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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE Aug 31, 1979

FULL NAME Alfred J Oxton
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 1 Washington St

CITY Gorham STATE NH ZIP CODE 03581

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 36 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION Asst Director, Mt Washington Observatory
EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 140 lbs HEIGHT 5'7" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Red COLOR OF EYES blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS ham radio operators hiking, camping, weather, travel, etc

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN 0

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT # | CITY | STATE | OFFICE | DATE REGISTERED | DATE RESIGNED |
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| <u>1706P 202</u> | <u>Gorham</u> | <u>NH</u> | <u>Daniel Webster Council</u> | | |

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OA Asst advisor

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION) **APPROVED**

For as long as MAR 3 1980 this man, he has worn a red beard.

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Richard P. Tuttle
Assistant SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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March 4, 1980

Mr. Arol J. Charbonneau
Scout Executive
Daniel Webster Council, No. 330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Alfred J. Oxton

Dear Arol:

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 L. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

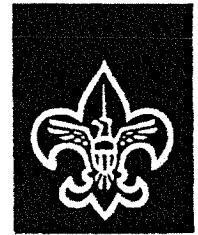
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October 26, 1979

Boy Scouts of America



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Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Subscription Service
National Council, BSA

DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL, Inc. Number 330

Northeast Region Area 1

913 ELM STREET • MANCHESTER, N. H. 03101
(603) 625-6431

RE: Mr. Alfred J. Oxton
Mt. Washington Observatory
Gorham, New Hampshire

Scoutmaster, Troop 202
Knights of Columbus No. 5930

In a letter from Kathy Sparda, Committee Chairman for Pack 204 and Troop 202, Gorham, N.H., Daniel Webster Council was notified of a child molestation incident involving Mr. Oxton and two youngsters, one from Pack 204 and one from Troop 202. (See letter enclosed.) The incident took place on a 5-day bike trip between August 14-18, 1979.

According to Mrs. Sparda's letter, and to a verifying telephone call made by me to Sgt. Robert Loven, Troop F, New Hampshire State Police, Twin Mt. Barracks, Mr. Oxton freely admitted to the charges and agreed to seek professional help. Because of this, those involved directly decided not to press charges. Since no charges were pressed, Sgt. Loven could only furnish verbal confirmation of the incident via the telephone.

Mr. Oxton's commission and registration with the B.S.A. has subsequently been revoked by this Council and he has been so notified via a letter from our Council President. Both Mrs. Sparda and Mr. Darrell Bernier, who is the Grand Knight with the chartered institution, have been notified of our actions.

Ironically, Mr. Oxton has responded to our Council President's letter with a series of questions (see letter to Mr. Zell enclosed), and we do not know at this time whether or not he plans to contest our decision. We are making a reply (see our letter enclosed), citing the opportunity for a review of the charges, etc., and will wait to see what happens.

We will keep your office posted of any future actions taken, but request that the enclosed material be placed in a confidential file and that Mr. Oxton no longer be allowed to officially register and participate in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Yours truly,



Ronald P. Titus
Assistant Council Executive

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Enc.

Member of Funds and United Ways of Androscoggin Valley, Concord, Dover, Laconia, Manchester,
Merrimack Valley Monadnock, Nashua, Seacoast, Upper Valley and Nutfield

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Knights of Columbus

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Financial Secretary
7 Pleasant
Gorham, New Hampshire 03581

MSGR. THOMAS J. CONNOR COUNCIL, No. 5930

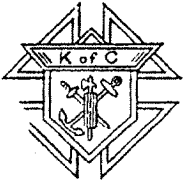
Gorham, New Hampshire 03581

Dear Sirs,

With the deepest regrets, we are writing this letter in regard to the resignation of Alfred J. Olson, Scoutmaster Troop 202, Gorham, NH. Al has been accused of molesting two Scouts: Wilbur (Pack 204) and [redacted] (Troop 202). [redacted] is the son of the Grand Knight, KofC Council 5930, our sponsor of [redacted]. This occurred during a bike trip which lasted 5 days (August 14-18). The State Police (Mr. Howe, Main St, Gorham, N.H. Troop 7, Pine Mountain Barracks) were notified. After questioning the two boys, Mr. Howe confronted Al who then admitted that all charges were true. Al was asked to pick immediate psychiatric treatment and resign from Scouts. He called me and gave an oral resignation and has made an appointment at the mental health clinic. As Chairman of the B.S. Committee and assistant Scoutmaster, [redacted] and I notified all the parents in the troop, and order that they could question and deal with any emotional problems - we may arise from their son's close association with Al. I am over a opinion (B.S. Committee) Al is seriously ill and we are not pressing any charges at this time, but our main concern is the fact of being ~~repeating~~ again in the future in another place. We have assurance from you (Danel Webster Council) that Al cannot work with Scouts anywhere. He has a tremendous Scout background and we feel its a distinct possibility that he will move to another Council and start this cycle over again. As close friends of Al's my husband and I feel he may have no control over these actions. After discussion with other Scouts, we find that at least to Scouts are prudent in this manner and that the whole troop has been affected. The B.S. Committee is fortunate that our assistant Scoutmaster, Clare Hanson & Ralph Sparda, have agreed to pick up the reins. Both are good men and of good character, as you committed to keep the Troop going, so that the Troop will continue that can have always this [redacted] situation. It has to be pointed out

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that in no way are we acting on emotion only, all
that earned our respect. He had done some wonderful
things for the Scouts and Council. Nothing can change
for good. He has accomplished but this purchase
came as a terrible surprise and is unacceptable. I
have received a harassing telephone call from a
Scouter in Mass for Ed's defense. I was instructed
by Ed Robinson, to refer all future calls to your
office. Thanks, I'm exhausted. I don't think I've
ever been so glad to have a Council behind me.
Ed Robinson has been a good friend in time of need.
Mr. Lane's police report cannot be released to
anyone except an official from the Council office.
So much has happened this week, it's very difficult
to relate all details and if you have any other
questions, please contact me (466-3953)

Thanks for your cooperation
in this matter

Ricky Sparda
Committee Chairman

Troop 202
Pack 204

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COPIES: ● Carrell Bernier
Ed Robinson
Ron Titus

September 4, 1979

Mrs. Kathy Sparda
Chairman, Troop 202 & Pack 204
8 First Avenue
Gorham, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Sparda:

We are in receipt of your letter relative to Al Oxton and appreciate both your concern and your prompt and efficient action.

This is to state that, in accordance with proper procedures, Council President Charles Zell has written a letter to Al, notifying him of his removal as a leader. This letter will be delivered in person by Ed Robinson. In the meantime, it is our responsibility to search out necessary information which will be furnished to our National Personnel Service. Every adult Scouter is checked against this file. This will preclude Al's getting registered in any other Council throughout the Boy Scouts of America.

Do not hesitate to call on Ed or this office with any information or problems which come up. No case of this nature is very pleasant but as you've already stated, it is absolutely necessary that we move as rapidly and conscientiously as possible on behalf of the youth in the unit and their families.

In the meantime, we have made the changes to Scoutmaster and Scouting Coordinator, Mr. Earl Hanson and Mr. Casey Hodgdon respectively.

Thank you, again. Be assured that we will keep on top of the matter and be certain to call on us as needed.

Sincerely yours,

AROL J. CHARBONNEAU
Council Executive

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Ed Robinson
Ron Titus

September 4, 1979

Mr. Darrell G. Bernier
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council #5930
7 Pleasant Street
Gorham, New Hampshire 03581

Dear Mr. Bernier:

This is to state that the change in Scoutmaster from Al Oxton to Earl Hanson has been made.

Mr. Casey Hodgdon has been listed as Coordinator.

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Mrs. Sparda.

Thank you for your concern and for the important decision made by the Knights of Columbus to continue the sponsorship of Troop 202.

May I urge you, likewise, to call upon us as needed.

Sincerely yours,

AROL J. CHARBONNEAU
Council Executive

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Knights of Columbus

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August 26, 1979

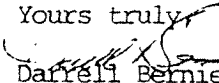
Boy Scouts of America
Daniel Webster Council
923 Elm Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Sirs;

This is to inform you that I am fully aware of the problem at Troop 202, That the Knights of Columbus are the sponsors of and realize that Mr. Earl Hanson has replaced Mr. Al Oxton as Scout Master.

Mr. Casey Hodgdon Scout Coordinator is also aware of this problem.

Yours truly,


Darrell Bernier (Grand Knight)
Knights of Columbus
Council 5930
Gorham, New Hampshire

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August 27, 1979

Mr. Alfred J. Oxton
Mt. Washington Observatory
Gorham, New Hampshire 03581

Dear Mr. Oxton:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend or refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Zell
President
Daniel Webster Council, Inc.

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19 Sept 79

Concord

Dear Mr Zell,

After careful review and consideration I have decided to at least reply to your letter and maybe respond to it.

First, I would like to know how many are privy to the confidential decision and reasons for it. Who is the 'we' that have decided I should be suspended?

In ~~order~~ order to make any kind of explanation of my version I need to know what, specifically, I am being charged with and who is my accuser.

Thank you

JL OXTON

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RFD 10

CONCORD 03301

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October 24, 1979

Mr. Alfred J. Oxton
c/o Macrae
RFD 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Oxton:

Your dismissal as Scoutmaster and the revocation of your commission and registration with the BSA have been brought about by your admission of testimony to the State Police concerning character and a standard of leadership which the Scouting movement finds less than satisfactory.

As president of the Local Council having jurisdiction over these matters in the State of New Hampshire, I will be more than happy to arrange for a more formal review of the charges before a panel of volunteer personnel once you have responded in writing to me concerning the above incident and furnish to me your version of the facts, supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be reinstated.

Yours truly,

Charles F. Zell
Council President

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