

## **Excess Benefits**

### **1. Excess Benefits/Inurement to David Miscavige**

This information is from unverified reports filed by various people who formerly were in the Sea Org and stationed in positions where they either observed or had accessed to the data, which is presented here in categories. Int Base means the International Base near Hemet, CA, CW is an abbreviation for Clearwater, FL, and DM stands for David Miscavige.

#### **OFFICE AND PERSONAL SPACES**

Besides his office suites which were huge and expensively decorated at all the locations he regularly visited, Miscavige also had beautiful, spacious living quarters in each location that were nothing like regular crew berthing and were reserved just for him to use. Even if he visited that location only once every few years, no one else would ever use those living spaces, they would just remain empty, despite berthing shortages for crew in most areas. The personal berthing building in Hollywood reportedly cost \$4,600,000. The renovations for his Hacienda Gardens residence, alone, cost \$100,000.

The locations regularly visited include Hollywood, CA; Int Base; and CW.

Only his bedroom at the Int base had personally purchased furnishings. He had exclusive use of many other areas at Int that were furnished with church funds. These seemed to be common areas that any staff might use, but were really only for his use, such as a lounge, library, music room, game room, gym and theater.

#### **VEHICLES**

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| Acura RL - at Int Base  | \$ 50,000 |
| Acura TSX - at Int Base | 35,000    |
| Acura - at CW*          | 45,000    |
| Mazda Miata             | 25,000    |
| BMW M6 birthday present | 110,000   |
| Range Rover             | 80,000    |
| Bulletproof GMC Van**   | 150,000   |
| Custom-made motorcycle  | 25,000    |

\* Because Miscavige rarely travels to CW, this vehicle, and his residence there, are unused most of the time.

\*\* The bulletproof van was outfitted with a custom mobile office inside, state-of-the-art audio system, satellite TV and internet.

#### **SALARY & BONUSES**

Reportedly as much as \$500,000 per year in recent years, although through the years when the Churches were seeking tax-exempt statuses (i.e., through 1993), the amounts were much more modest. In that period, he took a weekly salary of about \$1,700, monthly bonuses of roughly \$3,000, and yearly bonuses up to \$26,000, or a total of about \$150,000 per year.

## **WASTE & EXTRAVAGANCE**

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| New RTC Building - at Int Base, sitting empty     | \$15,000,000  |
| Redoing Music Studio at Gold - 3 times            | 5,000,000     |
| House for LRH (Built two decades after his death) | 10,000,000    |
| Birthday Party for Tom Cruise 2004                | 250,000 *     |
| Birthday Party for Tom Cruise 2005                | 250,000 *     |
| Sound Systems in DM's various offices             | 10,000,000 ** |

\* Also excess benefit to Cruise

\*\* Also, excess benefit/inurement to DM

## **CLOTHING**

Miscavige wears only tailor-made suits, which cost on average \$5,000, and custom-made shoes and boots from a mold of his feet. He bought civilian clothes with his own money – but he received so many clothes as gifts that he didn't have to spend much of his own money on them. Business suits that he wore for work were considered uniform, but most were birthday or Christmas gifts – made of very expensive fabric, tailored by Mr. Lim – “tailor to the stars.”

Most crew got sparse allocations of uniforms – sometimes all they had was just one or two sets of clothes which they wore 7 days a week until they were shabby and worn out.

Meanwhile, DM wore what he wanted. He switched off, sometimes wearing uniforms, sometimes wearing casual, comfortable civilian clothes. When he wore uniform, he chose what to wear from dozens of different styles and fabrics to suit the weather, what activity he was engaged in on a particular day, etc, etc. All his uniform pieces were designed and tailored for him by Italian fashion designer Claudio Lugli.

## **PERSONAL CARE**

Not including office staff, Miscavige benefits from many care givers, including the following:

- Purchasing steward
- Laundry steward
- Food steward
- Room steward
- Personal trainer
- Motorpool staff / driver (took care of his personal vehicles and motorcycles as well as the Church-owned vehicles he used).

Most, if not all, of these personal care givers accompanied Miscavige in his travels throughout the world.

In addition to the above, other Sea Org members (i.e., Church employees) were utilized by Miscavige to assist him in the pursuit of his personal hobbies. For example, 3 or 4 staff members from the CMO\* Photography Unit were often fully occupied with DM's personal photography projects, doing research, purchasing equipment, testing, printing, cataloging and preparing photo presentations, slide shows, and so on, of DM's personal photographs.

(\*CMO is an acronym for Commodore's Messenger Organization, which was originally formed to assist LRH, the Commodore.)

### **SPECIAL FOOD, PERSONAL CHEF**

In earlier years, DM dined in the crew dining room (MCI) and ate some of the same food as the crew, although the "Captain's Table" had more choices of food and special items provided to them. He stopped eating at MCI, however, and had his meals made especially for him.

In recent years, he has enjoyed the use of a personal chef (Sinar Parman) and Stewards to plan his menu in great detail, according to whatever nutritional program he was on (exact calories, food type combinations worked out, etc.).

Because Miscavige had no set meal schedule, his chef often had to prepare meals several times over. Food would be prepared to be ready at the time DM had specified, but many times he would not arrive at the designated time and the food went to waste. The chef had to prepare a whole new meal because he wasn't allowed to serve DM food that was overcooked, cold or had been sitting too long. If the food wasn't ready, wasn't cooked exactly right or had been sitting too long when he arrived to eat, there would be trouble for the chef.

Sinar prepared some breakfasts up to 5 or 6 times in order to accommodate DM's schedule and still serve him perfectly cooked eggs. Some fish dinners were cooked from scratch 2 or 3 times for the same reason. And so on.

### **EXERCISE TIME, PERSONAL TRAINER, TANNING BOOTH**

There was always supposed to be exercise time for the crew, but a lot of the time crew didn't even have enough sleep time, let alone exercise time. Miscavige, in contrast, was on regular, intense exercise programs at all times, and had a personal trainer (Kenny Seybold) who tailored workout programs for DM and then personally conducted the training sessions. Seybold also took care of DM's bicycles and otherwise worked full-time for him, researching, fine-tuning his gear, purchasing or filling requests by DM for various exercise related items.

Miscavige made the Exercise Building, a Church building at Int Base, his own personal gym. Originally, intended to be used by all crew, DM only allowed a select few to use it, visiting celebrities and crew who were in his favor. The Church gym contained tens of thousands of

dollars of top-of-the-line exercise equipment.

At times, Miscavige utilized the services of Hollywood celebrity trainer, Gina Lombardi, who was also a Scientology parishioner, for both consultation and as his personal trainer, paying for Gina to drive to Int Base and fly to CW as well as see him while he was in Hollywood.

DM's tanning room and personal gym, story and photos

<http://markkrathbun.wordpress.com/2010/07/20/david-miscavige-tries-to-keep-up-with-tom-cruise/>

## **AIR TRAVEL**

Miscavige traveled First Class on commercial airlines in earlier years. He now travels on private jets, often Tom Cruise's jet. Tom donated his plane, pilot and flight staff for DM's use. RTC paid for the fuel. If Tom's jet was not available, RTC would pay for a private jet at a cost of something like \$20-40K each trip.

## **OUTINGS & "DAYS OFF"**

Over-the-top excursions on days off were arranged whenever DM was visiting a location other than Int Base. These included:

- Scuba diving excursions on rented yachts, boat trips
- Dinners at 5-star restaurants
- Trips to concerts, West End shows, movies, etc.
- Trip to theme parks, water parks, etc.
- Trips to sporting events
- Golfing, motorcycling, three-wheeler driving, etc.
- Sightseeing

Speaking of Scuba diving and lavish lifestyles, during Maiden Voyage anniversaries\* at the Freewinds, the IAS pays for luxury yacht rentals and dive instructors for DM and entourage, as well as for expensive dinners at the top restaurants on the islands. Sometimes DM prolonged his stay after the week-long event for weeks.

\* Maiden Voyage anniversaries are invitation-only affairs for the Scientology elite, wealthy and celebrity parishioners, mainly, where Miscavige briefs them daily on planetary matters, accomplishments, plans, situations, etc.

## **MOVIES & TV**

Miscavige usually watched at least one movie a week. In the early days, he and his staff would drive to the public movie theaters off Int Base. For a long period of time, Tom Cruise sent film reels of current movies for DM to watch in the Cine Rushes Theater (on Int Base, a theater used

in the production of religious films). Celebrities such as Anne Archer provided weekly videos of new film releases which DM and a few others watched in the “Officers Lounge.” Later, after LRH’s new house was built (Bonnie View), DM watched films in LRH’s Theater which was a huge, luxurious building with state-of-the-art film showing equipment.

Regular crew rarely got to see a movie – unless it was the latest Tom Cruise movie, in which case viewing it was mandatory. TVs and VCRs were banned. Crew would get in ethics trouble if caught watching TV or movies, even if done on personal time.

## **GIFTS**

Miscavige received gifts throughout the year, numerous and expensive gifts. Each passing year the gifts became more and more lavish.

On DM’s Birthday, for example, gifts poured in from every Scientology organization and continental management unit around the world. Individual staff members also gave him personal gifts as well as celebrities and some Scientology parishioners. The most lavish gifts were bestowed on him from the Scientology organizations closest to him – International Management Orgs such as Golden Era Productions, RTC, Author Services, Inc., and the IAS. For the most part, money was collected from crew members to purchase the gifts.

At Christmas, the same gift-giving occurred, often involving more than one hundred gifts with an estimated value in the tens of thousands of dollars. Tailored suits costing \$1000 + each, expensive watches, cufflinks, Hermes ties by the dozen, antiques, handmade shoes and shirts from London, sporting equipment, camera equipment, etc. ASI once gave him an expensive automobile, which caused a “flap” because DM said he would have had to pay taxes on it and would get in trouble with the IRS. He made ASI change the title papers so the car wasn’t in his name, but was yet available only for his use.

Eventually, the costs of the gifts became so expensive that crew “donating” their pay wasn’t enough and other ways of buying gifts were devised by the Scientology Orgs. (Nori Matsamuri, Treasury Secretary, RTC, knows a lot about how these things were arranged.)

Every time DM traveled to put on a Scientology event – such as to United Kingdom, CW, or to Scientology’s Caribbean cruise ship, the Freewinds, he was given expensive “welcome” and “thank you” gifts from numerous Scientology Orgs. The IAS gave the most expensive ones as well as the Flag Service Organization, the Freewinds Org, FSSO, Saint Hill based Orgs, CMO units, etc. (FSSO stands for Freewinds Ship Service Org, which provides Scientology training and auditing services to ship guests, and is different from the Freewinds Org, which runs the ship. CMO stands for the Commodore’s Messenger Organization.)

## **MEDICAL CARE**

Dr. Stephen Price, from Los Angeles, visited DM in Hollywood and at Int Base about once a week for chiropractic adjustments and to take care of any other medical matters. Other staff were

also seen by Dr. Price initially but, over time, Price attended the care of DM and his wife, Shelly Miscavige, exclusively. Dr. Price occasionally traveled to wherever DM was in the world.

Regular staff received sparse medical benefits – if and when funds were available (subject to written requests, approval by the Financial Planning committee, budget allocations, workers comp applications and “waiting lists” for the money to pay for medical care). Regular crew had to otherwise rely on free clinics and emergency room visits. DM had the benefit of his own personal physician and no expense would be spared to make sure Dr. Price was available for him.

## **2. Excess Benefits to Tom Cruise**

Cruise is one of, if not the biggest, donors to Scientology, and thus, probably constitutes a disqualified person. In addition to his status as a top donor, he is best friends and has easy access to Miscavige. They have been photographed together on motorcycles, at sporting events, in Las Vegas casinos, Miscavige was Cruise’s best man at Tom and Katie’s marriage, and so on.

The following anecdote more than any other probably solidifies Tom’s status as “a person who is in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization (whether such influence is formal or informal),” the definition of a “disqualified person.” To wit:

Miscavige used his influence as leader of Scientology to persuade Scientology stock brokers to reimburse Cruise for losses he sustained in the stock market. Former high-ranking Sea Org member Amy Scobee relates the story.

According to Amy, Alan Hollander, a Scientology parishioner, had been assigned by DM to clean out the bilges of the Freewinds. When Alan completed his punishment, Amy inquired what he had done to earn DM’s ire and Alan said that he had messed up an investment entrusted to him by Tom Cruise. Amy’s story joggled the memory of Marty Rathbun who then recalled that DM had made a lot of personal money through investments with the Feshbach brothers who were notorious, hugely successful short-sellers and billionaires. They were also Scientology parishioners and major donors to Scientology. DM persuaded Tom to invest “a bundle” (the amount was not revealed) of his personal money with the Feshbachs, but the stock market turned and Tom’s money was lost. DM pressured the Feshbachs to cover both Tom’s and his own losses. The hold over the Feshbachs was their statuses and standing in Scientology, of course. They stood to lose both to an irate Miscavige.

Other benefits bestowed upon Cruise, and which also show his influence. Miscavige arranged extravagant birthday parties on Scientology’s luxury cruise ship, the Freewinds in the years 2004 and 2005, for example, which are listed above under the caption “Waste and Extravagance.”

Miscavige vacations and pals around with Cruise, traveling throughout the world on Tom’s private jet, visiting his home in Telluride, CO for skiing getaways, and etc.

## **SEA ORG LABOR PROVIDED FOR TOM’S BENEFIT**

Reported by former Sea Org member Mat Pesch:

When I was the Treasury Sec FSO the Div 4 HGC was ordered to audit family members of Tom Cruise for FREE. I never did get to see the total amount of free auditing given because I sent a KR to RTC Reports when it hit \$100,000. Soon after my 7 years as the Treasury Sec ended and I was removed from post without a comm ev to be posted “permanently” on the lowest post in the Furniture Mill. Tom Cruise is the biggest free service sucking Scientologist I know.

DM also made available for Tom’s personal benefit, Church staff. For example, Amy Scobee reports in her recently published book that she was ordered by DM to hire Scientologists to work for Tom’s household. Amy went to Tom’s house and Jenny Gaynor, a Scientology staff member, was there working for TC at the direction of Miscavige. Gaynor told Amy that she (Amy) was replacing her for all the functions Gaynor had been and was then performing for Tom, which included, among other duties, executive housekeeper, maid, and cook.

Sinar Parman, DM’s chef, was ordered to oversee the food preparation for a huge gala event at Tom’s Telluride residence, a wedding celebration, perhaps. Sinar claims that he was not paid by Tom Cruise for his services. Other staff members have reported similar stories of being ordered to cater to Tom Cruise and/or his family members, and did; they were neither hired nor paid by Tom.

## **SEA ORG LABOR TO CUSTOM BUILD MOTORCYCLE’S, RV’S, ETC. FOR CRUISE**

From: *The New Yorker* article:

[http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/02/14/110214fa\\_fact\\_wright](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/02/14/110214fa_fact_wright)

Excerpt:

In 2005, Miscavige showed Cruise a Harley-Davidson motorcycle he owned. At Miscavige’s request, Brousseau had had the vehicle’s parts plated with brushed nickel and painted candy-apple red. Brousseau recalls, “Cruise asked me, ‘God, could you paint my bike like that?’ I looked at Miscavige, and Miscavige agreed.” Cruise brought in two motorcycles to be painted, a Triumph and a Honda Rune; the Honda had been given to him by Spielberg after the filming of “War of the Worlds.” “The Honda already had a custom paint job by the set designer,” Brousseau recalls. Each motorcycle had to be taken apart completely, and all the parts nickel-plated, before it was painted. (The church denies Brousseau’s account.)

Brousseau also says that he helped customize a Ford Excursion S.U.V. that Cruise owned, installing features such as handmade eucalyptus panelling. The customization job was presented to Tom Cruise as a gift from David Miscavige, he said. “I was getting paid fifty dollars a week,” he recalls. “And I’m supposed to be working for the betterment of mankind.” Several years ago, Brousseau says, he worked on the renovation of an airport hangar that Cruise maintains in Burbank. Sea Org members installed faux scaffolding, giant banners bearing the emblems of

aircraft manufacturers, and a luxurious office that was fabricated at church facilities, then reassembled inside the hangar. Brousseau showed me dozens of photographs documenting his work for Cruise.

Photo log from John Brousseau documenting claims in *The New Yorker* article:

<http://markrathbun.files.wordpress.com/2011/02/bikeshangarexcursion.pdf>

The Silver Screen and Blue Bird busses:

<http://markrathbun.wordpress.com/2011/01/26/tom-cruises-scientology-buses/>

<http://markrathbun.wordpress.com/2010/10/19/a-workers-paradise-for-tom-cruise/>

Tom Cruise's airplane hangar renovated with Sea Org labor:

<http://markrathbun.wordpress.com/2010/09/23/tom-cruises-hangar-produced-by-slave-labor/>

Tom's auxiliary office at the hangar was "conceived, designed and built" with Sea Org labor:

<http://markrathbun.wordpress.com/2010/09/23/tom-cruises-hangar-produced-by-slave-labor/>