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# Appendix B

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## INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 343 Date 10/17/90

Full name Curtis Bittel  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

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

Address P.O. Box 197

City Oak Ridge State N.J. ZIP Code 07438

Date of Birth 11/40 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 50 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

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

Occupation Truck Driver (?) Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Scouting connections D 3605 - 044029 Chartered organization: American Legion  
007613

Unit No. S-0049 City Milton State N.J.

Position Scoutmaster Date registered 3/97 Date resigned \_\_\_\_\_

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

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: (see attached #1a)  
REGISTERED IN 1987 AS CURTIS BIDDLE

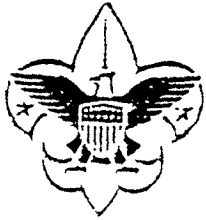
SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

**NOTED**

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council MORRIS-SUSSEX AREA COUNCIL #343

NOV 20 1990  
JOSEPH L ANGLIM  
NOV 8 1990  
F. STARON



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**MORRIS-SUSSEX AREA COUNCIL, INC.**

12 MT. PLEASANT TPK. DENVILLE, NEW JERSEY 07834-9599

(201) 361-1800

December 19, 1990

MEMO

TO: Mr. Curtis Buttel  
FROM: Kenneth G. Bland, Council Executive

SUBJECT: CURTIS BUTTEL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - REGISTRATION DENIAL

It has come to my attention that you are still participating with Troop 49 of the Morris-Sussex Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. We further understand that you plan to continue unofficially as a First Aid Merit Badge Counselor for Troop 49.

By receipt of this communication, be advised that as a result of your failure to follow the instructions from me, dated October 13, 1990 (copy attached), and telephone messages on November 15, 1990, I have confirmed with the NJ State Attorney General's office, that an investigator will make an official call to you to enforce the Boy Scouts of America policies.

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bcc: Charles Ball, Asst. Regional Director  
Paul Ernst, Registration Service, National Council  
Mr. Harvey Thompson, SE, Essex Council  
William Clark, SE, Ocean County Council  
Russell C. Vanderbush, State Investigator  
John Scheri, Troop 49



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November 26, 1990

Mr. Kenneth G. Bland  
Scout Executive  
Morris-Sussex Area Council, No. 343

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CURTIS BUTTEL

Dear Ken:

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: Northeast Region

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NOV 26 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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Nov. 19, 1990

TO: Charles Ball  
Paul Ernst  
Harvey Thompson  
William Clark

FROM: Kenneth G. Bland  
Council Executive

SUBJECT: Curtis Buttel Registration

Enclosed, please find an updated Memo-For-File for the stated subject.



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ESSEX COUNCIL □ BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
36 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102-4399  
(201) 622-2488 □ Fax (201) 622-4737

November 14, 1990

Reverend Donald R. Knaver  
10 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Rev. Knaver:

Your church is chartered to operate Boy Scout Troop 4. A possible problem exists that I wanted to bring to your attention and to ask for your help and cooperation.

Boy Scouts of America membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the B.S.A. seeks to provide for American youth.

A Mr. Curtis Buttell, formerly involved as a leader in Troop 4, has been denied continued registration in Scouting by the Morris-Sussex Council. It is our belief that Mr. Buttell still maintains a non-registered relationship with your Troop 4 and the Troop Camp Oschner at Stillwater, New Jersey.

Due to the action of the Morris Sussex Council, we request your help and the help of your Troop leadership to be sure that Mr. Buttell is no longer involved with Troop 4 or with the camp in any way. It is also my understanding that Mr. Buttell may be listed as the contact person on a map of directions to the camp. If so, this should be changed. I would appreciate receiving a letter to the effect that Mr. Buttell is no longer involved with Troop 4 or the Troop camp.

If I can be of assistance in this matter, please call. We want to assure Scouts and their families of a quality safe experience in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Harvey R. Thompson  
Council Executive

HRT:cw

cc: Kenneth D. King, President  
Benjamin P. Michel  
Kenneth Bland, S.E.--#343

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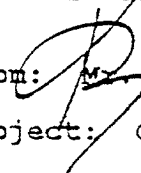
Boy Scouts of America

M E M O R A N D U M  
October 17, 1990

To:

Mr. Charles Ball -- Northeast Region Boy Scouts of  
America

Mr. Paul Ernst -- National Council Boy Scouts of  
America

From:  Kenneth G. Bland -- Council Executive #343.

Subject: Curtis Buttel Registration:

Herewith find a copy of our complete file reference  
Mr. Buttel.

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(201) 361-1800

October 17, 1990

Mr. Curtis Buttel  
Box 197  
Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07428

Dear Mr. Buttel:

I have attempted to reach you by telephone to present the enclosed letter and set of instructions to you. However, there was no answer when trying to communicate with you.

In keeping with the instructions as outlined, you are free to present your position to the Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Bland  
Council Executive

KG8:sj  
Enclosure

cc: Roy Plekenpol ✓

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deleted from Greg file  
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October 17, 1990

Mr. Curtis Buttel  
Box 197  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07428

Dear Mr. Buttel:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may 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 refuse 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 BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Plekenpol  
Council President

Kenneth G. Bland  
Council Executive



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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Northeast Region, B.S.A., of the decision to deny your registration.

Any correspondence should be addressed to the Regional Director, in care of:

Mr. Charles Ball  
Assistant Regional Director  
P.O. Box 350  
Dayton, NJ 08810-0350

Tele: 201/821-0810

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the Regional Director, B.S.A. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of the decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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OCTOBER 11, 1990

## MEMO FOR FILE

SUBJECT: CURTIS BUTTEL

- SEPT. 20, 1990 - Reviewed copy of letter from National Registration Service to Essex Council, reference Curtis Buttel, SM T49, M.S.A.C.
- SEPT. 26, 1990 - Spoke with Harvey Thompson, Scout Executive of Essex Council. Harvey advised me as to the Buttel situation and stated he would forward copy of Buttel file to the Morris-Sussex Area Council.
- OCT. 2, 1990 Met with Robert C. Vanderbush, NJ State Investigator, to review the Buttel matter.
- OCT. 2, 1990 Advised the Council President, Roy Plekenpol, and the Council legal counsel.
- OCT. 4, 1990 Sent letter to Buttel asking him to verify spelling of his name.
- OCT. 9, 1990 Met with Harvey Thompson, S.E. of Essex Council. Council.
- OCT. 9, 1990 Placed Camp Cushman "off limits" to all Morris-Sussex Area Council Troops.
- OCT 10, 1990 Updated Council President and set appointment with Council President, legal counsel and S.E.
- OCT. 11, 1990 Meet with Council President and legal counsel at 4:00 PM. to review files.
- OCT. 12, 1990 11:27 AM received telephone call from Robert C. Vanderbush, asking status of review - Bland updated Vandertush.
- OCT. 12, 1990 2:30 PM, received confirmation telephone call from Dan Hoberman, legal counsel - all items are in order and he instructed Scout Executive to take the next step.
- OCT. 12, 1990 Attempted to reach Mr. Buttel by phone.
- OCT. 13&14, 1990 Attempted to reach Mr. Buttel by phone.
- OCT. 14&15, 1990 Unable to reach Mr. Buttel.

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OCT. 17, 1990 Communicated with Mr. Charles Ball, NE Region outlining that I was unable to communicate with Mr. Buttel.  
- Charles Ball instructed me to mail (Certified, Return Receipt) letter to Butel.  
- Letter mailed - receipt attached.

OCT. 18, 1990 Forwarded communication to Mr. Buttel outlining that his registration with BSA was denied.

OCT. 19, 1990 Advised Mr. Vanderbush that registration for Mr. Buttel was denied and that Mr. Buttel had been informed by certified mail.

OCT. 20, 1990 Advised Dr. Scheri\* (Committee Member for Troop 49 that Mr. Buttel's registration was denied.  
  
\* Dr. Scheri conducts the M.S.A.C. Child Abuse Training.  
Dr. Scheri to conduct child & sex abuse training for T-49.

OCT. 29, 1990 Copy of Buttel file was given to Robert W., Vanderbush, N.J. State Investigator.

NOV. 15, 1990 Field Director, Steve Maternick spoke with Mr. John Scheri on 11/14/90. Mr. Scheri stated that Mr. Buttel was continuing to attend the meetings for Troop 49.

NOV. 15, 1990 Kenneth G. Bland, Council Executive of the Morris-Sussex Area Council, placed a telephone call to Mr. Buttel - Bland left message on Buttel's answering machine that he (Buttel) was not to participate in any Scouting activities, in accordance with the October 18, 1990, letter to Mr. Buttel denying Buttel's registration.

NOV. 15, 1990 Bland communicated with Mr. Russ Vanderbush, outlining the telephone message to Mr. Buttel. Mr. Vanderbush stated that Mr. Bland was free to inform Mr. Buttel that B.S.A. had been instructed by N.J. Attorney General's Office to remove Mr. Buttel from participating in the B.S.A. programs.  
  
Communicated all Nov. 15, 1990 entries to Mr. Charles Ball, Assistant Regional Director, Northeast Region.

NOV. 16, 1990 Communicated with Mr. John Scheri, Committee Member of Troop 49, - Plan to inform Troop Committee as to restrictions.

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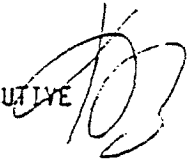
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October 9, 1990

MEMO

TO: ALL STAFF MEMBERS

FROM: KENNETH G. BLAND, COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 1990

SUBJECT: CAMP OSCHNER, STILLWATER, NEW JERSEY

It has been brought to my attention that several Council units have utilized Camp Oschner in Stillwater, New Jersey, as a camping facility in providing their outdoor program.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY no tour permits will be approved for Morris-Sussex Area Council units to use Camp Oschner. The health and safety of our members is paramount; therefore, Camp Oschner is off limits until further notice.

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GEORGE B. HALLOCK  
9 ARCADIA COURT  
BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003-5304  
201-338-4544  
OCTOBER 2, 1990

MR. HARVEY THOMPSON, SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
ESSEX COUNCIL, BSA  
36 PARK PLACE  
NEWARK NJ 07102

Dear Harvey:

As per your request regarding my actions as President of Tamarack Council BSA involving Curtis Buttel, here are the facts, as I recall them.

I was Council President from May 1980 until May 1984. Although I do not remember the date of the incident, I believe it was near the end of my term in office. Unfortunately, Dave Greenlaw, the Scout Executive and I had previously been involved with another Scouter in a similar incident, and I remember Dave being very insistent that we rigidly follow the BSA guidelines whenever a complaint was received involving alleged sexual misconduct between a registered Scouter and a Scout.

I do not remember the name of the boy or family who made the complaint against Curtis Buttel (pronounced "Biddle"), but I do remember meeting at the Council Office at Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst with David Greenlaw and Curtis Buttel. I am not positive, but I believe George Pfaff, Scoutmaster of Troop 4, was also present.

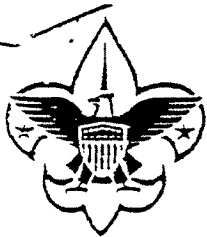
At the meeting, Dave Greenlaw and I presented Curtis with the complaint we had received, and informed him that, in accordance with BSA regulations we had no choice but to immediately suspend him from all Scouting activities. I also believe that a letter had been typed up by Dave and presented to Curtis at the meeting, formally suspending him, and informing him that under BSA regulations, he had the opportunity to request the formation of a review board and a hearing at a later date, but that, pending the outcome of that hearing he was forbidden to have anything to do with Scouts.

I also recall that Curtis did not really deny the incident that was described, but rather indicated that if any contact had been made, it was inadvertant. However, to my knowledge, Curtis never requested a review, and left Troop 4. I did not have further contact with him.

Although I did not see Dave Greenlaw physically put a report of

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October 2, 1990

Mr. Curtis Buttel  
Box 197  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07428

Dear Mr. Buttel:

In a recent audit of our Council unit files, we found that you registered in May 1987, as Curtis Biddle.

By return mail would you please confirm the correct spelling of your name?

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Bland  
Council Executive

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Please return in enclosed envelope:

Please print:

CURTIS BUTTEL

First Name Last Name



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September 19, 1990

Mr. Harvey Thompson  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CURTIS BUTTEL

Dear Harvey:

About a month ago, I had communication which involved both you and Ken Bland related to the above named individual.

I have not heard from either of you since that time, but I understand Mr. Buttel was registered as both Scoutmaster of Troop 50049 and a Merit Badge Counselor in District 08605. This was apparently in the past.

Information has now come up that he may have abused youth back in 1979. We really would like more information concerning this and any personal information for identifying Mr. Buttel. Could you please send us any material you have which would help to substantiate the charges and aid in the identification of Mr. Buttel? I would appreciate information from either or both councils, so that we have more of a complete file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region  
Ken Bland, Council No. 343

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SEP 20 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

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SEP 12 1990

Dear Harry,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and the good name of Boy Scouts of America.

You see I was a young scout in Troop #4 in Bloomfield, N.J.

When I was a child I was fondled by an entrusted Senior Scout assistant by the name of Kurt Biddle.

After burying that unhappy memory for many years his name was brought to my attention when my sister living in Brick, N.J. made me aware that he is still involved with Scouting.

~~For~~ For God's sake and the ~~best~~ sake of all these young children do something about it.

If I can be of further assistance please call.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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11:30 A.M. 8/12/90

Bill Clark, SE, Ocean County phoned.

He is sending me info on this matter.

Curtis Buttell (pronounced Bittell) T-4 Bloomfield. Alleged child abuser.

Incident—Approximately October 1967, involving Mr. Buttell and boys at the Troop Camp Oschner at Stillwater, N.J.

Mr. Pfaff—Scoutmaster in '83 also SM today. According to Bill Clark, he knew of incident.

We find no registration for Mr. Buttell in our file starting in 1983. The first year that we have history on T-4.

This unit became part of our Council in 1986 from Tamarack Council, which was dissolved.

August 23—Received in writing information from William Clark, S.E., Ocean County Council, letter dated 8/21/90 (attached).

—Called Charles Ball at NE Region. Advised me to contact Paul Ernst at National to see if Mr. Buttell is on file. Also, advised me to attempt to obtain statements from Mrs. [REDACTED] and her brother, who was reported abused; and if received, to also notify DYFUS and to complete removal letter.

—Called Paul Ernst 12:30 P.M. Mr. Buttell does not appear in the National Confidential File. Paul agreed with C. Ball's advice.

—Attempted to call Mrs. [REDACTED] sister of the alleged abused. No answer.

August 24—Called Mrs. [REDACTED] sister of the alleged abused. She will call her brother and ask him to call me. His name is: [REDACTED]

August 24—9:45 A.M.—Mr. [REDACTED] called (home phone [REDACTED]). Lives in Ringwood in Bergen County.

He stated that when he was 9 years old in October, approximately 1967, he was molested at camp by Mr. Curtis Buttell. He alleged that Mr. Buttell saw that he had a summer sleeping bag. Mr. Buttell left and came back with a 2-person bag, which he got into with Mr. Buttell. Mr. Buttell touched him and then later, according to Mr. [REDACTED] raped him.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was from a divorced home. He finally shared this with his mother. His mother talked to the Scoutmaster, Mr. Pfaff [REDACTED], who defended the man and was very upset by her son's accusation. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he is aware that his mother wrote a letter about the incident to the Tamarack Council.

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[REDACTED] stated that for the first time since he was a boy, 2 years ago, he saw Mr. Buttel in a store. He walked up to him as he entered his car and stated his name and asked did Mr. Buttel remember him. He told Mr. Buttel that he had been raped by him as a Scout and tried to pull him from his car. A lady came out, got in and they sped off. He believed Mr. Buttel is now around 40 years old.

I asked [REDACTED] to write a letter to me putting into writing what took place in 1967, so that the B.S.A. could take action to keep Mr. Buttel away from Scouting and boys. He is sending me a letter.

August 24, 1990--Talked to Jack Dante, D.E. Bloomfield and a former staff member in Tamarack Council. He stated that the Scoutmaster of Troop 4, Mr. Pfaff, is now about 82 years old, the Troop has about 12 members and that a young assistant leader, married with children, really runs the Troop. He believed that the Troop has not gone to any summer camp in several years. He has not heard of a Mr. Buttel.

August 25, 1990--Talked to Lee White, a Scouter from Bloomfield and a former member of the Tamarack Council Board. When I mentioned the name of Curtis Buttel, Lee looked at me with a strange expression. He then told me that Buttel had, to the best of his knowledge, been removed from Scouting due to an incident about 6 years ago. A boy by the name of [REDACTED] was joining the Troop that Lee White was affiliated with. The boy came to Mr. White's home to meet with Mr. White and several other leaders to complete registration paperwork. While there, it came out that the boy was transferring from the Troop that Mr. Buttel was involved with. The boy started to cry and shared with Mr. White that Mr. Buttel had sexually abused him. Mr. White and the others consoled the boy and told him that everything would be all right. They told him that they were going to call his mother, which they did. She came over. That's as far as we had a chance to chat.

August 28, 1990--Lee White provided me with the fact that [REDACTED] moved to North Carolina with his mother. They have no forwarding address.

September 7, 1990--Called DYFUS, Trenton. Allison Blake (609-292-0617). Shared information with her. She said not to take action until she calls back. She is to re-search their files and those of the police and then to call.

September 7, 3 P.M.--Russell Vanderbush, State Investigator, called. We reviewed my file on Curtis Buttel. He will call me back Monday. They are doing a criminal check. (B: 1-609-984-3010)

September 7, 3:20 P.M.--Called National Registration. Mr. Buttel is not on list; the list has not been purged in the past. Councils are responsible for keeping permanent history files.

September 11, 1990--Talked again when Mr. Vanderbush called.

September 12, 1990--Talked again when Mr. Vanderbush called. They want a copy of any decision we make.

September 13, 1990--Received letter from [REDACTED]

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September 19, 1990—Received letter from National, Paul Ernst, stating that Mr. Buttel is currently registered in Morris-Sussex Council as a Scoutmaster. Called Ken Bland to discuss this new information. I said I would take no further action until Ken got back to me.

October 1, 1990, 4:45 P.M.—Talked to Ken Bland, Scout Executive, Morris-Sussex Council. State Investigator Radenbach is meeting with him tomorrow.

October 1, 1990, 5:10 P.M.—Called George Hallick (H: 338-4544), former President of Tamarack Council. George stated that he and Greenlaw, the S.E. of Tamarack, in late 70's or early 80's visited Mr. Buttel and suspended him from Scouting. He was under the understanding that the suspension would be filed with National. I asked George if he would prepare a letter and sign it to the above verbal discussion. He said yes but wanted to talk to another Scouter first who was involved.

October 4, 1990—Received letter signed by George Hallick which states that he and the Scout Executive, Greenlaw, of Tamarack, visited with Mr. Buttel, presented him with a letter suspending his involvement in Scouting. I immediately called Ken Bland.

October 9, 1990, 4:00 P.M.—Met with Ken Bland at the Rusty Scupper in West Orange to review all facts and materials.

HRT:cw

10/10/90

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8-27-90

HARVEY THOMASON JR. C 336

CALL M 8-27-90  
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SM 50049

CURTIS BUTTEL 42 D8605  
FORMERLY LDR

ABUSE OF YOUTH IN 1979?

TRYING TO GET MORE INFO  
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# OCEAN COUNTY COUNCIL, INC. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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August 21, 1990

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Mr. Harvey Thompson  
Scout Executive  
Essex County Council, Boy Scouts of America  
36 Park Place  
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Dear Harvey:

I am sending you a copy of a memorandum that I received from Senior District Scout Executive, William Freeland, concerning the possible child abuse incident I spoke to you about the other day.

Please let me know if Mr. Curtis Buttel is registered with Essex County Council, and what the situation is with Camp Oschner in Stillwater, New Jersey.

Sincerely,

William H. Clark  
Council Executive

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

TO: William H. Clark, Council Executive  
FROM: William C. Freeland, Senior Scout Executive  
DATE: August 21, 1990  
SUBJECT: Possible Child Abuse

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Friday, June 22, 1990

Cubmaster [REDACTED] of Pack 160, called me and relayed a story he had over-heard at a Barbecue with some parents of Cub Scouts in his Pack. The story concerned a situation of child abuse which occurred 11 years ago at Camp Oschner, a privately owned Troop Camp near Newton, New Jersey. It seems one of the Cub Scouts mother's brother was sexually abused by a man by the name of Curtis Buttel. Mr. Buttel is still involved with the Camp and Troop 4 of Bloomfield, within the Essex County Council, Boy Scouts of America. I explained to [REDACTED] that I needed to speak with the mother and would he please have her give me a call. [REDACTED] said that he would contact her and have her call me.

Monday, June 25, 1990

At approximately 7:00pm, Mrs. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]-[REDACTED]-[REDACTED]) phoned me at the Council Service Center and told me the story of her brothers sexual assault by Mr. Curtis Buttel at Camp Oschner some 11 years ago. She explained that he would have boys from his Troop help at Camp, cooking food and acting as caretakers, when other Troops would use the Camp. He always had boys from single parent homes as staffers. According to Mrs. [REDACTED] other boys besides her brother were involved in this situation. She said a Mr. Patch, some type of leader or professional Scout, knew all about the abuse. She was appalled to hear that Mr. Buttel was still involved in Scouting and its youth members.

Monday, August 20, 1990

I received the attached map from Sterling Hulse, District 1 Camping Chairman. At present the following District Units have used Camp Oschner:

Pack & Troop 8  
Pack 160  
Troop 60  
Troop 311

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