

1 Q Did you read it?

2 A Not entirely. I reviewed it. I sent back a note
3 saying that -- I wouldn't say I sent back a note. But I
4 communicated with someone to the extent that because of the
5 information on the Local Church, it would be absolutely
6 worthless to me.

7 Q Now, you say you communicated with someone. Do you
8 know whether that was in writing or orally?

9 A I don't remember. I know I told Larry Stone and
10 Jim Powell that it was, you know, it just wasn't an accurate
11 account. That's what I told them.

12 Q Did you enlarge upon that?

13 A Well, I went over with Larry the objections I had
14 to the chapter on the Local Church.

15 Q Let me stop you there. That was about when with
16 reference to the time that manuscript was submitted to your
17 attention?

18 A It was within a few days. I went to Larry to
19 explain why the book was of no use to us in the fund raising
20 end. It wasn't to me. That's the --

21 Q All right. Now, you say, to explain to him why.
22 What did you tell him as to why it wasn't of any use to you?

23 A My experience with the Local Church wasn't
24 consistent --

25 Q Wait just a minute. Is this what you told him?

26 A Yes. I told him my experience with the Local
27 Church was not consistent with the information that was
28 contained in the book.

1 Q Did you enlarge upon that at all?

2 A I didn't have to enlarge a lot because, you know, I
3 just listed by objections as to why it couldn't be so.

4 Q Well, I know.

5 A You know, and Larry heard me out as to the things
6 that I knew that, you know, didn't make it a --

7 Q That's what I'm asking you. What did you tell him
8 that you knew that didn't make it accurate?

9 A Well, probably the short of it is, you know, if
10 they were going to call the Local Church a cult, he would have
11 to call Thomas Rhode Church a cult as well as Catholic churches,
12 as well as dozens of other organizations.

13 I went into a rather deliberate attempt to explain
14 to him why such a piece of literature was of no value to me.

15 Q All right. Now, what I'm seeking from you, sir,
16 at this time, is for you to tell me as much as you can
17 specifically what you pointed out to him as to be wrong other
18 than calling it a cult, if anything.

19 MR. KLUNDER: I'll object. That mischaracterizes his
20 testimony. He didn't say anything about "cult." I think the
21 question is vague and ambiguous, and it's without foundation.

22 MR. HUNT: All right. Go ahead and answer it.

23 MR. GRIDLEY: I join in the objection.

24 Q BY MR. HUNT: Do you understand what my question
25 was?

26 A Not now.

27 Q You said you went to Larry Stone, and you explained
28 to him your reasons as to why this was valueless.

1 A. Right.

2 Q. And you referred to the chapter on the Local
3 Church?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. You already told us that if you were going to call
6 the Local Church a cult, you might as well call Thomas Rhode a
7 cult?

8 A. I said that to him.

9 Q. Did you point out any things in the chapter other
10 than the broad statement?

11 A. We went over a couple of things within that
12 chapter. The exact things that we talked about, I told him
13 were not consistent, you know, with the criticism that was
14 there. I said, "This is not the case. Someway, somehow,
15 Larry --" At that moment, the only person I knew that was
16 involved in this thing -- I told Larry to call Walter Martin.

17 Q. All right.

18 A. That was the end of whatever I could say to him.
19 He came back at me and said, "Well, who are some theologian
20 type people that would not go along with this treatment of the
21 Local Church?"

22 MR. GRIDLEY: Move to strike as not responsive to the
23 question asked.

24 Q. BY MR. HUNT: You say, you pointed out some things
25 to him.

26 A. Right.

27 Q. That's what I want to know. What things did you
28 point out to him?