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August 8, 1968

Mr. A. Max Hatfield Scout Executive Quivira Council, No. 198

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Gerald Ashvorth

Dear Max:

Thanks for the additional information concerning Gerald Ashworth and, in particular, the recent letter from Ir. Paul Turphy.

Yes, I agree with you that this is an indication of progress, but I also agree with you that we hold any possible relistatement until "some day" when we feel his situation may possibly justify registration again in the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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Wichita, Kansas 67202

QUIVIRA COUNCIL No. 19

Phone AMherst 4-3386



14,394 cubs, boy scouts. And explorers registered in quivira council

July 29, 1968

Mr. Howard P. Boyd, Director
Volunteer Procurement, Certification & Recognition
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Howard:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter directed to Mark Joyce, one of our District Executives, from Dr. Paul Murphy in regard to Gerald Ashworth.

Mr. Ashworth is interested in being re-certified as a Scouter in a position not dealing directly with boys.

I have been asked to give this additional information to you but am not personally recommending that approval be given as yet but do feel that this is another step toward the possible reinstatement of this man. I wanted to give you this information to indicate that he is continuing to improve and is interested in Scouting. Perhaps some day his situation will justify registration. I will appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

A. Max Hatfield Scout Executive

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July 12, 1968

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CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Mark Joyce Boy Scouts of America 400 Rule Bldg. Wichita, Kansas 67202

Re: Gerald Ashworth

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My Dear Mr. Joyce:

Gerald Ashworth tells me that he has been talking with you about the possibility in getting back into occuting work and that you are interested in my opinion about the advisability of this. I have not seen Gerald since the early part of April but I have no reason to feel that things have not been going satisfactorily. I felt that he discontinued therapy somewhat prematurely but he tells me that things have been going well with him and that there has been no recurrence of his original problems. If you decide to work him back in the program I think it would be just as well if he did not have any direct contact with the boys for awhile. Perhaps you could find something for him to do in the area of planning activities or some sort of administrative work. I believe that he is sincerely interested in Scouting and it seems ashame to let this interest go to waste.

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to let me know

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CUBS, BOY SCOUTS. AND EXPLORERS REGISTERED IN QUIVIRA COUNCIL

May 8, 1968

Mr. Howard Boyd, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service National Council, Boy Scouts of America New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Personal and Confidential

Dear Howard:

This is in regard to your letter of April 26 concerning Gerald Ashworth.

I could not agree with you more completely and agree that much more evidence should be available before a change in our classification of this man is made effective. I thought you would be interested in the fact that this man seemingly is trying to improve himself, as this is certainly a different situation than I have run across in the past. I appreciate your comments and analysis and we'll let the case rest at least for the time.

Best regards.

Sincerely

A. Max Hatfield Scout Executive

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April 26, 1968

Mr. Al Max Hatfield Scout Executive Quivira Council, No. 198

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Max:

I read carefully and with considerable interest your April 18 letter concerning Gerald Ashworth and then I read the confidential record sheet you forwarded and Dr. Murphy's letter of April 3 and, finally, I went back and read your original letter of March 5. I have all in my hands as I dictate this letter to you.

I surely agree with you that we have no desire to kick a man when he is down and we try very hard not to do this. This is one of the reasons whey we never give any reasons to any one why we may be unwilling to accept an individual's registration.

Much as we are interested in helping adults re-establish themselves, this must remain secondary to our primary concern of helping boys. In the case of Mr. Ashworth, he has a long record as an innate of the Boys' Reformatory as a boy; obscene phone calls in 1964; burglary in 1965; licentious advances in November of 1967.

In addition to this, Dr. Murphy uses terminology such as "he is progressing satisfactorily"; "these problems do not get worked out over night"; "he needs to continue his conferences"; "impossible to provide a 100% guarantee as to outcome"; "I am quite optimistic about the prognosis". It is clear, of course, that Dr. Murphy is not going out on any limb and this is in line with our knowledge and experience of cases of this type. There is no 100% known cure for problems of this type and so, in view of the man's record and the currentness of his present treatment, we just simply cannot feel that we should clear his registration, either now or in the forseeable future.

I hope that you agree and that you will express these thoughts to Mr. Ashworth and at the same time express our regrets about our inability to say "yes" and finally, express the hope that some day he will become cured of this illness and will be able to live a normal and acceptable pattern of life.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service



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CUBS, BOY SCOUTS, AND EXPLORERS REGISTERED IN QUIVIRA COUNCIL

April 18, 1968

Mr. Howard Boyd Director of Registration National Council, Boy Scouts of America New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

#### Personal and Confidential

Dear Howard:

This is my first experience in this particular development on a man in our confidential file.

This man, Gerald Ashworth, whom we have written you about and whose confidential record sheet is enclosed, is aware of his problem and has taken some definite action to try and correct his problem. This is most unusual and is the first case that I have had where a man faced up to his problem and tried to do something about it.

Immediately after this last situation, he went under the care of a psychiatrist and has been making regular visits to him. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Dr. Murphy and as you can see, he indicates that Mr. Ashworth is making progress.

Mr. Ashworth came up to me the other day and asked if it were possible to get his record cleared. He is not anxious to immediately go back into Scouting and, I so, would want to do it on some level other than direct boy contact but he is anxious to get himself squared away where ver he has been negligent.

I never believed in kicking a man when he was down and at the same time I know we, of course, must be most cautious about a situation such as this. What is your advice from this point on?

Sincerely,

A. Max Hathield

Scout Executive

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April 3, 1968

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Gerald Ashworth has asked me to make a statement concerning his medical status and I am very happy to do so. We had him in the hospital from Nov. 17 to Dec. 6, 1967 and I have been seeing him fairly regular through the office since that time. From our point of view he is progressing satisfactorily. In the very nature of things these problems do not get worked out over night and he needs to continue his conferences with me. However, he has expressed his villingness to go along with treatment until he gets his problems under control which seems to me to be a good sign. Of course human nature being what it is it is impossible to provide a 100% guarantee as to the outcome of treatment but I am quite optimistic about the prognosis in this case.

I trust that this is the information you need and if you wish any further information don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

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Sincerely,

Paul G. Murphy, Ph. I

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March 12, 1968

Mr. A. Max Hatfield Scout Executive Quivira Council, No. 198

PERSONAL AND GUNFIDENTIAL

Dear Max:

Thank you for your letter of March 5 concerning Gerald Ashworth, Scoutmaster of Troop 605. You have certainly listed sufficient reasons to place him on the Confidential File and we have taken this action.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us, as soon as possible, together with any substantiation documents, such as copy of police records, copy of court report, or any newspaper clippings pertaining to any of the various charges.

This additional information will enrole us to identify this individual should be ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours, PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd Director of Registration

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CUBS, BOY SCOUTS. AND EXPLORERS REGISTERED IN QUIVIRA COUNCIL

March 5, 1968

Mr. Howard P. Boyd, Director
Volunteer Procurement, Certification and Recognition Service
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Howard:

This is in regard to Gerald Ashworth, for nerly Scontmaster of Troop 605. This man has been removed as a Scoutmaster from this Troop. I believe he should be put on our confidential list for the following reasons:

In 1964, while in Great Bend, Kansas, he was charged with disturbing the peace, specifically making obscene phone calls. He was convicted of this charge and served a jail term.

In Hutchinson, Kansas, he was an inmate of the Boys' Reformatory as a boy.

In 1965, he was involved in a burglary but was acquitted.

In November of 1967, he made licentious advances to an 18 year old mentally retarded female and this case is now pending in the courts.

Due to the charges and the known conviction of this man, we have relieved him of his Scoutmaster responsibilities and recommend that he be put in our confidential file.

Sincerely,

Scout Executive

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