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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 1/07/85

FULL NAME EARL BELKE  
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 724 East 72nd Terrace

CITY KANSAS CITY STATE MISSOURI ZIP CODE 64131

DATE OF BIRTH 02/06/54 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION PROTESTANT (?) NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Student

EDUCATION 45 Hours as of 5/15/79 Penn Valley Community College KC MO

WEIGHT 163 HEIGHT 5' 11 1/2" RACE CAUCASIAN

FULL BEARD  
COLOR OF HAIR BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN (?)  
Interest in kids

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS AQUATICS - Hard worker

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN NONE

WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
130	KANSAS CITY	MO	SA	5/22/78	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION WOOD BADGE TRAINED - STAFF & BROWNSA TROUSEL TWO

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

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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MAY 16 1991

F. STARON

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council \_\_\_\_\_

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July 15, 1991

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: EARL BELKE

Dear Jere:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • 816-942-9333

June 12, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director Registration/Statistical Service  
National Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079


PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul,

Subject: EARL BELKE

Upon your request, we are enclosing all of the information we have in this file.

Sincerely,

  
Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, NC Region

Council No. 307 Serving Youth in 19 Kansas and Missouri Counties. Kansas: Anderson, Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte. Missouri: Bates, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray and St. Clair.



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May 20, 1991

READY FOR FILE  
MAY 26 1991  
BARBARA GOSEY

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: EARL BELKE

Dear Jere:

We appreciated the information you recently sent concerning Mr. Belke. I believe he should be placed on our Ineligible File at this time, so that he cannot register in the future.

We would like copies of all the material you have in your file at this time. Please send us copies of the letter which Mr. Slamin sent, and any other correspondence which is involved. This will then give us the necessary material for refusing registration in the future.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

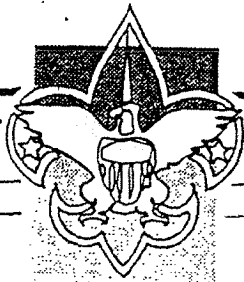
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Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

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**TODAY'S**  
SCOUTING

**Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America**

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • 816-942-9333

May 10, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration  
and Statistical Services  
National Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In 1988 Jere Ratcliffe and I decided to take a pro-active posture reference to adults that we permit to have the opportunity of working in our council. As a result, we have learned of a few people that are of a questionable nature, but yet, we do not have sufficient facts to terminate their registration.

In addition to the people that are currently registered and have not been terminated, there are those individuals that we have files for which the individuals were registered in the past but are not currently registered. Our legal counsel has advised us to be on the alert in the event that they might attempt to register in the future with our council and/or any other council. Our legal counsel has requested that we share what information we have with you with the hopes that you could prevent their registering with any council.

**WILLIAM BURRIS**

White male. DOB: 9/4/54. Last known address: Olathe, KS. Local law enforcement reported on March 11, 1986 that Burris had been involved in child pornography and the Scouting program in the Wichita area. While in Wichita, Burris was involved in hard core child pornography. In March 1986, Burris was employed at computer center near Truman Corner's Shopping Center, Grandview, Missouri. In March 1986, Burris was not registered.

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EARL BELKE

IN SHEET  
ATTACHED

*Added to file  
Not reg. at this time  
Not on need file 5/14/91 em*

December 6, 1979, Dan Wheatcroft, Scout executive, Heart of America Council, received letter from [REDACTED] accusing Belke of sexually assaulting his 9-year old son, [REDACTED] at Camp Naish, Bonner Springs, Kansas, Heart of America Council, during the summer of 1979. July 14, 1979, Mrs. [REDACTED] corresponded with Wheatcroft informing him of physical abuse by Belke to [REDACTED] at Camp Naish during the summer of 1979. Wheatcroft provided copies of correspondence to national office seeking their advice. January 9, 1980, national office informed Wheatcroft they would need additional information. February 1, 1980, Wheatcroft corresponded with [REDACTED] requesting additional information. File does not contain any more information following February 1, 1980 Wheatcroft letter. Belke has not been suspended.

JAMES EDWARD LUNN

March 1, 1988, [REDACTED] corresponded with Marcus Mack, director field service, Heart of America Council, stating that her oldest brother, James Edward Lunn, who was serving as a volunteer Scout leader in Golden, Colorado. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] carried on an incestuous relationship with two of [REDACTED]. She further stated that James Edward Lunn was a user of drugs and that he possesses a violent temper. [REDACTED] had not had any contact with her brother for two years and was not aware of any sexual molestations other than with [REDACTED]. March 10, 1988, Jere Ratcliffe provided a copy of [REDACTED]'s letter to Paul Ernst which included address of Lunn, 1121 9th Street, Golden, CO and his date of birth: 3/15/49. Being that Lunn was not registered in Heart of America Council, he was not suspended.

BRIAN SWEARINGIN

ARTICLE  
ATTACHED

Brian Swearingin, 18 years of age, 18701 Gateway Drive, Independence, KS was charged with sodomy in connection with an 11-year old girl. Swearingin is a former Scout in Heart of America Council. Received his Eagle in fall of 1990. Swearingin is not registered.

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Paul Ernst  
May 10, 1991  
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Enclosed is additional information concerning Lawrence Allen, Earl Belke and Brian Swearingin.

The information stated is the best we can provide concerning these individuals.

Sincerely yours,



Richard C. Ray  
Deputy Scout Executive

DRS.9:sn

cc: Jere B. Ratcliffe  
W. Terrence Kilroy

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SCOUTING/USA

HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL—Boy Scouts of America

TWO GATEWAY CENTER SUITE 1017, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101  
913-321-5151

February 1, 1980

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. [REDACTED]  
10000 Hocker Drive  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Pursuant to your letter of December 6, 1979, concerning an alleged incident that took place at the Naish Scout Reservation this past summer, involving your son, and my subsequent forwarding of the information to the National Office, I have now been requested to obtain more detailed information. Would you please, detail as explicitly as possible what the sexual assaults involved?

As I indicated to you previously, the Boy Scouts of America are most anxious to take appropriate action in matters such as were described in your letter to us. The additional information we are requesting, I am sure, will not only be treated in the strictest of confidence, but will assist greatly in our taking appropriate action.

I apologize in advance for having to put you through the stress of detailing such information, but I am sure you appreciate the need for such information. Call me if you have any questions.

Most sincerely yours,

Dan H. Wheatcroft,  
Scout Executive

DHW/gg

BCC: Mr. [REDACTED]

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A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

National Office  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas  
P.O. Box 61030, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261  
Telephone: 214 659-2000

January 9, 1980

Dan H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart Of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dan:

Thanks for the information you sent us related to an alleged incident at your Scout Reservation this past summer. As you are well aware, we would need more information than this, in order to substantiate the placement of an individual on the Confidential File.

Mr. [REDACTED] indicates that there were other situations involving this same individual - are you able to verify this? We would also like to know what the sexual assault involved, if at all possible, related to Mr. [REDACTED]'s son.

I know it may be difficult to get some of this information, but it certainly would help us in strengthening our refusal of registration anywhere the individual involved might reside.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Services

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Appendix A

DATE 1/07/85

FULL NAME EARL BELKE  
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 724 EAST 72<sup>ND</sup> TERRACE

CITY LAKE CITY STATE MISSOURI ZIP CODE 64431

DATE OF BIRTH 02/06/54 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION PEDESTANT (?) NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Student -

EDUCATION 45 Hours as of 5/15/79 Penn Valley Community College 1-5-80

WEIGHT 163 HEIGHT 5' 11 1/2" RACE CAUCASIAN

FULL BEARD  
COLOR OF HAIR BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN (?)  
Interest in Fishing

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS AQUATICS - Hard Worker -

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN NONE

WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
<u>150</u>	<u>LAKE CITY</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>5/22/75</u>	

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council \_\_\_\_\_

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SCOUTING/USA

HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL—Boy Scouts of America

TWO GATEWAY CENTER SUITE 1017, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101  
913-321-5151

December 19, 1979

Mr. [REDACTED]  
10000 Hocker Drive  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 6, 1979, bringing to my attention an alleged incident that took place at the Naish Scout Reservation this past summer. As per your request, I am forwarding your letter to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, requesting their assistance.

I will be in touch as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dan H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive

DHW/gg  
CC: Mr. [REDACTED]

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December 6, 1979

Mr. Dan Wheatcroft, Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Two Gateway Center 1017  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Dear Mr. Wheatcroft:

On the last day of scouting activities scheduled at Camp Nash this past summer, my 9 year old son, [REDACTED], was sexually assaulted twice by one of the staff members at the camp.

My son told me about the incident just a few days ago because he said he was scared and terribly embarrassed.

My son told me the individual responsible was a big man with a beard, about 30 or 35 years old who was in charge of teaching the Cub Scouts something about how to handle canoes.

This report has both sickened and angered me.

I've always had the very highest regard for the examples, standards, and ideals set forth by the Boy Scouts of America, and it deeply troubles me that such a psychotic pervert could be associated with scouting and be given the opportunity to be around young boys. The fact that this individual molested my son not once, but on two different occasions, has distressed me enough that I intend to file charges against him. As I understand it, this same individual was also involved and positively identified in a child molestation case involving another child and has been rude, belligerent, and abusive toward other scout leaders, church leaders, and parents.

I respectfully request that the name of this individual be turned over to the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America so steps can be taken to forever ban him from being involved in the scouting program anywhere in the United States. I would also appreciate having his name and address so I can exercise every legal option open to me to have him prosecuted.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

10000 Hocker Drive  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203

cc: [REDACTED], President  
Kansas City Stake  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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POSSIBLE TROUBLE

A MR. [REDACTED], BUSINESS PHONE 362-7615, HOME PHONE 432-7933, CALLED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1979 TO REPORT THAT HIS NINE YEAR OLD SON HAD BEEN MOLESTED "BY ONE OF OUR CAMP STAFF MEMBERS THE LAST DAY OF CAMP".

I SURMISED FROM HIS COMMENTS THAT THIS MIGHT BE WEBELOS CAMP.

HE REPORTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAD A BEARD AND WAS INVOLVED WITH OUR CANOEING PROGRAM. HE WANTED THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL. ON ADVICE OF COUNSEL, I INFORMED MR. [REDACTED] THAT WE COULD NOT GIVE OUT THE NAME AND THAT IF HE WISHED TO PRESS CHARGES HE SHOULD SEEK OUT LEGAL COUNSEL AND HAVE HIS LAWYER CALL OUR LAWYER.

I SYMPATHIZED WITH MR. [REDACTED]...EXPRESSED SINCERE REGRETS THAT WE COULD NOT GIVE OUT SUCH INFORMATION, BUT THAT IF LEGAL ACTION WAS WARRENTED, CERTAINLY WE WOULD COOPERATE IN EVERY MANNER WHATSOEVER.

MR. [REDACTED] LIVES AT 10000 HACKER DRIVE, SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS 66203.

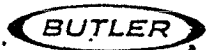
MR. [REDACTED] CALLED AS THE LEADER WHO WAS WITH THE BOYS AT WEBELOS CAMP, CONFIRMING MR. [REDACTED]'S CONCERN, AND SEEKING ADVICE AS TO THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD GO. I TOLD MR. [REDACTED] THAT WE WANTED TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, BUT CERTAINLY MUST ABIDE BY THE ADVICE GIVEN TO ME BY OUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

I SUGGESTED TO MR. [REDACTED] THAT MR. [REDACTED] MIGHT WISH TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE COUNCIL, OUTLINING AND DETAILING INSORAR AS POSSIBLE, THE EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BLOCK THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED, BASED ON THE CHARGES.

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# BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

BMA TOWER • PENN VALLEY PARK  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64141  
PHONE (816) 968-3000

July 17, 1978

Mr. Bill McLaughlin  
Naish Scout Reservation  
R.F.D. #1  
Edwardsville, KS

Dear Bill,

I'm enclosing the folder that I should have left Saturday as well as the Appraisal Sheet. Sorry for the oversight.

Please pass on to your entire Staff the appreciation of Troop 91 for making a most successful camping and Scouting experience. We had 20 rank advancements, 94 merit badges and 97 skill awards and also 8 new Order of the Arrow Ordeal members for our 42 boys. We expect even more boys next year.

We find that Camp Naish is an ideal way to start new Scouts into the camping program. We had 20 who had only been Scouts for 3 months. They were so busy training and advancing they didn't have time to be homesick. It works beautifully for us in conjunction with Bartle, where we also had 67 boys encamped.

I would like to mention so many of your Staff by name but obviously can't do that. However, the following are typical:

Louis Paszynsky - A most friendly man, helpful and shows the boys he really loves them. A hug here and there is worth its weight in gold.

Jeff Bragalone - Extremely courteous, polite and dedicated to the authenticity of the Order of the Arrow program.

Earl Belke - One of the most dedicated and sincere counsellors I have met who gives of himself beyond the "call of duty" to develop perfection so necessary in Lifesaving. He gave untold extra hours of his own to help the boys.

Lloyd Walker and his Rangers - Lloyd and 6 of his Rangers, when he saw my need for a 5 mile wilderness hike for Hiking Skill Award, took 30 of us on the trail after dinner for 2½ hours----even though they had finished a full day of work. The boys (and I) were excited about the Indian and pioneer stories he told us. If it were not such an imposition on his time, I would suggest this be considered as a standard part of your program each session.

With a staff made up of many young men and adults similar to those above, you can be justly proud, Bill. Many, many thanks from all of us in Troop 91.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Carlson  
Corporate Manufacturing  
Product Planning Manager

DRC:hk

cc: Mr. Dan Wheatcroft  
Boy Scouts of America  
2 Gateway Center  
Kansas City, Kansas

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# Memorandum

TO DHW Date 8/27  
FROM Marty Hills

Earl S. Belke Talked to Earl 9/17/79  
He understands  
Dr. H  
Indoor 724 E. 72nd Ter  
9CC Pool KC Mo 64131  
5200  
361-5200 (444-3314)  
6:30-10:00

(Parents' home) 2319 Oakley  
KC Mo 64127  
483-2491

9/20 - 8:30 - 12

9/21 8:30 - 12

PUT IT IN  
WRITING  
AVOID MISTAKES Signed

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8706 West 96th Terrace  
Overland Park, Kansas 66212  
July 14, 1979

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8/22  
62-3573

Mr. Dan Wheatcroft  
Boy Scouts of America  
Heart of America Council

Dear Mr. Wheatcroft,

I am writing concerning physical abuse that Scouts are enduring at the hands of a counselor at Camp Neish. The counselor is Earl Belke.

My son is [REDACTED], a member of troop 181, Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa. He is also a member of Warbonnets Indian Dancers. I have verified [REDACTED]'s story with two other boys, who shared his experience.

Earl insists that answers to all his questions be shouted, and shouted repeatedly. Many of the boys wind up with harshness and sore throat.

Earl hits and scratches boys who do not learn or respond quickly enough to suit him. In explaining "head to chest", he rapped one boy in the head, saying, "This is a head." To the next boy he said, "This is a chest." With that, he scratched a "C" on the boy's chest with his fingernail. The mark was still visible two days later. Many boys have been scratched or had him dig his fingernails into their flesh.

He has been seen, on more than one occasion, picking a boy up over his head and then throwing him headfirst into the pool. Many boys have dropped out of Lifesaving, rather than continue enduring this treatment.

✓ records  
indefinite  
years -

During final testing, he pulled boys under water repeatedly, without giving them sufficient time to breathe fully. Each of the three boys I talked with was eventually weakened to the point that Earl pulled them from the pool. The boys were weak and coughing; one felt numb from the waist down. Witnesses were sufficiently concerned for my son's life, that two of them entered the pool to help him.

One boy told me he was pulled under, "more than seven times, and probably ten times." The second boy said he was pulled under, "ten to twelve times." The third boy said he was pulled under, "more than five times but not sure how many."

Mr. Wheatcroft, that's excessive. If he wishes to flunk

Earl says that the boys  
are not supposed to  
be in the pool at  
all.

The S/P and his assistants  
are not supposed to  
be in the pool at all.

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the boys, fine and good. But he doesn't need to half drown them first, does he? Is that what Scouting is all about?

Earl Belke sounds to me like a power loving "Sicko" who gets his jollies out of mistreating those smaller than him. There is no room for Earl and those like him in Scouting. Other counselors have told [REDACTED] that they disagree with Earl's methods. But they have DONE NOTHING!

Mr. Wheatcroft, I want something done, and done now, and done Nationally. I feel I have sufficient grounds to take this Belke person to court for assault. If I also took action against Boy Scouts of America, there would be national press coverage. That is not my objective.

We love and respect Scouting in our family. I am sure you wish to "clean your own house", and that threats and pressure are unnecessary.

I am therefore proposing that a national policy be instituted and enforced concerning camp counselors who witness mistreatment of Scouts.

I (as a Registered Nurse) know that I must report suspected child abuse or be liable to prosecution, myself. I suggest you place the same burden upon Scout counselors, and in an equally emphatic manner.

I am very angry with Earl Belke, and want some satisfaction. But I know this may embarrass Scouting. I will defer my legal options until I hear from you.

Yours for beneficial Scouting,  
[REDACTED]

*renewed about 1962  
but it is changed to keep...*

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