

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date November 9, 1987

Full name BARTON L. SCHELL  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Whitehouse State Ohio ZIP Code 43571

Date of Birth March, 1941 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Schell Engineering Company

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 175 to 185 Height 6 3" Race caucasian

Color of hair black Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Married Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections:

| Unit No. | City       | State | Position | Date registered | Date resigned |
|----------|------------|-------|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| E2875    | Whitehouse | Ohio  | E.A.     | 4/86            |               |

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child sexual abuse

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

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JAN 11 1988  
F. STARON

MAILED  
MAY 13 '88  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Shawnee - #452

May 16, 1988

John Preston, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Shawnee Council, No. 452

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Barton L. Schell

Dear John:

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 Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

PE/eko

cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE  
MAY 16 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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April 1, 1988

Mr. John Preston, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Shawnee Council, No. 452

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Barton Schell

Dear John:

We appreciate very much the information which you previously sent us concerning the above-named individual. We believe we have everything we need except for the final outcome of the legal action.

Please send us any newspaper clippings or court records which would substantiate the refusal of registration. We would like these so that our file is complete should neither you or I be on our current jobs when a question is asked.

Please let us know if we may be of any help to you in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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APR 04 1988

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF013398

January 8, 1988

Mr. John Preston, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Shawnee Council, No. 452

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Barton Schell

Dear John:

I appreciate all the information you sent us concerning the above named individual. This is very complete and will enable us to refuse registration should an attempt be made at a later time.

The only material I would still like, if available, is the outcome of any legal action. Can you tell me if the investigation has been completed and whether any charges are going to be pressed at this time.

I look forward to hearing from you so we can complete this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

mdw

cc: East Central Region

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JAN 11 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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# SHAWNEE COUNCIL No. 452

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
2605 ALLENTOWN ROAD, LIMA, OHIO 45805  
PHONE 419/227-2107



November 11, 1987

Paul Ernst  
National Office BSA  
Registration & Subscription  
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Irving, Tx 75038 3096

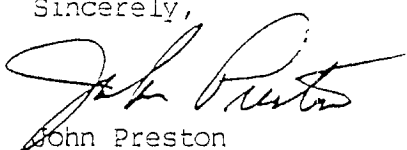
Dear Paul:

Enclosed please find all of the supporting evidence and the Confidential Record Sheet placing Mr. Barton Schell on the confidential File. The Toledo Council has notified the Department of Human Service in Fulton County (which is in the Shawnee Council, where Mr. Schell is currently registered).

The enclosed letter to Mr. Schell will be hand delivered by Council President, J. Chris Crawford and myself at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, November 12.

If you require any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
John Preston  
Scout Executive

JP:tr



United Way

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# SHAWNEE COUNCIL No. 452

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
2605 ALLENTOWN ROAD, LIMA, OHIO 45805  
PHONE 419/227-2107

November 6, 1987

Barton Schell

Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Dear Mr. Schell:

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 all relationships you have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Chris Crawford  
President

JP:JCC:tr



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Mr. Henry J. Preston, Jr.  
Shawnee Area Boy Scout Council  
2605 Allentown Road  
Lima, Ohio 45807

NOV 4 1987

Re: Barton Schell

Shawnee Area Boy Scout Council  
Lima, OH

Dear Mr. Preston:

As per Mr. Richard Larimer's request, I am enclosing a copy of the letter which was sent to the Fulton County Department of Human Services, reporting the incidents of abuse allegedly committed by Mr. Barton Schell.

The Department of Human Services, which will be conducting the investigation, has requested a list of the names of the those minor scouts who have been in contact with Mr. Schell. Mr. Larimer is preparing the list as it relates to the time period during which Mr. Schell was active in his council, and I would ask that you do the same for the time period during which Mr. Schell was active in yours. This list should contain the scouts' addresses and phone numbers, if possible, and should be sent to Intake Officer Deb Shininger at the address on the enclosed letter.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Barbara J. Stutz*  
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xc: Raymond G. Esch, Jr., Esq.

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Fulton County Department  
of Human Services  
146 S. Fulton Street  
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Attention: Deb Shininger  
Intake

Re: Report of Suspected Child Abuse

Dear Ms. Shininger:

As I indicated to you on the phone this morning, my office serves as general counsel to the Toledo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The local council executive is Mr. Richard Larimer.

In order to comply with the Boy Scouts of America's policy concerning suspected child abuse, and pursuant to O.R.C. §2151.421(B) and (C), Mr. Larimer has asked that I report to you an incident which has recently come to his attention. Accordingly, and as per your request, I am enclosing copies of four letters which allege abusive behavior on the part of Scoutmaster Barton Schell. Two of the letters are from Mr. Schell's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The other two are from former scouts [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. A fifth letter, also enclosed, was written by Mr. Schell to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

I have also enclosed a list containing the last known addresses of the above-mentioned individuals. Although the acts complained of evidently occurred while [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were minors, I believe that they are now all 18 years of age or older. It is also my understanding that [REDACTED] is a student at [REDACTED] and that she resides with her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when she is not on campus.

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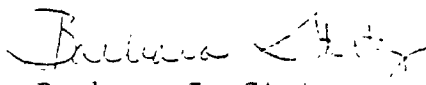
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Fulton County Department  
of Human Services

November 3, 1987  
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Attorney Ed Weber, the Boy Scouts of America executive to whom the letters were originally sent, contacted [REDACTED] and informed her that the matter was being submitted to the proper authorities. In addition, steps have been taken to remove Mr. Schell from from his position as Explorer Advisor in Wauseon. As per your instructions, I have requested that a list of those minor scouts who have been in contact with Mr. Schell be compiled, and I will provide that information to you as soon as it is available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Barbara J. Stutz

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xc: Mr. Richard Larimer

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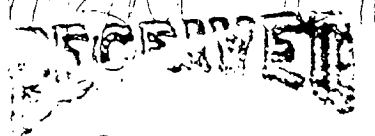
Mr. Henry J. Preston, Jr. ✓

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I think that writing this letter was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I finished typing one from [redacted] today also and it will be in the mail as soon as he signs it. I'm sorry we took so long but it was a big step and very difficult to take. I'm willing to do whatever is necessary to spare other children from the fear I experienced. Now though.

The other letter enclosed is one that Dad wrote to [redacted] when we were seniors in high school. I thought you might be interested.

Thank You!



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Shelton County Day Center of America  
Lima, Ohio

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2 July 1987

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Dear Sirs,

Shawnee Council Boy Scouts of America  
Lima, Ohio

I am writing this letter in regard to my [redacted]  
Barton Schell. He used to be the scoutmaster of Troop 90  
in the Turkeyfoot district.

I have reason to believe that my father is emotion-  
ally, physically and sexually abusive to the young people  
that he has contact with. I say this because I have ex-  
perienced this abusiveness firsthand.

In the spring of 1982, my father chartered a scout  
troop. He planned to teach the older boys in the troop  
how to SCUSA dive. Since I was already able to do so and  
got along well with the scouts, he included me in many of  
the activities. The following spring, one of the scouts  
that my [redacted] had spent a great deal of time with left  
the program quite suddenly, with no explanation. We con-  
tinued on with our training and I became close friends  
with the boys who stayed, namely, [redacted] and [redacted]  
and [redacted]. They spent a lot of time at my house  
and began to work for my [redacted] to pay for their diving  
gear. Often the work they did and the long hours they  
spent with my [redacted] interfered with their school work  
and their extracurricular activities. My [redacted] expected  
them to keep up with the heavy work loads he gave them and  
still maintain good grades. When their school performance  
was less than he expected, he became very angry. Once,  
he went so far as to spank one of the boys.

The summer of 1985, after my graduation from high  
school, I went on a trip with my [redacted] to look at some  
areas where he planned to go on a diving trip. This was  
nothing out of the ordinary as my [redacted] often checked out  
diving spots before actually making a trip, and he often  
took me along for company. This trip was my first exper-

ience with his abusive tendencies. The night before we were due to leave for home, I woke up from sleep because he was running his hands up and down my back and sides and telling me not to be scared. I have never experienced fear quite like what I felt then. He proceeded to remove my clothing and then pinned me down on the bed with his body so that I was unable to move. He touched my breasts and genital area, continually telling me not to be frightened. He forced me to touch his genitals and then told me that he had no sexual fallings towards me. This physical contact was, according to [REDACTED], enable us to communicate with each other better.

Another time, right before I left for college, he came to my bedroom, woke me up and asked me to come outside with him. There, he removed my clothing and took me by the hand to go for a walk with him. We walked up to a gate that is located about halfway down our driveway and there he pulled me close to him and did the same things I described before. Once again, he told me I had nothing to fear and that this would enable some form of communication to occur. Soon after this incident I went away to college and avoided coming home for fear that such things would continue. I believe that some of the scouts were not able to avoid this mistreatment.

I hope this letter will enable you to prevent [REDACTED] from continuing his activities with the scouting program. I do not believe that I am doing this for purposes of revenge. [REDACTED] is a very sick man, he needs professional attention. I would like to spare any other young people from experiencing the things I did and I want to see my [REDACTED] get the help he needs. I do not think

that he should be allowed any further contact with young people, quite possibly his [REDACTED]. If you deem further explanations necessary or have any questions that need to be answered, I am willing to do so.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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July 2, 1987

Shawnee Council Boy Scouts of America  
Lima, Ohio

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter so that Barton L. Schell will not be able to participate in the Boy Scout program, or any other activities that involve young men and women. I am submitting this because of my personal experiences with Mr. Schell.

I met Mr. Schell in the spring of 1982 when he took over as the scoutmaster of Troop 297. Later he chartered Troop 90. When he became our scoutmaster, he informed us that we were going to be given the opportunity to learn how to SCUSA dive. The classes were to begin that summer and he planned on teaching us in his own home. One of the first times we went to class, he had myself, my brother, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] go into this room he called the lab. There he told us to remove all of our clothing except our underwear and "assume the position". This position consisted of standing with our legs shoulder width apart with our hands behind our heads. He then came around to each one of us and touched our genitalia much like a doctor would during a physical. On me, he also seemed to feel my testicles. We all thought this was very out of the ordinary but were too scared to say anything. He did not touch me again until [REDACTED] left the program.

During that summer, we worked for Mr. Schell to pay for our diving gear. In the fall after school started, we continued to work for him. The following spring, [REDACTED] decided to leave the program. At the time, none of us knew why. I understood a couple of years later when [REDACTED] told me about some of the things Mr. Schell did to him.

After I started working full time and became close friends with Mr. Schell's [REDACTED], he started making me go into the lab more and more often. In the lab,

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he would have me take off all of my clothing except my socks and "assume the position". Then he would tell me to look at these pieces of black electrical tape that he had cut into strange shapes and stuck to the wall. Sometimes he would stay in there and read to me from a book about psychology, other times he would leave. Sometimes he would touch me intimately while telling me to think about things other than what he was doing. This was supposed to increase my ability to concentrate.

Once when I was doing poorly in math, he took me to the lab and spanked me with a paddle that he had made. When he was finished, he began to cry and told me that [REDACTED] had told him to discipline me. At this time, my [REDACTED] had been dead for about three years, and, to my knowledge, [REDACTED] and Mr. Schell had never met.

I hope that this will help you to prevent Mr. Schell from having any further contact with the scouting program or with any other program that might allow him to be alone with young people.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



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OCT 13 1987

Shawnee Branch Log Squad of America  
Lima, Ohio

Tuesday morning  
6 November 87

3:07 AM

Another day in  
our lives!

I want both of you to know that whatever happens — or has happened — I love you both very much.

I have lain awake through this long night and through many others — thinking and worrying about a million things — sometimes, the two of you in particular!

I'm glad for your happiness and love and sorrowful because I know what much of the future holds. Oh!

Don't think, for a moment, that the future is all bleak and darkness.

There is much happiness, but it will be a rough trip getting to it.

I've prayed long and hard about some things — and found that answers are very broad and difficult to work with. The definitive actions to go with the answers, are often left strictly up to us.

I have long been receptive to a powerful feeling that the three of us must unite for the common good of mankind — if you can work with a thought that gigantic? I still don't know what we are to accomplish — but I am now certain that I am being "preserved," so to speak, for this special purpose.

This is strange, because I tried to discuss this with [redacted] — and he was not open or receptive. I prayed about it and dozed off. Suddenly I awoke as if dipped in ice water and the words began to flow from pencil to paper almost without my fully conscious control.

It seems that not being able to discuss things with either of you individually, has blocked the direction in which our destiny bids us go.

We cannot survive, individually! And my meaning is entirely spiritual. Perhaps the two of you, can, together, muster the fortitude to discuss, with me, your relationship with each other and our common bonds. It is important that the two of you understand that relationship and the possible consequences involved. And it is important that you make me aware of your understanding, so that we can be about more important business. All basic decisions and choices are yours to make. I am not condoning or condemning anything. I am asking for your confidence and trust so that I know when and how to plan and react. Please, don't leave me stranded in mid-air.

We have enough humanness in us, that we make mistakes and are imperfect.

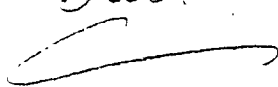
God, however, made provision for that. If we pray, and ask forgiveness, everything will work out. You have both been shown!

I know that you are young, errant, and blissfully in love! I know that I am old and peeped! Would it be too terribly much to ask that the two of you try to make this life a little easier for all of us? P-P-P-P Believe it or not, I'm in your corner — all the time!

Honest love and happiness are yours for the asking. Make your choices in His corner — and you can't lose!

Much, much, love!

And more than that!

Dad  


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June 15, 1987

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Richard Larimer  
Boy Scouts Headquarters  
One Scranahan Square  
Toledo, OH 43604

Re: Barton L. Schell


Dear Dick:

Enclosed is a letter which I just received June 15 written by a former member of Mr. Schell's Scout Troop, [REDACTED]

I understand that Mr. Schell is involved in the Explorer movement in Wauseon.

I can give you further information about this situation if you want to give me a call before I leave for vacation on June 13.

Sincerely,

  
Edward F. Weber

EFW,bjj

Enclosures

Checked Toledo Police 7-7-87  
Nothing on records in Lucas Co.

May 25, 1987

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is being written for the sole purpose of preventing Barton L. Schell from ever assembling, leading or being involved with any future Boy Scouts of America activities. I insist that this letter only be used for the aforementioned purpose and that its distribution remain limited to those persons involved with this issue. This document is not to be used for the basis for any criminal prosecutions as I feel that the publicity that would inevitably result from such a trial would bring strong repercussions against myself, my family and friends, as well as the others involved.

I first came in contact with Barton L. Schell in the Spring of 1982. I, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], had just received our Eagle awards at the age of 14. Troop 297 was without a Scoutmaster, so Mr. Schell stepped in and accepted the position. At that time, I was considering leaving the Troop, but Mr. Schell offered S.C.C.B.A. training - a temptation none of the older scouts could resist.

Later that spring, training started in Mr. Schell's shop next to his house in Swanton, Ohio. The four scouts in the class were myself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Within the first few minutes of class, Mr. Schell had pulled [REDACTED] in front of the group for a demonstration.

"Which muscle do you think you'll use the most in swimming?" he asked.

None of us knew the answer.

"This one." he said as he grabbed [REDACTED] left buttock and squeezed hard. I could tell by [REDACTED] face that he

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was obviously startled, as well as the rest of us. From that point on, I became a bit leery of our new Scoutmaster.

I also noticed that after swimming in the pool, he changed his suit in the hallway of his house - his genitals in full display to his [REDACTED] as they walked back and forth doing errands. To my amazement, the [REDACTED] seemed to pay no particular attention to this. I can only assume that it was quite common for him to be exposed this way in front of his [REDACTED].

Things didn't start to get abnormally weird until the Winter of 1982/83, when I was 15. Since over \$2400.00 of our S.C.U.B.A. equipment had been recently stolen in Chicago, Mr. Schell deemed it necessary to provide security for our future diving expeditions with the Troop. He wanted me to start security training. At the time, the idea seemed "neat" - James Bond stuff and the like. Mr. Schell instructed me that I was to tell no one about what we were doing. Shortly, thereafter, he bought a small .22 cal. pocket semi-automatic pistol from the Smith Bros. gunshop. His reasoning for the purchase was that in case he was incapacitated during a campout by one of the "bad guys", that I was to take the pistol and use it to protect our equipment. Mr. Schell and I were to be the only ones who knew that there was a gun and where it would be hidden. When all the other boys had left, we took the pistol back to his pond to test it out. Shooting at a pop can approximately 20 yards out, we fired about ten rounds between us. I commented that the pistol was not very accurate, but Mr. Schell replied that it was "close enough to hit a man though".

I was instructed to ride the bus after school every Wednesday and get off at the corner and walk to his house for training. Since this was the [REDACTED] bus route, they asked me what I was doing. I could only respond that Mr. Schell wanted me to do some artwork for him. At these sessions, I was instructed to strip in a small room in the back of the shop. I stripped down to my underwear. Mr. Schell had stepped out while I was undressing, and had ~~returned~~

shortly after I was done.

"I told you to strip," he said.

"I did."

"What's that then?" he snapped.

"My underwear."

"Take it off."

I hesitantly obliged. I was told to assume the "position", which consisted of standing about one foot away from the wall, legs spread shoulder-width apart, and both hands held against the back of my head. I was supposed to stare at a small black dot on the wall in order to improve my concentration. I stayed in this extremely uncomfortable position, not allowed to move, for 45 minutes to an hour while Mr. Schell sat behind me and lectured on some security ideas which I can no longer recall. This routine was used for approximately the next two or three sessions.

A few weeks later, we moved into the front area of the shop, or what was called the woodshop. Once again nude, I assumed the position, back to Mr. Schell, as he read to me. He then told me that he thought it would be a good exercise if I was to break into his house some night and retrieve an item while his family was home - all without being seen. It was the dead of winter and I was to be naked during the exercise. After he finished his crazy scenario, I got up the courage to ask him why I always had to be in the buff for training - I could listen just as well with my clothes on. He said that he was teaching me not to be ashamed of my body and that that was the reason for my nudity.

During that same session, he was asking me questions and I was responding by nodding my head. Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain in my buttocks. I turned around to discover that Mr. Schell had struck me with his hand.

"I'm sorry," he said, looking as if he was ready to cry, "but I told you to answer 'yes' or 'no', not shake your head."

That was the only time I can recall Mr. Schell ever laying a hand upon me while I was naked or clothed.



Soon after that incident, my security training mysteriously ended. He never mentioned it to me again.

During the Springbreak of 1983, during my sophomore year, Mr. Schell, his son [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and myself went on a dive vacation in Florida. Mr. Schell told me that the pistol was in a black bag in his van so that I would know where it was in case of an "emergency". When I had a chance to check, I found that he had lied; the pistol was not where he had said it had been.

I left the Troop soon after, explaining to Mr. Schell that I could no longer afford the time with him because of my growing commitments with [REDACTED] High School and the marching band. I left with no open ill feelings against Mr. Schell or his family. From that moment on, however, it appeared as if I had been blacklisted by Mr. Schell, [REDACTED], and the Troop. When he saw me, he would pretend as if I was not there. He would neither speak nor look at me. The members of the Troop ignored me. When I eventually got Rich Whitaker to talk to me, it was with trepidation - as if he feared to be seen talking to me when Mr. Schell was present. To this day, Mr. Schell and his family, with the exception of [REDACTED], have taken on the attitude that [REDACTED] has never existed.

I hope that this document will offer the proper testimony needed to prove that Barton L. Schell is mentally unstable. It is my belief that this man should be restricted from any involvement with minors in any shape or form. He has isolated himself and his family from the real world by creating his own perverted version of Disneyland on his property. Mr. Schell lures young boys to his home by offering them false hopes of adventure as well as a figurehead for defying authority. Not until one has stayed with Mr. Schell for an extended period of time does he realize that the man is a liar to himself as well as others and that his training methods are nothing but an excuse for the perversion and exploitation of young men.

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All the accounts I have given are true to the best of my knowledge. The dates are general as I do not remember the exact months that these actions took place. The conversations recorded here are not word for word as they took place four years ago, but are assembled from key phrases and words that are seared into my memory.

I urge that all measures be taken immediately to prevent Barton L. Scheil from ever being involved with any youth organizations in the future and I would also like to repeat that this document is to be used for that purpose only.

Sincerely Yours

5/25/87

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CALLER: JOHN PRESTON

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WHITEHOUSE, OH 43571

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