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We are fighting on enemy terrain now, inside his National Association of Mental Health. We are kicking him in the teeth. We are not fighting inside a Scientology org now, we're fighting inside the enemy camp and that is where a fight should be conducted. You never fight on your own ground, *never*. You seldom fight on the ground of an ally. And where you should *always* conduct a war is on the field of an enemy. That is just elementary strategy.

Lenin's think was to conduct political operations on a military basis. I considered this very intriguing because I worked out some time ago that you conducted all legal actions as a military equivalent. It is a successful pattern, but it is unsuccessful to the degree that it attracts and makes active enemies, if you consider that anybody who is powerful is your enemy. If you consider anybody powerful a potential enemy then, of course, you make active enemies.

We were fairly sure before we started kicking the Nats around that they were actual enemies. Although there is some activity from the American Medical Association we refuse, actually, to consider the medical doctor an active enemy. So there is something else you can do with this principle—you can also *refuse* an active enemy. He's not that stirred up, so you smooth him down, put no troops in the field and give him some business. Give him a vested interest in it.

If the psychiatrist had anything but rocks in his stupid head, he long since would have pursued quite a different course with regard to Dianetics and Scientology. He would have gone around saying, "Yes, well, you boys, you can take care of a lot of the fellows that are around, but why don't you send us those that are in a dangerous or

horrible condition.” And we would have said, “Well, if you promise not to kill them, why, we’ll send them to you.” And then they would have come out that way and they would not have had any kind of a mess in their field. Because they think like a Russian, all of their action has been in the direction of denying us power. This is the object of a covert operation—the denial of power.

We have tried to parley and they leave you no choice but a frontal attack.

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