of that battle is now waged by Moon's international federation for the victory over communism. The head of the Japanese branch of the international federation for victory over communism is former prime minister Kishi Nobusuke, a close associate of Sasagawa - they met in prison after the war. The IFVC, in turn, is a major component of the World Anti-Communist League, a very influential right wing pressure group, especially in Asian affairs, which was founded and financed by Sasagawa.

The American branch of the IFVC, headed by Unification Church president Neil Salonen, is known as the Freedom Leadership Foundation, which claims to be "the standard bearer of ideological victory over communism in the United States." Its educational and training arm, the World Freedom Institute, offers training courses in anti-communism and plans to build an "international training center" in Washington, D.C., modeled after the center near Seoul, Korea. The Freedom Leadership Foundation is active on Capitol Hill spending upwards of \$50,000 per year on educational seminars and teas for Congress people on such issues as military spending and foreign aid and it reportedly plans a separate organization in the near future for direct lobbying and campaigning for select political candidates. There is even the hint that members of the Church may enter U.S. politics.

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In a Los Angeles livingroom meeting during his latest U.S. speaking tour Moon told high-echelon church members: "I am going to make all of you men U.S. senators and all of you women wive's of U.S. Senators."

[redacted] made available a letter from the Jewish Community Center, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, New York, authored by [redacted] dated July 3, 1975. The letter addressed to Dear Friends sets forth the work that is being done by [redacted] and the citizens engaged in reuniting families. [redacted] stated that the number of young men and women who have been rescued from the "Moon people" continues to grow. [redacted] further explains that he has planned a brochure exposing Moon and his movement.

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[redacted] additionally made available and article entitled "Korean Moonshine" which appeared in the Christian Century Magazine December 4, 1974 issue, a magazine article entitled "From Korea With Love" written by John D. Marks, which appeared in the Washington Monthly February, 1974, issue, and an article entitled "Moon Rising", which appeared in Newsweek Magazine, May 26, 1975 issue. Information contained in these articles substantiate information which is set forth above regarding Reverend Sun Moon and the Unification Church.

[redacted] further provided a letter containing information about Sun-Myung Moon prepared by the Church of the Nazarene, Korean Mission, Box 63, Young Deung T.O., Seoul, Korea. The letter indicates that Mr. Moon is the founder of the Unification Church which is officially titled "The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity". Moon was born in Chung Ju, North Korea, in 1920. In his teenage years, Moon is said to have seen frequent visions and to have grown up surrounded by an atmosphere of mysticism. The letter indicates that he has divorced three wives having had one child by each of them. He was accused in 1955 of conducting a group sex orgie for which he served a three-month jail term. Moon founded his organization in 1954 basing it on his supposed religious visions. The letter alleges that actually Moon borrowed his doctrines from those taught at the monestary of Israel. The following doctrinal statement with filed with the Korean Government by Moon's unification association:

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- Beliefs: 1) The one creator is the only God and father.
- 2) The only son, Jesus, is mankind's savior.
- 3) The Second Avent of Jesus is in Korea.
- 4) Mankind shall become one united family centered around the event of the Second Coming.
- 5) Ultimate salvation rests upon the elimination of Hell and evil while establishing good and the Kingdom of Heaven.

The letter additionally states that the group also secretly observes such other beliefs and practices as the following:

- 1) Founder Moon is the Second Avent Jesus.
- 2) A believer receives a spiritual body by participating in a ceremony known as blood cleansing which is for women to have sexual intercourse with Moon and for men to have intercourse with such a woman. This idea of blood cleansing comes from the teaching that Eve committed immorality with the Serpent and she passes on to all of us serpent blood.
- 3) Secretly observed doctrines are Holy covenant and are of more value than the Bible.
- 4) Members who have experienced blood cleansing can produce sinless generation.
- 5) Founder Moon is sinless.

The letter indicates that according to the National Religious Statistics published in 1969, the Unification Group has 936 churches and 304,750 members in Korea. Leaders of other religious groups say that these figures are greatly exaggerated. There are no elders or ministers in the Unification Movement. The Unification group operates several business enterprises in Korea. A novel feature of Unification is mass wedding ceremonies which it performs. Once founder

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Moon joined 777 couples in wedlock. Mr. Moon has bought \$100,000 ads in the New York Times newspaper to publicize his movement. Great and sweeping claims are made by the Unification members concerning their strength in Korea. Actually, they are not an important influence in Korean society. One may travel extensively in Korea and never see one of their meeting centers or never meet a follower of Reverend Moon.