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April 22, 1971

Mr. Donald E. Wrobel 518 La Porte Avenue South Bend, Indiana

Dear Mr. Wrobel:

You recently wrote me concerning registration in the Boy Scouts of America.

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has the prerogative of accepting or rejecting an application for registration from any adult who desires to serve in a leadership position.

I am sorry to inform you that the Boy Scouts of America does not wish to accept your application for registration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Early, Manager Customer Services

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April 17, 1971

Boy Scouts of America c/o Registar Office New Brunswick, N.J. 08903

Dear Sir:

First of all, my name is Donald B. Trobel 518 La Porte Avenue, South Bend, Indiana.

I am writing, because, I have been told that I have been taken off the active list. I also have been told, that I could be reinstated, but I would have to write a letter to the Registar's Office and reapply.

I feel, that I did not get, a chance to say yes or no or even to clear myself on the subject. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible. So I will close for now and wait for your neturn letter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Wrobel

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United States Bistrict Court Northern District of Indiana South Bend, Indiana 46624

Chambers of Robert A. Grant Chief Judge

April 12, 1971

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Mr. Ray L. Whittaker Scout Executive Tri-Valley Council - Boy Scouts of America 1433 Northside Boulevard South Bend, Indiana 46615

Re: Donald E. Wrobel

Dear Ray:

Some day -- and I hope it will be a long time hence -- you will be moving on from South Bend to new and larger responsibilities and it is for this reason that I write this letter on the above subject while it is on my mind.

None of us has much -- if any -- file on this subject and it is well that we don't. However, since you, one day, will be succeeded by another Executive and I shall soon be relinquishing the position I presently hold, I think it would be well for you to have something in your file at that subsequent date to remind you to alert your successor on this Wrobel matter.

You and I have agreed that Wrobel should never be permitted to be associated with any of the activities of the Tri-Valley Council in any way at any time and I would want your successor to be the beneficiary of our experience and be well advised of this.

Do you not have a file of items that you will want to call to mind when the "torch" is passed on to another and, if so, would you not want to add the Wrobel matter to that file?

Sincerely,

Robert A. Grant

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December 22, 1970

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Hon. Robert A. Grant
Chief Judge
Northern District of Indiana
U.S. District Court
Federal Building
South Bend, Indiana

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Judge Grant:

On the request of Ray Whittaker, I am sending you the pictures concerning Donald E. Wrobel. We appreciate your involvement in this case for the protection of the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Subscription

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Mr. Raymond L. Whittaker Scout Executive Tri-Valley Council, No. 165

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL Ref. Donald La Wrobel

Dear Ray:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet dated August 10, concerning Donald E. Wrobel. We have placed this information in our file.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Wrobel, should be ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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August 5, 1970

Mr. Raymond L. Whittaker Scout Executive Tri-Valley Council, No. 165

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Don Wrobel

Dear Ray:

Sorry to have to write again concerning Mr. Wrobel, but as of our confidential letter dated June 3 we have not received the confidential record sheet we requested.

We will not be able to complete the records until you return it to us filling out as much of the information as possible.

Thanks for your cooperation

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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June 3, 1970

Mr. Raymond L. Whittakse Scout Executive Tri-Valley Council, No. 165

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL Re: Don Wrotel .

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your letter of May 12 and the enclosed correspondence concerning Don Wrobel. We will place this information in our file but we do need more personal data.

Inclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to as as soon as possible so that we may complete our records. Also, could you inform us as to where in Scouting Mr. Wrobel is now registered. Any other substantiating material would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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3 June 1970

Mr. Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service National Council, Boy Scouts of America North Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Earl:

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Per our conversation in Denver, at my executive committee I will speak to Judge Grant with regards to whether he would feel free to dictate a bill of particulars on Don Wrobel.

Judge Grant and myself would both deem it a great privilege if you would return the pictures which I mailed to you (keep a copy of said pictures if you can). Judge Grant's agreement with Wrobel was that in return for Wrobel's leaving Scouting quietly we would befurn said pictures to him for his disposal.

Enclosed is the information you asked for on Wrobel.

Sincerely,

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Ray L. Whittaker Scout Executive

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Don Wrobel

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May 12, 1970

Mr. Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service National Council Boy Scouts of America North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Subject:

Confidential File

Dear Earl:

I am enclosing pictures which have recently come to me and which relate to a man who is currently a member of the Order of the Arrow, a merit badge counselor, and who has recently been registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

These pictures speak for themselves.

Confronting Wrobel with the fact that we had such evidence, I suggested he leave Scouting quietly and that he and I would be the only two people who had any knowledge of why he was being asked to leave. He asked me what information I had, I replied it was photographic in nature and I believed he too knew what the pictures were about. At this point Wrobel denied any knowledge of any wrongdoing and also indicated that the pictures were forgeries or misrepresentations.

After Mr. Wrobel left the office I called a federal judge (who is a council vice-president) and told him of the problems as well as the nature of be evidence and asked his legal advice.

He assigned his Chief Probation Office Mr. Ray Grummell, to investigate the charge. Mr. Grummell reported directly to me that he "certainly fell this man should not be a part of Scouting" for many reasons which he indicated he would document if necessary.

After our conversation of today celled Judge Grant long distance in Chicago. He indicated that he would talk with Mr. Wrobel directly, but that "membership in the Boy Scouts of America was not a right but a privilege, and its leaders must, like Caesar's wife, be above suspicion". He felt that his conversation with Wrobel would end the matter, and that there would be no legal repercussions. (I wish were as confident.)

It would seem to me that Wrobel has, in so many ways, hurt himself (by talking with Scouters and telling them that the council was trying to "pick on him"; relating to these same Scouters that he was charged with bomosexuality (in which he disclaims all knowledge); and that if this charge is allowed to stand against him he will bring legal action against whoever prohibits his membership in the Boy Scouts of America). The question, simply stated, is - should this man be registered in the Boy Scouts of America? I believe not!

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Subject: Confidential File (continued)

Re: Don Wrobel

At the present moment it is Wrobel's plan to attend the Order of the Arrow Conclave (which takes place May 22-23-24) and if I receive the communication which I expect from you, I shall have to take steps to see that he does not attend.

Once again I would like to reiterate, to you Earl, the fact that I have received seven different pieces of advice on how to handle this situation. It would seem to me that something needs be placed in writing, even if it becomes a part of the personal and confidential file of the Scout executive, which would advise the executive how to proceed in these cases. We encounter them so seldom and each is different and the laws are changing so fast that we really don't know the latest thing, or what to do. Yesterdays offender is today's "liberal". We need topside information if we are to "maintain standards" in the granting of commissions with a minimum of lawsuits!

Sincerely yours

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Ray L. Whittaker Scoot Executive

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Encls: Two memos from Ray L. Whittaker, Scout Executive

One memo (confidential) to Judge Grant re Don Wrobel

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On Manday, March 2, 1970 Lapoke with Don Wroble

I told him that we had come into possession of some rather damaging evidence. I told him that I felt that this evidence warranted my asking for his resignation from his several jobs in Scouting (Assistant Unit Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, and member of the Order of the Arrow).

Wrobel demanded to know the nature of this evidence, and I told him we had pictures, and that those pictures had been positively identified by the persons that had given me the pictures.

Wrobel stated flatly that I could not have any pictures of him in any compromising circumstances.

Wrobel has been in Scouting for over twenty years. He has been at the center of many controversies in the Order of the Arrow, at Summer Camp, and among his fellow accouters. How much has been his personality, and how much has been resentment of his success I do not know.

Wroble is a Judo instructor for the Police Dept., and for the YMCA. As instructor for the YMCA he was once accused of "roughing up" a girl in his class. Defined, this means the complaintant (not the girl) thought he used his hands on the girl too much. The complaintant was another woman, but not the girls mother.

Standard operating procedure dictates that we advise the man that "We will not re-register him in Scouting for reasons known best to himself". This was done, and denied by Wroble. We can still refuse to register him, but I feel he would bring suit against the BSA to find

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Memo

From

Tri-Valley Council Boy Scouts of America

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The enclosed was handed to us by a worker of the YMCA (who I will identify if you wish.

They were purportedly given to him by the Mishawaka Police.

Don Dickerson visited the Mishawaka Police Station, and when Wrobel's name was mentioned replied "Oh, the queer"

No records seem to be available. If the man should not remain in Scouting then we should know this from good authority.

Wrobel denies that we could have any pictures of him. Dickerson and the YMCA man say that it is him beyond any reasonable doubt.

In short, I need advice/ and or help.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

OFFICE OF THE PROBATION OFFICER NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA April 24, 1970

HAMMOND, INDIANA 4 PHONE: 932-5500

Re: WROBEL, Don

Your Honor:

Relative to our April 2, 1970 conversation regarding Mr.

you had returned from your trip. on or before April 27, 1970.

On April6, 1970 we furnished Mr. Whittaker with a verbal report concerning Mr. Wrobel; we told him we would also be making a report to you, after Mr. Whittaker said he would contact you

If your Honor wishes, we will furnish you the same information as that which we gave Mr. Whittaker, with the additional information concerning the method of operation, the contacts made, etc.

Raymond M. Grummell

Chief U. S. Probation Officer

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