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Report on Conversations with Nathan Levy (re)  
Scoutmaster W. James Dyber.  
Troop 164 West Hartford

- 6/14 Called Nathan Levy to set up meeting  
(re) problems at Camporee. He was to  
set up meeting following week either  
Monday or Tuesday
- 6/17 Nathan Levy called me at home asking  
if Committee Chairman could "fire"  
Scoutmaster. He stated there was a  
problem he "could not go into" at  
this time
- 6/24 In my absence (at a conference)  
Nathan Levy had called and said  
it was imperative that we would  
meet to discuss a problem with  
Jim Dyber. He gave no details.
- 6/27 Spoke with Nathan Levy at District Picnic.  
Set appointment for 11:00 A.M. Tuesday  
6/28

Added to IV file

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11:00 A.M. Met with Nathan Levy  
at Hartford Service Center.

Mr. Levy requested strictest confidence.  
Related the following:

1. Mr. Levy had met with one troop  
member and his father regarding  
certain actions by Jim Dyber  
with this boy. Stated ~~Mr. Dyber~~  
~~had been wrestling with this~~  
~~boy and had grabbed his genital.~~  
~~Mr. Dyber had allowed this same~~  
~~14 year old to drive his car~~  
~~to a campsite where they had~~  
~~left a tent after a campout~~  
~~and a similar incident of~~  
~~wrestling took place.~~ Mr. Dyber  
had also shown this boy an  
alleged pornographic film. Mr.  
Dyber did not deny any of  
this.
2. Mr. Levy related another incident at  
a campout when ~~a similar wrestling~~  
~~incident took place.~~ He did not  
specify if it was the same boy,  
but stated that after the incidents  
~~the boy who had been sleeping~~  
~~in the same tent as Mr. Dyber~~  
~~exited and would not return~~  
~~to Mr. Dyber's and his tent.~~

3. Mr. Levy related to me in addition that Mr. Dyber had brought "Playboys" and other magazines to campouts and boys had had access to them.
4. Mr. Levy had discussed these matters with Mr. Dyber and they had agreed that Mr. Dyber would resign as Scoutmaster, and that the announcement would be made at the campfire closing the troop's stay at summer camp. Mr. Levy also stated that another leader would be going with Mr. Dyber to camp.
5. Mr. Levy had not shared this information with members of his troop committee because he felt he didn't want to increase the knowledge of such allegations.
6. I cautioned Mr. Levy on certain points relating to Mr. Dyber's resignation and the circumstances where he would make it.
  - a. Mr. Levy should elicit from Mr. Dyber a promise that his announcement should include

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the statement that he would not be involved in Scouting for an unspecified period of time. This was to give the impression to both the boys and any supportive parents that this was Mr Dyber decision alone, and therefore boys would not follow Mr. Dyber if he became Scoutmaster of another Troop and cause a split in the present situation in Troop 164. This had happened before when Mr. Dyber left Troop 44 in West Hartford. Mr. Levy agreed that he would write a letter to this effect and hand deliver it to Mr. Dyber.

Mr. Levy concluded that in his opinion Mr Dybers actions were more of the nature of an immature person than any thing else

7. After meeting with Mr. Levy I shared the above information with William Scallay Scout Executive.

6/29

8:00 P.M. Meet with Don Esthus and committee of Troop 163 to go over qualifications for Scoutmaster and relationship of Scoutmaster with Troop Committee. I noticed that the agenda alluded to an unnamed candidate they would consider after I left for position. Before leaving I conferred in private with Mr. Esthus. He told me that the candidate was Mr. Dyber. ~~He~~ I stated that before the committee took affirmative action to this appointment I would like to confer with Mr. Esthus again. Mr. Dyber had submitted resu

9:00 P.M. Called Nathan Levy (P)

Mr. Dyber's resumé at Troop 163  
Mr. Levy stated he had finished the Draft of letter to Mr. Dyber requesting he resign stating he would not assume another Scout leader position. Mr. Levy stated he would hand deliver the letter on 6/30.

6/30

Mr. Levy called me and stated he had delivered letter to Mr. Dyber who had read it in his presence.

7/5 Called Nathan Levy to set up meeting with Jim Dyber, Dr. Holsinger Bill Simons of Activities Committee and myself to discuss problems at Camporee.

Mr. Levy and I had agreed to keep the matters of Camporee problems and this new development separate. Mr. Levy explained that he had spent the weekend "pluggin up leaks" in information by boys in his troop.

7/7 Met with Dr. James Holsinger, District Commissioner. Appraised him of entire situation @ Mr. Dyber and my conversations with Mr. Levy. He agreed to come to meeting 7/12

7/8 Called Robert Bullis District Chairman and appraised him of entire situation.

7/10 6:00 P.M. Robert Bullis called me at home said he had heard from a third party that ~~some parents had gone to the Attorney General's office @ Morals Charge on Unit leader in West Hartford. Didn't know if incidents were related.~~

7/11 Shared all above information  
with William Scollay. Scot Executive

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Bill Metzler - 7/13/77 2:20 PM.

3 Scouts have cancelled Summer Camp w/ troop -  
T 164 - Request - WK of 7/24 - 7/30.  
Parents cancelled in Phone Office.

Bill spoke this AM to Nathan.

Nathan to call Bill tonight re: Leadership Camp.

7/11 [redacted] called Phule - son not going to camp -  
spoke to Beem on [redacted] -

[redacted] have had differences  
son friends with Scout across street who  
originated [redacted] complaint against Dyler but  
[redacted] not involved in any incidents.  
Mrs De Luis said Olson also not going to camp.

Scout Travers is one involved - saw film, etc -

[redacted] called 7/12 - for personal reasons son  
changing to prove the week earlier than T 164.

[redacted] m to advise Nathan tonight

- ① Dyler is to resign immediately!
- ② Dyler may not attend camp!
- ③ SE - w/ Nathan if he desires - will meet w/ Dyler
- ④ Since Dyler already approved on the troop, SE must  
become involved even if Nathan resolves Dyler's Assoc w/ T 164.

7/14/77

9:55 AM - J Dykes arrived - end office - Admiral asked N. Levy to join us during of summer  
1000 - N. Levy "

Discussed in general terms calls by parents counselling  
son for summer camp. Explained not making  
accusations but because of seriousness of allegations,  
felt he should not continue activity in Sq effective  
immediately, not following summer camp -

Dykes admitted he had made some mistakes,  
showing stag films to [redacted] and getting [redacted] drive  
car, but denied any sexual overtures as claimed  
by parents. It was his year (26) in Sq 7 Aug 77 for  
5 yrs should make up for few recent mistakes.

Levy indicated it was more than that -  
and association w/ [redacted] was thru Sq.

Dykes explained showed film in home w/ [redacted]  
present. [redacted] was asking question about sex [redacted]  
in connection w/ [redacted]

Levy reminded him of other incidents that showed  
his lack of maturity - reading "Bad News Stories of  
Bastards" - Dykes indicated no worse than  
what's stories told by others in camp - [redacted]

Levy indicated [redacted] of Sgt's - Dykes

Wt explained as he had responsibility issues etc of  
leaving us by would not permit to continue her negotiation  
in 5y.

Levy explained Dyber had already agreed to accept, Wt  
regret was merely timing -

Wt requested ~~voluntary resignation and agreement~~  
~~to sever all association for period of several years~~  
~~if no further problem arises, would be willing to~~  
~~reconsider in several yrs.~~

Dyber agreed. Reluctant to put in writing.  
Would just change his effective date on ltr to Levy.  
Wt wrote statement - requested his agreement  
now - would not type and make any  
decision matter. Working document. Dyber  
signed.

Dyber requested Metzler not be informed.  
Wt indicated would be necessary to advise Metzler.  
They will take trip to camp - Wt to give  
orientation in LOTS. Levy stayed to discuss  
further w/ Wt camp.  
Dyber left 11:45 AM.

Levy further elaborated on allegations  
by parents -

Levy contacted by parents of Scott who  
was aware of actions of Dykes & Paul.

Levy spoke to parents & Scott

Advised parents of [redacted] & with their  
permission spoke to [redacted] to get facts.

Dykes met w/ Levy in his office with  
[redacted] his father. Not total agreement on  
all items - difference in wording & interpretation  
but following discussed -

[redacted] slept in tent w/ Dykes. Accused  
Dykes of putting his hand on penis.

Paul slept in tent a second time,  
same thing happened - ran out of tent -  
asked another Scout to get gear - told him  
what happened, etc - this Scout advised parents (above).

Dykes permitted [redacted] to drive car.

Dykes allowed [redacted] stay plus 2 couples -  
[redacted] entered with couples off into bedroom -  
Couples both stopped completely.

Dykes made statement to [redacted] (misinterpreted  
by Paul according to Dykes) that by his age it is  
natural to have physical assoc with other males.

Dykes mentioned [redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted]

Dyher read stories from Bedtime Stories of Bastards -  
which may be of historical nature, embellished -  
torture, death, disgusting - not suitable for Scouts.

Play Day Mags:

Young Scout tied up - arms over head tied  
to table banks - difference in story as to whether  
his pants were pulled down.

centrifuge of Play Day in front of him to sexually  
excite him. Claims centrifuge headed to him  
by Dyher to do it - Dyher denies this -  
[redacted] father indicated he would prosecute.

W/H advised this understand parents filed complaint  
w/ City Gen office -

Levy will report to parents who he has spoken with  
the action taken. Will not mention City Gen but  
raise question as to legal action and advise W/H.

Levy will hand deliver copy of Dyher's ltr  
of resign -