

1 "Answer: Neil Duddy and Brooks
2 Alexander."

3 "Question: All right. Any other
4 writers?"

5 "Answer: No."

6 Is that a true statement?

7 A. Well, insofar as word changes of this kind
8 and suggestions that I made throughout the manuscript
9 were accepted and included in the final version of the
10 manuscript, I could be considered a writer of this
11 material, yes.

12 Q. All right.

13 A. I did not write this statement, however.

14 Q. Now, going -- my question to you was: Were
15 you aware of ways of checking to see whether this
16 statement was correct or not?

17 A. The only way that I could conceive that the
18 statement could be checked would be by consulting current
19 members.

20 Q. Are you aware or were you aware that marriage
21 licenses are recorded?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was there any effort made by anybody in SCP
24 to check to see if, in fact, there had been 16 marriages
25 in one month alone under the guidance of the Seattle
26 elders?

1 A. I don't believe so, no.

2 Q. And in your opinion, is that responsible
3 journalism?

4 A. It would depend upon the nature of the
5 reports that Mr. Duddy had as to the facts that he's
6 reporting.

7 Q. Have you since learned that the statement is
8 false?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Have you ever made any inquiry to find out if
11 it's true or false?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Is that because you don't care?

14 A. It's basically because I was interested in
15 disengaging myself from the Local Church material as far
16 as possible. Turning it over to someone who's better
17 qualified than I to deal with it.

18 Q. Let me ask you, you were aware, were you not,
19 that the Local Church produced documentary evidence, in
20 terms of paper, to prove that the allegations of the
21 book, the manuscript, were false?

22 A. No, sir, I'm not aware of that.

23 Q. You were never aware of that?

24 A. No, sir. I knew, of course, that the
25 Local Church disputed much of the book.

26 Q. Well, were you aware that the Local Church