

## DECLARATION OF JOHN ACZEL

I, John Aczel, hereby declare and state:

1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of Los Angeles, California. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and, if called upon to do so, could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I am a member of the Church of Scientology's religious order, the Sea Organization. I have been a Scientologist since January of 1968 and a member of the Sea Organization since March of 1968. I served at Saint Hill, aboard the Sea Organization's Flagship *Apollo* and at every level of Church management. I am presently a staff member of Church of Scientology International in Los Angeles.

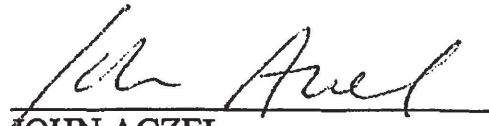
3. I have read the passage in Lawrence Wright's book, *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief*, in which Mr. Wright lists me as a source for one of his allegations concerning the leader of the Scientology religion, Mr. David Miscavige. I have never met, spoken with or corresponded with Mr. Wright in any manner. Nor have I provided him with any information whatsoever, either for his book or otherwise.

4. At page 345, Mr. Wright lists me as someone who "told me or testified in court that they have witnessed one or more assaults on other Church staff members by their leader." The allegation is false. I have never told Mr. Wright this, nor have I testified to this in any court because it is not true. I have never on any

occasion witnessed Mr. Miscavige physically attack anyone. I have known Mr. Miscavige for more than three decades and have the utmost respect for him. I have never known him to engage in the type of conduct alleged by Mr. Wright and I am insulted that Lawrence Wright would try to use me to support his false claim against the leader of the religion to which I have devoted my life for nearly 45 years.

I declare the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2012 at Los Angeles, California.

  
JOHN ACZEL