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VIOLENCE

(Originally written by LRH for the *Apollo* OODs on
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The one thing that for sure gets a government or ruling body nowhere is violence.

Covert violence in the name of “intelligence” is about the dumbest trick of all time.

I concluded a long time ago that man can't be trusted with “justice.” Yet the only restraint of wrongdoing one can impose is use of force. And that is only true UNTIL one establishes sanity.

The difference between sanity and insanity is destructiveness. Insanity has to do with motive, not competence.

If you wonder about your own sanity just ask yourself “Am I destructive?” That is the full answer.

Feeling spinny is not being insane. It's just an inability to locate one's position in relation to one's surroundings.

Thus violence practiced for its own sake is just insanity.

Sure makes some of these governments look odd.

The world needs to be given the answer to sanity before it blows itself apart altogether.

That's why I'm anxious to get things going smoothly so I can gain the six weeks or two months needed to write it.

You'd help by making sure you're hatted and doing your job well.

I appreciate the work of those who are making things go right.

L. RON HUBBARD
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