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PUBLISHER TO RE-WRITE MANSON BOOK

CHICAGO, ILL. -- March 8, 1972 -- E. P. Dutton, publisher of "The Family -- The Story of Charles Manson's Dune Buggy Attack Battalion" said today that the book will be revised to remove all reference to The Process -- Church of the Final Judgement. A close examination has revealed that statements in the book about The Process Church, including those attributing any connection between The Process and the activities of Charles Manson, accused and convicted murderer, have not been substantiated.

Dutton announced further that no additional copies of the book in its present form would be printed. This release will be inserted in all existing and unsold copies of "The Family" still in Dutton's possession.

The Process has agreed to withdraw its \$1.5 million libel suit against the publisher and the author. The suit, filed in the Federal District Court in Chicago on last October 20, charges that the author Ed Sanders and publisher E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. published false and defamatory material concerning the church and its religious activities.

"We did not check Sanders' resource material with reference to The Process before we published The Family," said Dutton President John F. Macrae III. "The allegations were not substantiated in the litigation, and we are rewriting the book to remove all reference to The Process Church in any future editions, including a proposed paperback."

Father John, minister of The Process -- Church of the Final Judgement, said, "Since the primary purpose of our libel suit was to clear the good name of the Church, and since Dutton is cooperating in that endeavor, we are withdrawing the suit."

Still pending, according to Father John, is a \$1.25 million libel suit against ESQUIRE Magazine for publishing "false and defamatory" material about the Church in its November, 1971 issue as part of an article entitled "Charlie and the Devil" by Ed Sanders. This suit was filed November 2, 1971 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

The Process is a religious organization devoted to spreading the work of Christ. It was founded in 1963 in London, England. The Process in North America is headquartered in Chicago, with congregations in Toronto, Canada; Boston, Mass.; and New Orleans, La.



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THE PROCESS
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Dear *Bill*,

On March 9, we of The Process -- Church of the Final Judgement, sent a letter to many of our friends in the United States and abroad, telling of the successful outcome of a libel suit against E.P. Dutton, publisher, and Ed Sanders, author, of the book "The Family."

We are now happy to report to you the successful termination of another suit, this time against Esquire Magazine, who printed excerpts from "The Family" in their November, 1971 edition.

As stated previously, we feel that the out-of-court settlements with E.P. Dutton and Ed Sanders, and now with Esquire Magazine, constitute a significant victory for the Church, as American libel law tends to favor authors and publishers.

For the terms of the settlement, please see the enclosed press release.

Our thanks again for your interest and support.

Very sincerely yours,

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AGREEMENT REACHED IN ESQUIRE - PROCESS CHURCH LIBEL SUIT

CHICAGO, ILL. - April 3, 1972 - The libel suit filed by The Process - Church of the Final Judgement against the publishers of Esquire Magazine was dismissed today in the Circuit Court of Cook County at the request of both parties.

The suit arose over an article in the November, 1971 issue of Esquire which was extracted from a book later published by F.P. Dutton, entitled The Family - The Story of Charles Manson's Dune Buggy Attack Battalion. In separate libel suits, The Process Church sued both Esquire and E.P. Dutton (along with the book's author, Ed Sanders) charging that "false and defamatory material concerning the Church and its religious activities" had been published.

E.P. Dutton issued a joint statement with The Process Church in March 1972, in which Dutton said they were rewriting The Family to remove all mention of the Church since the allegations made about it were not substantiated.

The publishers of Esquire Magazine will print a portion of the Dutton - Process statement in its July issue as follows:

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