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October 17, 1979

Mr. Russell J. Hart Scout Executive St. Louis Area Council, No. 312

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John J. Kelley

Dear Russ:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director Registration % Subscription Service

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St. Louis Area Council 4568 West Pine Boulevard St. Louis, Missouri 63108

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Mr. Paul I. Ernst Director, Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service Boy Scouts of America North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

I am responding to your May 15 letter concerning John J. Kelley.

The Pastor of the Catholic Church that sponsored the unit that John J. Kelley was Assistant Scoutmaster of knows of our action, knows of our discussion with the family and has had counseling sessions with both the boy and Mr. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley has not protested his denial of a commission in Scouting. I did have a long visit with the Scoutmaster of the Troop who says he is a very close personal friend with Mr. Kelley. He was somewhat surprised. However, it was a matter of discussion with he and several other committeemen besides Mr.

There were no charges pressed by the family.

I hope this is the response you sought

Best personal regards,

Russell J. Hart Scont Executive

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May 15, 1979

Mr. Russell J. Hart Scout Executive St. Louis Area Council, No. 312

### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Russ:

This is in reply to the correspondence we have had concerning John J. Kelley. You have asked that this individual be placed on our confidential file and that registration be refused. In order to do this, I would like just a little bit more information.

We thank you for the confidential record sheet which lists all of Mr. Kelley's personal information which will help us to identify him if he should try to register somewhere else. We would, however, like to know whether any other youth members were involved in any activities with Mr. Kelley. If this information is available to you, it would be most helpful.

We also assume that, when Mr. Kelley was given the letter from you related to his registration, he did not protest this action. It would be helpful to have that knowledge in our file also.

It is not stated but we imagine that no charges are going to be pressed by the family. If any charges and arrests are made, this information also would be most helpful.

If you could summarize your answers related to the above questions for me, this would help to make our case stronger and to insure that registration for Mr. Kelley would not be accepted in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service

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April 2, 1979

Mr. John Kelley 2117 Bredell Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63143

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Because of information made available to us from sources we feel to be reliable, your commission to serve as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America is hereby cancelled. Registration in the Boy Scouts of America is a privilege and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, no longer wishes to grant that privilege to you. You are hereby directed to withdraw from all Boy Scout activities and any further involvement of any kind with the Boy Scouts of America.

We are sure you realize that this decision is made in your best interest as well as the best interest of the Boy Scouts of America.

St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Russell J. Hart Scout Executive

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#### STATEMENT OF SCOUT CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

On Friday evening, March 23, 1979, Messrs. Hart, Loewenstein and Russell met with Mr. and his son at their home, 1252 Moorlands Drive. The purpose of the meeting was to take a statement from and from his father concerning homosexual activity occurring on three separate camping trips of Scout Troop 337. The following are statements by a 14 year old member of Scout Troop 337.

## Incident #1

This overnight camping trip occurred during February, 1978. The troop was camped in a house owned by Mr. John Kelley on Mr. Kelley's property. Mr. Kelley is an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 337. There are three beds in the house. There were three persons sleeping in one of the beds, Scout Mr. John Kelley. Mr. Kelley made overt sexual advances to Scout He touched the genitals of Scout He early in the night. Scout He touched up, left the room, went into the bathroom, came back several minutes later, went into the living room of the house, got into his sleeping bag and went to sleep. Other adults on the trip were Mr. Dale Kuethe, who is the Scoutmaster and Mr. William Wells, another Assistant Scoutmaster of the troop.

#### Incident #2

Scout was in the leaders tent with Scout Glennon Wells and several other boys. After the boys had gone to sleep, Mr. Kelley came into the tent. Scout tes that Mr. Kelley put his sleeping bag next to his

(NOTE: Although Scout was asleep when Mr. Kelley came into the tent, he makes this statement in view of the fact that when he awoke he saw Mr. Kelley's sleeping bag next to his.)

And worn his t-shirt and underwear shorts to bed. He awakened in the middle of the night and found his sleeping bag unzipped and his underwear shorts down. At this point Scout states that Mr. Kelley attempted to insert his penis in Scout anus. Scout aid nothing but coughed. Mr. Kelley stopped immediately and attempted to pull Scout underwear back up. He also zipped up Scout sleeping bag. Scout then unzipped his bag, got out of the bag, put on his clothes and shoes and started to leave the tent. Mr. Kelley asked "where was Scout so going?" Scout pelied "to the bathroom." The Scout left the tent and sat by the campute the rest of the night until the sun came up. Two other Scouts, Glennon Wells and Matt Bahre woke up and came out of the tent in the morning. There was no conversation between any of the boys as to

Statement of Scout

any occurrence that night. The other adult on the camping trip was Mr. Kuethe, the Scoutmaster.

## Incident #3

This incident occurred on the campout on Mr. Kelley's property (same Incident #1) at Cuba, Missouri, on February 16, 17, 18, 1979. Scout was sleeping on the floor in the living room with five other Scouts in sleeping bags. All of the Scouts were asleep except Scout He was about to doze off and realized that Mr. Kelley had laid down beside him. Scout aid that he smelled alcohol Mr. Kelley's breath. Although he was about to fall asleep, Scout aid that he smelled alcohol on was fully aware of what was happening but was afraid to do anything about it. Mr. Kelly pulled down the zipper on Scout sleeping bag and pulled his underwear shorts down. He then put his Scout penis and around the genital area. He masturbated Scout again put his mouth on Scout penis and continued this until Scout had a climax. mouth on Scout manually masturbated Scout In Kelley then rezipped Scout Williams's sleeping bag and left the room. After Mr. Kelley left, Scout to his trousers, got back in his sleeping bag and went to sleep. At the time of the incident the room in the limit of the incident the room in the limit of the incident the room in the limit of the limit cident the room was semi-lighted. Mr. Kelley was fully clothed at all times. This incident occurred on the second night of the camping trip, (February 17). Other adults present on the trip were Mr. Kuethe, the , a member Scoutmaster, Mr. of the committee, Mr. Roy Jerden, a member of the committee, Mr. Bill Wells, another Assistant Scoutmaster of the troop.

attempted to discuss the matter of Mr. Kelley's fondling of him with the troop's Senior Patrol Leader, Dan Lally, sometime between the first and second incident. The Senior Patrol Leader did not want to discuss the matter with Scout Scout discussed the matter with Scout Glennon Wells at a troop meeting on March 22nd. The discussion was only one or two sentences.

I hereby state that I have read the attached statements made by my son, and find them to be accurate in detail to those which he has told me and which he made to Messrs. Hart, Loewenstein, and Russell on the evening of March 23, 1979 at our home.

(Signed) \_

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