

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE JULY 15, 1987

FULL NAME LEON E EATON SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY LITHONIA STATE GEORGIA ZIP CODE 30058

DATE OF BIRTH 2/02/49 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION DEKALB COUNTY WATER & SEWER

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 160 LB HEIGHT 5'10" RACE CAUCASIAN

COLOR OF HAIR LIGHT BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

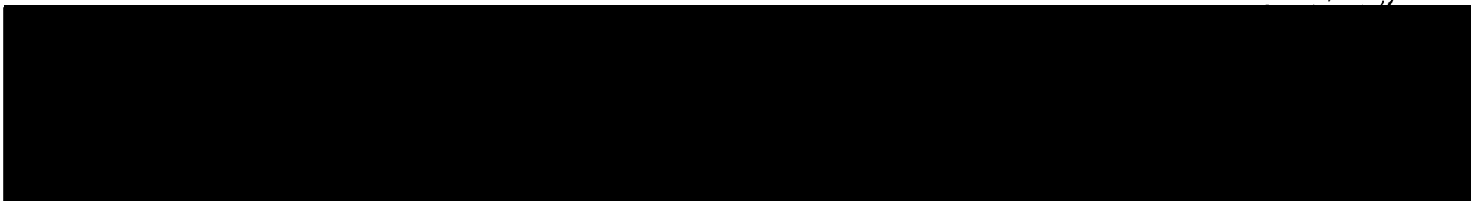
MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN NONE
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Pack 118	STONE MOUNTAIN	GA	WEBER'S LEADER	September 19, 1986	JUNE 7, 1987

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____



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):

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

*Added to Cf file 7-28-87
Registration done from MSMA.*

Signed [Signature] ASE
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Atlanta Area #92

November 10, 1987

Mr. Archie R. Crain
Scout Executive
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Leon E. Eaton

Dear Archie:

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

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cc: Southeast Region

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November 3, 1987

Mr. Brad Nesheim
Assistant Scout Executive
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Leon E. Eaton

Dear Brad:

Thank you very much for the statements which you recently sent concerning the above-named individual. This is most helpful to us and certainly does give us the information which we desired.

If any other action or information comes to your attention, please do not hesitate to send it to us. In the meantime, I believe we have all the information we need for refusal of future registration attempts.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Archie R. Crain, Scout Executive, Council No. 92

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

11-2-87

Date: 28-29 March, 1987
Location: Hard Labor Creek State Park Near Rutledge, Georgia
Scout Units: T502-Don Turner, Scoutmaster
P118, Den 1 - Leon Eaton, Webelos Leader

Occasion: Combined overnighter of the Troop and Webelos Den. Den invited by troops subject to father/son pairing of Webelos. 3 Webelos attending unaccompanied by a parent at the approval of the Webelos Leader.

Individuals referred to (other than unit leaders above):

[REDACTED] Age 18, former member of T502 and currently Assistant Scoutmaster.
T502 Committee Chairman
Age 17, member of T502
Webelos unaccompanied by fathers and occupying the same tent (first names unknown)
Age 16, T502 Senior Patrol Leader [REDACTED] of Scoutmaster

Sequence of events:

1. The day's activities took place without incident except for:
 - a) my (regrettably unexpressed) displeasure with the unaccompanied Webelos participating without my prior knowledge and
 - b) my expressed reluctance to Mr. Eaton to proceed with a Webelos midnight hike he had planned. He mentioned this several times during the day and, without being argumentative, I pointed out that neither he nor I knew the area well enough to conduct much of a hike at night.

During the day, several of the scouts had questioned Eaton about his Viet Nam experiences. He was wearing a "Nam" bush hat and other military apparel that attracted the older boys. I was surprised at his lack of reluctance to answer any questions the boys asked. (It is my experience that Veterans of that conflict simply don't talk about it except with close friends. I'm an employee of the Forces Command Headquarters at Ft. McPherson, GA. and have been associated with these people here and at 23 Army installations for 11 years.)

2. Just after dark, several older scouts were sitting at a picnic table. I don't know what the discussion was, up to the time of the first incident, but [REDACTED] had been particularly curious about Viet Nam during the day, and had apparently challenged Eaton to arm wrestle.

I was some distance from the table, but heard Eaton say no one could press his hand to the table and I turned to watch. [REDACTED] ed twice and each time Eaton's wrist bent backwards, unusually, and [REDACTED] hand slipped off.

[REDACTED] began laughing loudly, stood up and started letting his own wrist dangle limply in front of him (in a manner the boys use when referring to a homosexual male) and yelling, "He's limp-wristed, he's limp-wristed."



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Eaton was seated on the opposite side of the table, but lunged to his feet and grabbed [REDACTED] by the shirt. He just as quickly released his grip, stepped away from the table bench and moved around to the other side towards [REDACTED]. He appeared calm.

Within a short time, he had maneuvered [REDACTED] away from the table into the dim edge of the lantern-lit area and apparently proceeded to show him some "Nam" tricks. I heard [REDACTED] say something similar to "don't show me - just tell me." A couple of other scouts were standing nearby with flashlights and Eaton yelled out "turn out the lights, turn out the lights."

Almost immediately he grabbed [REDACTED] had him on the ground.

I stepped towards them from several feet away and by the time I got close, [REDACTED] was on his feet and moving away from Eaton. [REDACTED] had an odd expression on his face that I thought could have been embarrassment or slight injury.

At this point, I attributed the entire incident to horseplay that got a little too rough and thought nothing further about it. [REDACTED] moved towards the truck his gear was in, and I retreated to my camp site.

3. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] came to where I was and asked if he could speak to me privately.

He then told me that Eaton followed him to his truck and had just stood and watched him as he got his gear ready for bed. He then told me that Eaton had grabbed him in the genital area during the earlier scuffling match.

I told [REDACTED] that he might be mistaking what could have been an inadvertent result of scuffling, but he stated that he didn't think so and was concerned about Eaton.

I told him I'd keep my eye on Eaton.

4. I then watched as [REDACTED] returned to his truck and prepared for bed. [REDACTED] approached the truck and sat on the tail-gate.

Eaton then approached the rear of the truck and began talking. I then moved towards them quietly.

As I approached, I heard Eaton say "I grab, but I grab and let go real quick. Some grab and don't turn loose."

When Eaton noticed me approaching, he immediately changed the subject and said something about "letting the boys crash instead of taking the midnight hike."

Eaton, then I, then [REDACTED] left the truck area.

5. I walked back into the shadows and just watched [REDACTED] truck. He began changing clothes.

Eaton again walked back up to the rear of [REDACTED] truck. He said "hitting the sack, huh?" and then just stood and watched [REDACTED]

Again, I walked up and again Eaton left.

6. Eaton then gathered just the Webelos around a campfire and to the accompaniment of a tape player with eerie organ music told a "ghost story."

The story was about a Scout, "little Johnny," who scared a man's wife so bad she had a heart attack and died. "Little Johnny" was captured by the husband, his hands were cut off, sent to Scout Camp and Johnny was never seen again — except that he comes back to get Scouts who are bad.

The Webelos asked Eaton if it was true, he said it was and, in fact, happened two years before he went to "camp."

7. As the Webelos began retiring to their tents, Eaton ran down at least two of the three boys who were unaccompanied by a father. He, "playfully," grabbed them from behind, and tickled them until they bent at the waist. He picked them off the ground and his hand/hands went to their crotch area.

8. After the three unaccompanied boys went inside their tent, Eaton went to the their tent, looked inside and said something that resulted in them screaming and yelling several minutes afterward.

9. I then watched him run down another Webelo. He did not tickle him, but whispered something to him.

10. At this point, I was near Eaton and a fairly good distance from but facing the campfire.

He walked up behind and to my right, stopped and sighed deeply three times—in a manner I can only describe as "climatic," and said "I think I'll have a cigarette and go to bed."

He then sat near the fire, smoked a cigarette and without further conversation went to his tent.

11. I then moved my youngest son, a Webelo, out of the tent he was to sleep in and in with me. I then asked my youngest son who was in the tent with him. He hold me there were three other boys - all of whom were accompanied on the trip by fathers - one of which was in the tent with Eaton, so I didn't move any other boys to my area.

12. I then sat outside until the campsite quieted completely and then asked our Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Calhoun, to meet with me away from the area.

I explained to him what I had seen and suspected. He and I then "stood watch" through the night to ensure there were no further incidents.

13. The next morning, Eaton was very distant, carried on no further conversation with me except to "wonder" why Calhoun and I left the camp area so late at night.

Note: To this point in the narrative, I either directly observed or was told (by Strickland) what occurred in the "rough-housing" incident.

14. The following is "third-hand." [REDACTED] age 16, told me that in a conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] later, that [REDACTED] stated:

- a) Eaton tried to grab him in the genital area during one of his "demonstrations," and also

b) told [REDACTED] the following "Nam" story: Eaton and some buddies were on patrol in Viet Nam and happened upon a leopard which had been killed in a recent fire fight. One of his buddies disemboweled the dead animal, found unborn young (one of which had human, female feature) and implied that some human had had sex with the dead leopard.

15. Upon returning from the camping trip, I reported the incidents to the Cub Packmaster, met with him, the Pack sponsor's representative and Council District Executives and discussed the situation by phone with the County District Attorney. All unanimously agreed that a meeting with Eaton was necessary. I had no further contact with Mr. Eaton.

Personal Statement: Reporting these incidents and preparing this statement has been most difficult for me.

I take most seriously the care given boys. I am also most reluctant to impugn the integrity or character of a man who would volunteer his time and effort to the care of boys.

I was in the Viet Nam era and am not now anti-military. I am a military employee. I regard Viet Nam veterans as some of this country's greatest heroes. They were asked to do an impossible job.

I pray for deliverance of those still living the nightmare.

I wish Mr. Eaton the best but I feel deep in my soul he should not continue unsupervised, in any youth activity and most certainly not in Scouting.

[REDACTED]

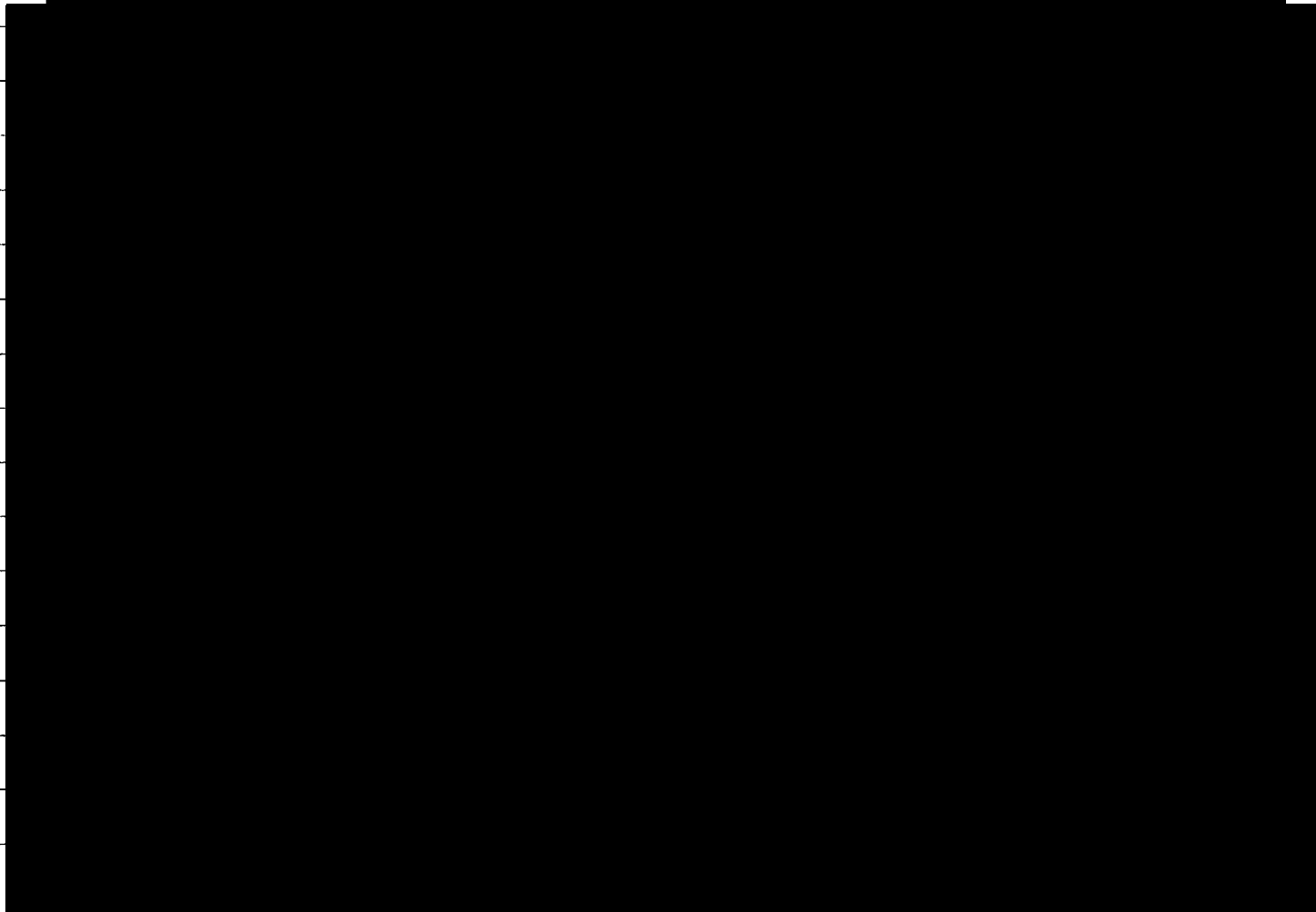
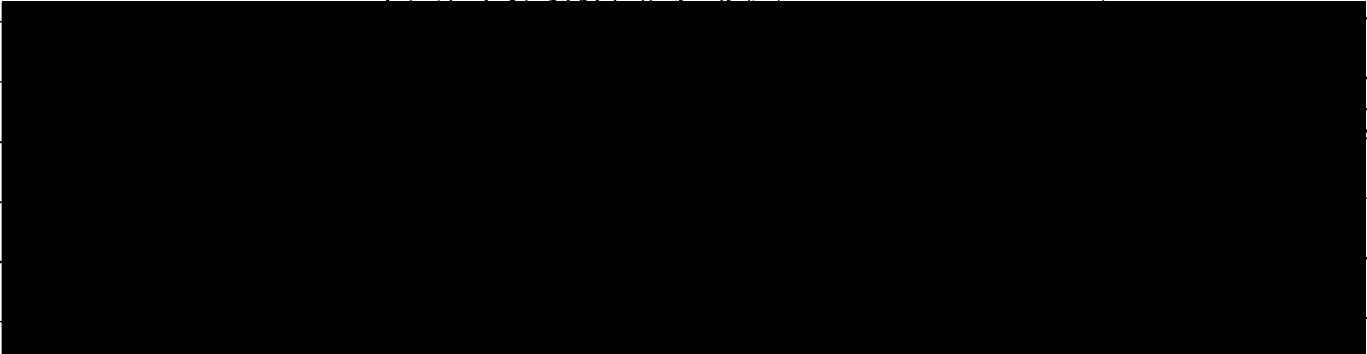
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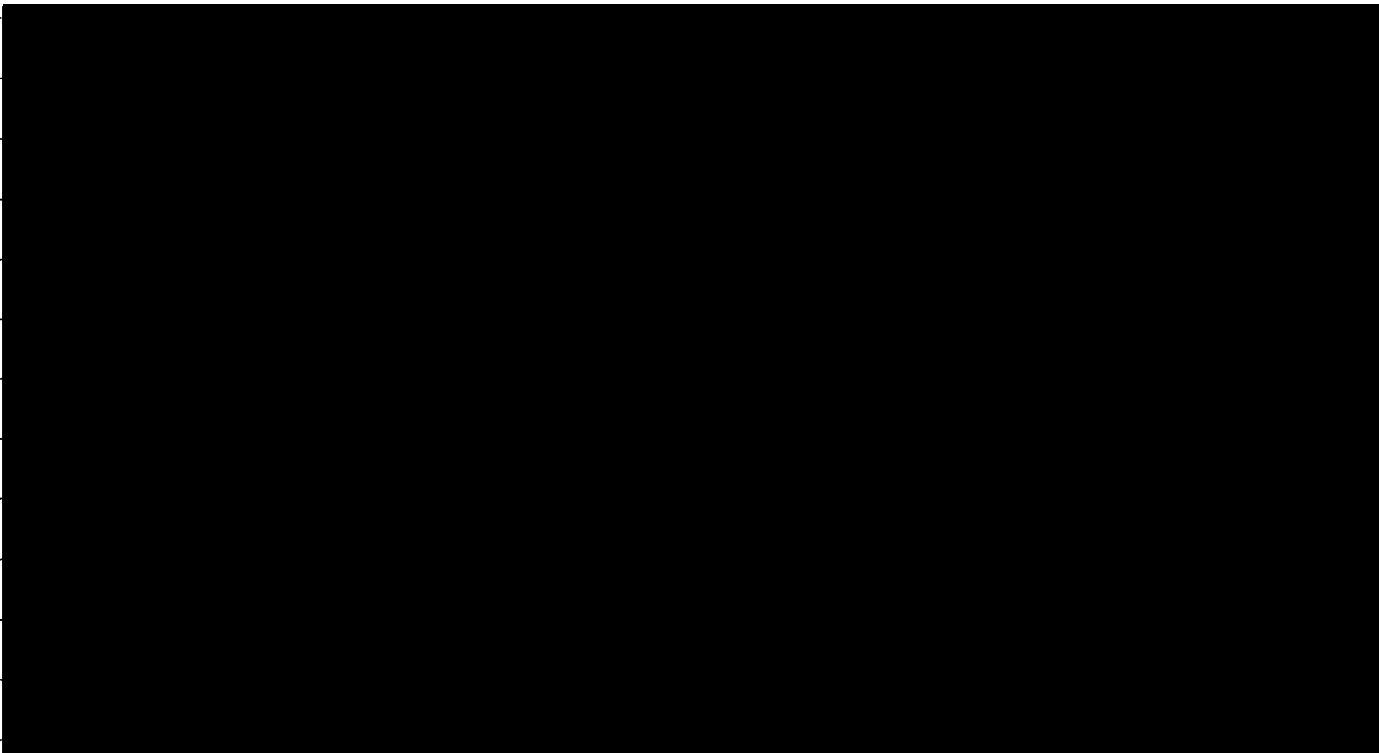
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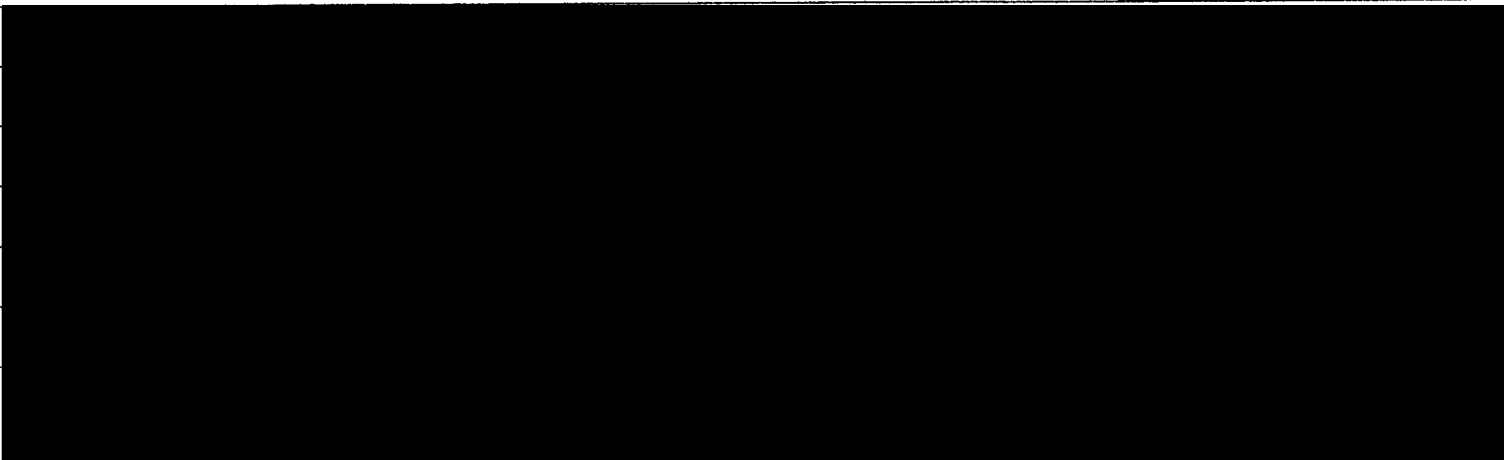




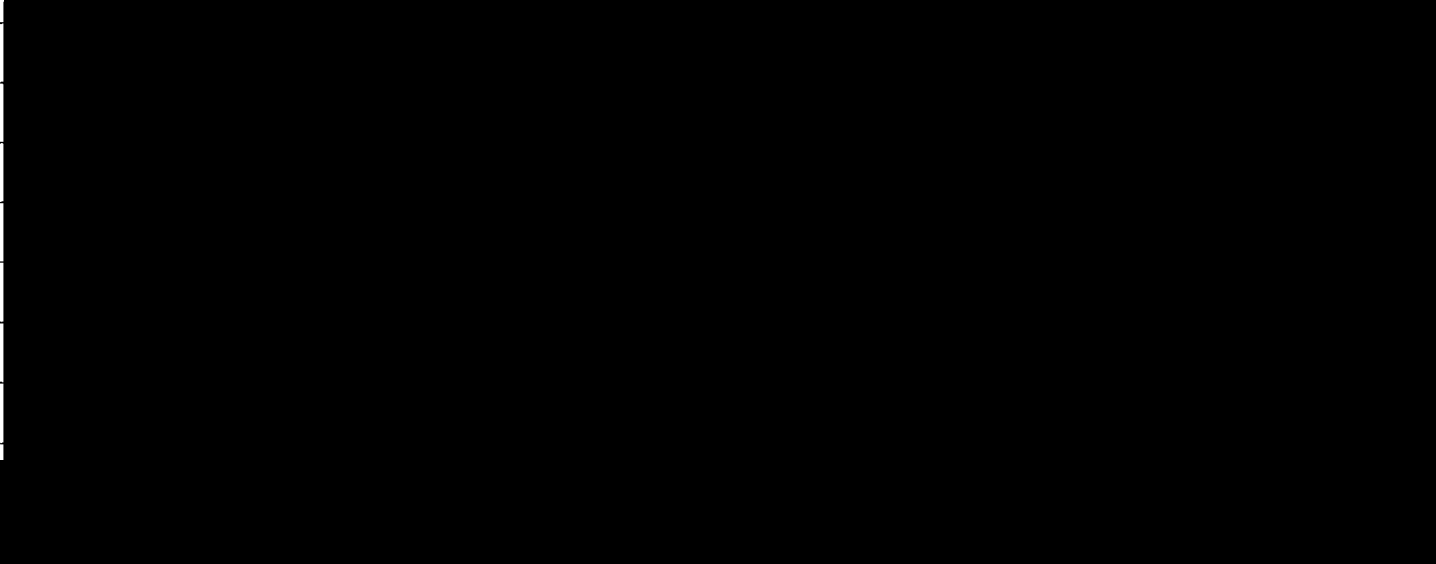
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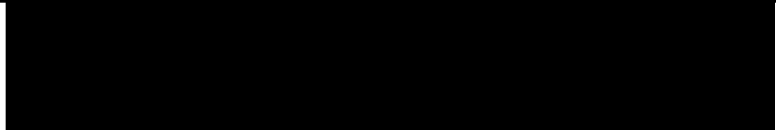
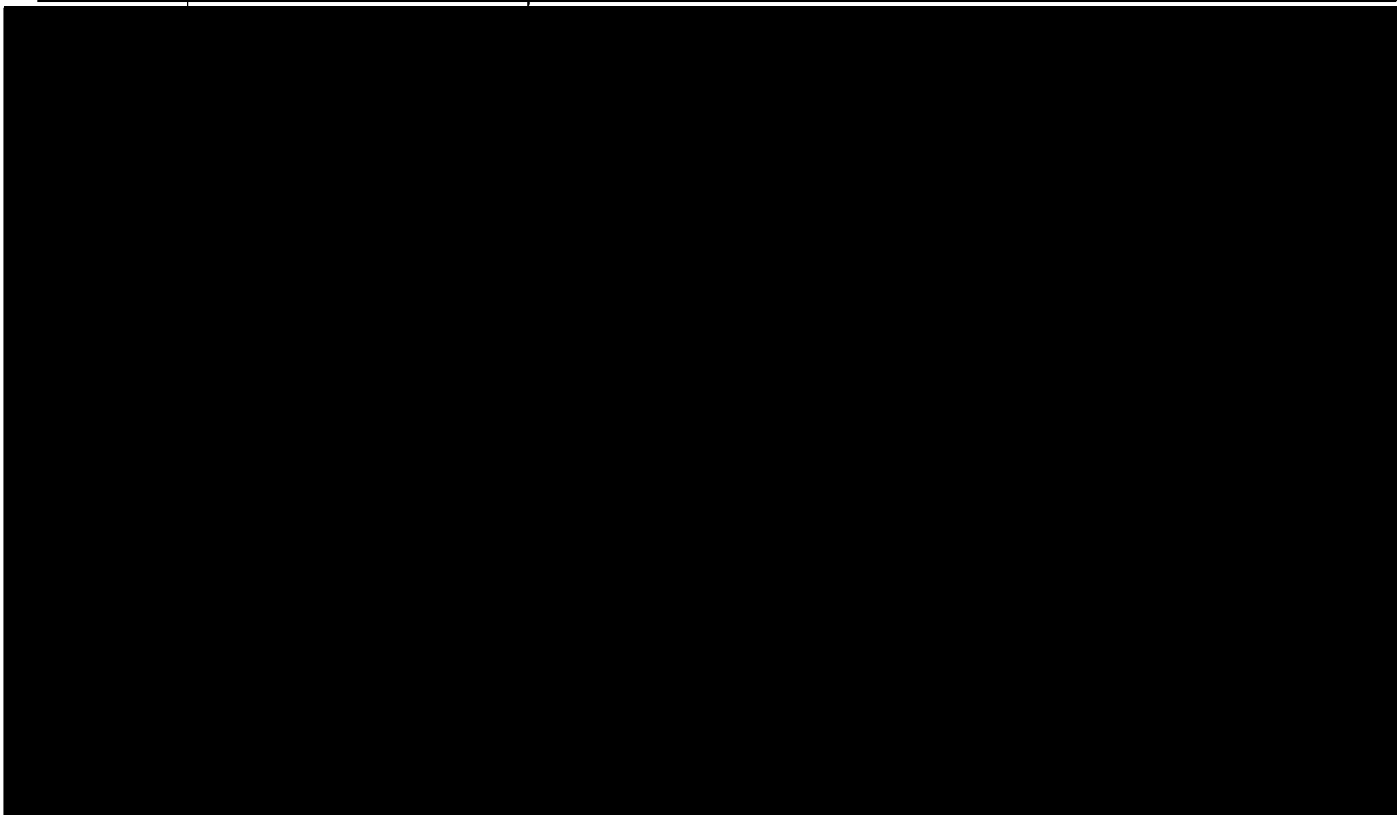
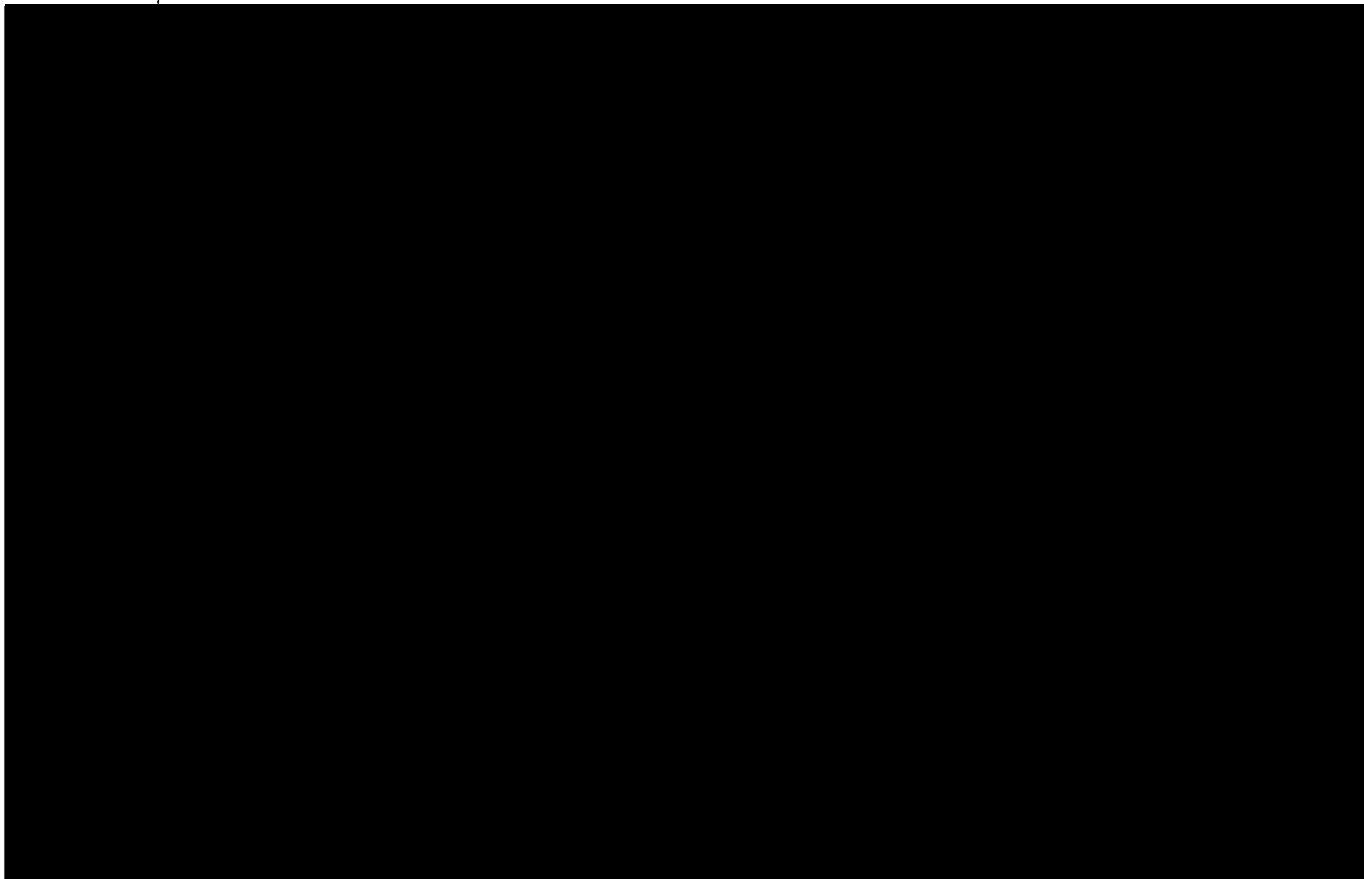
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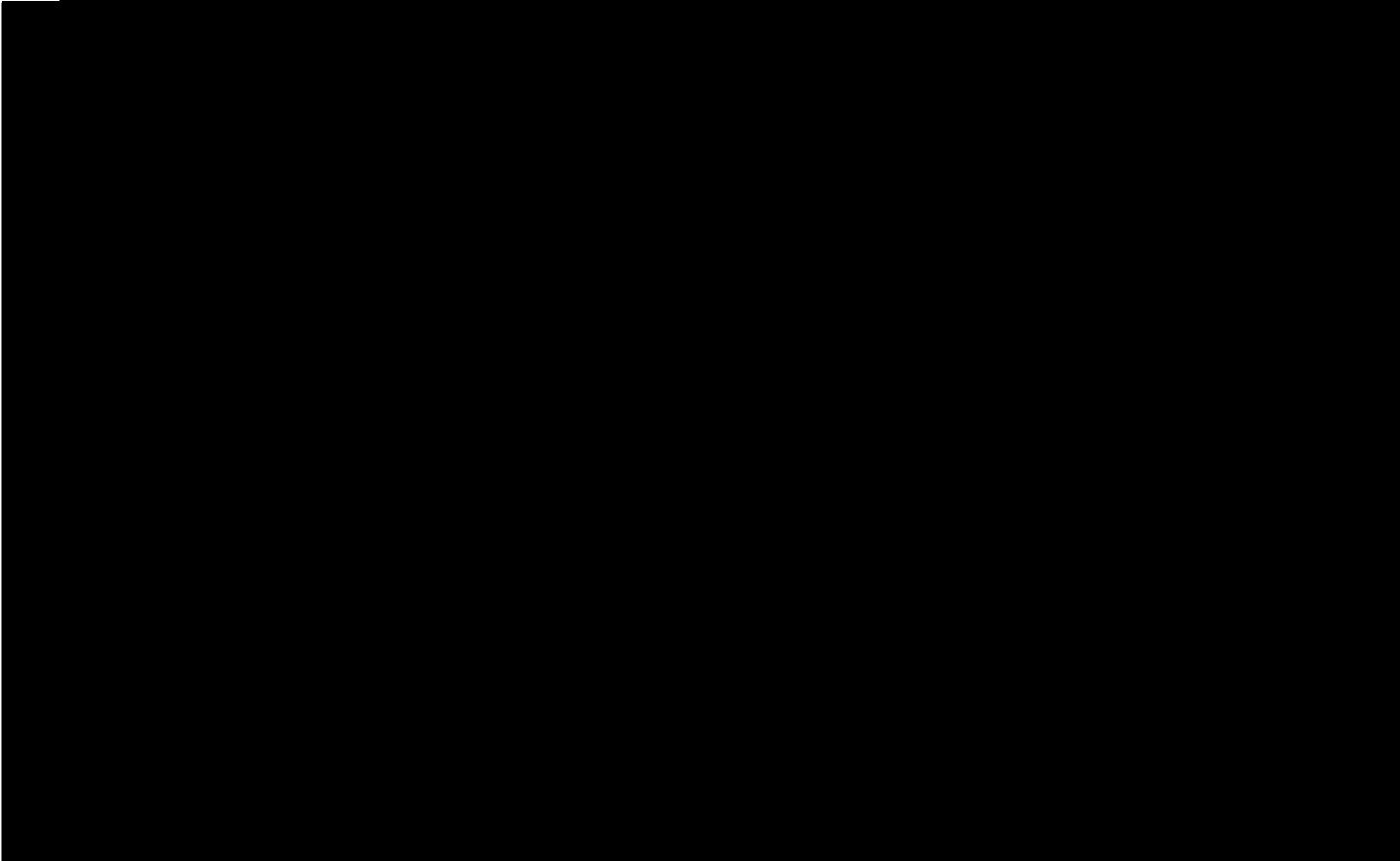
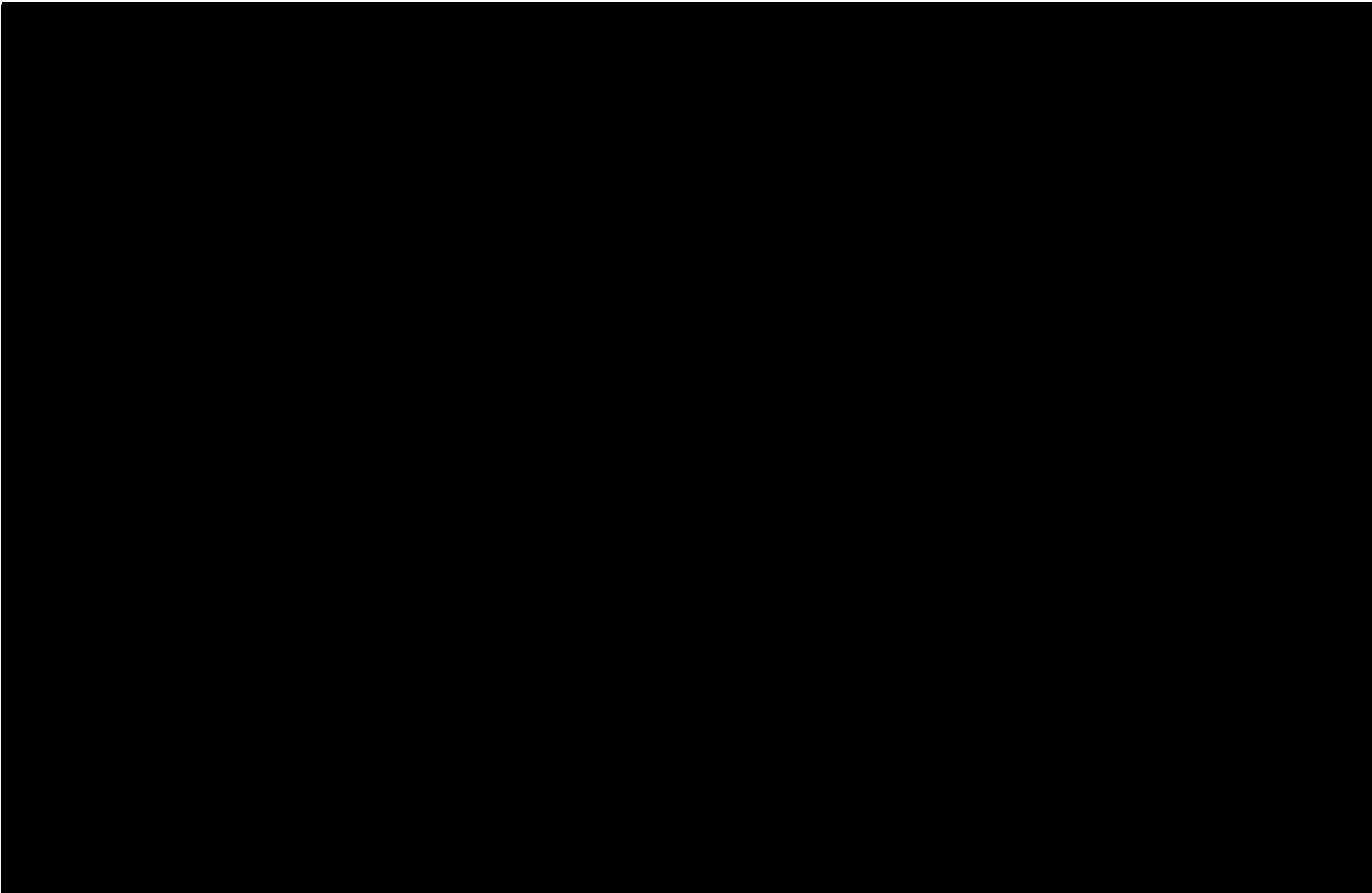


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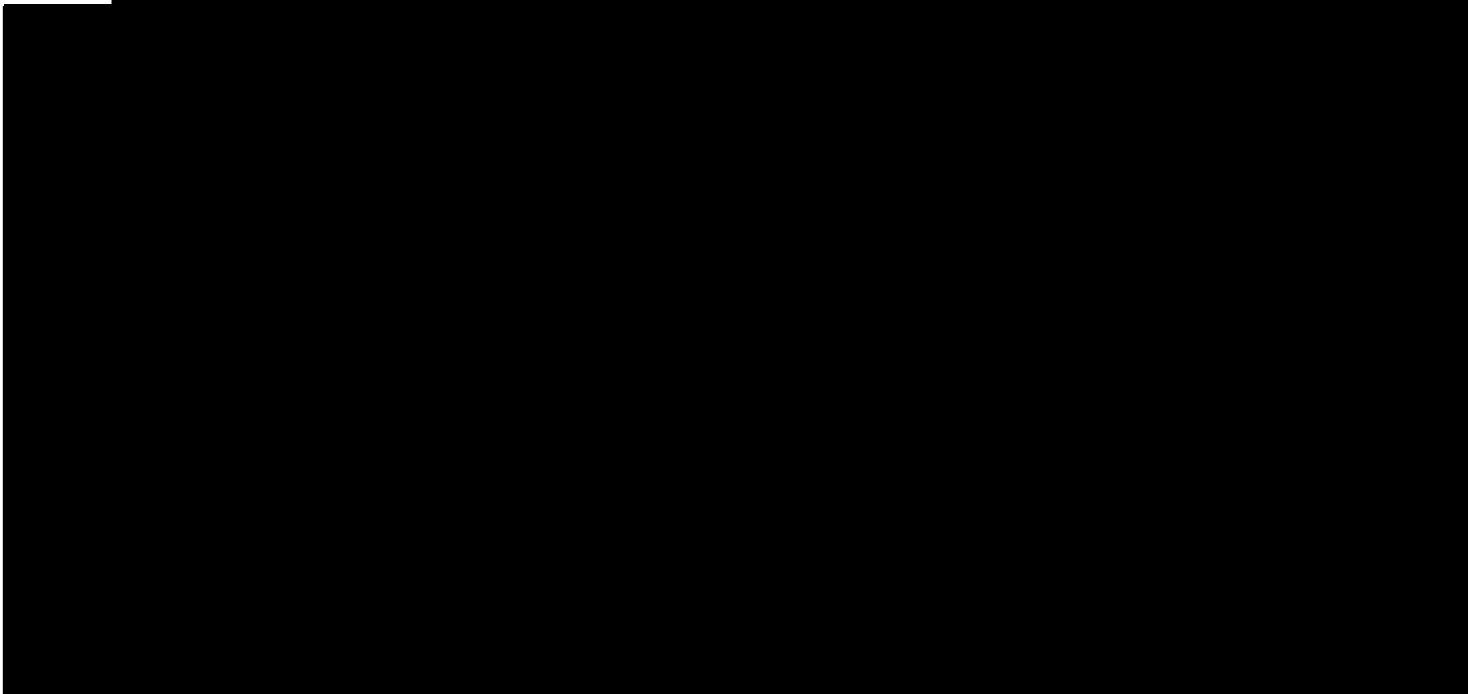
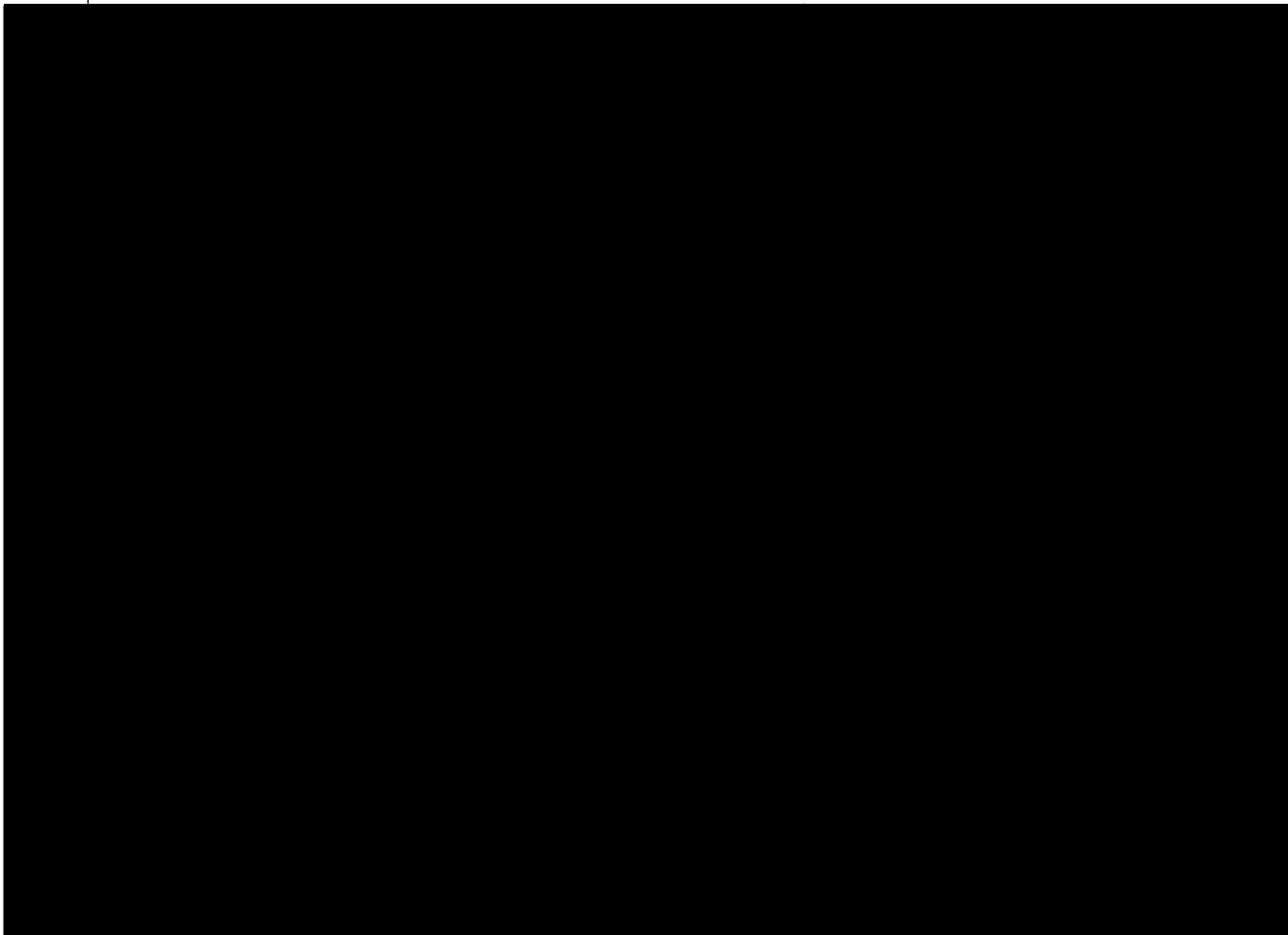


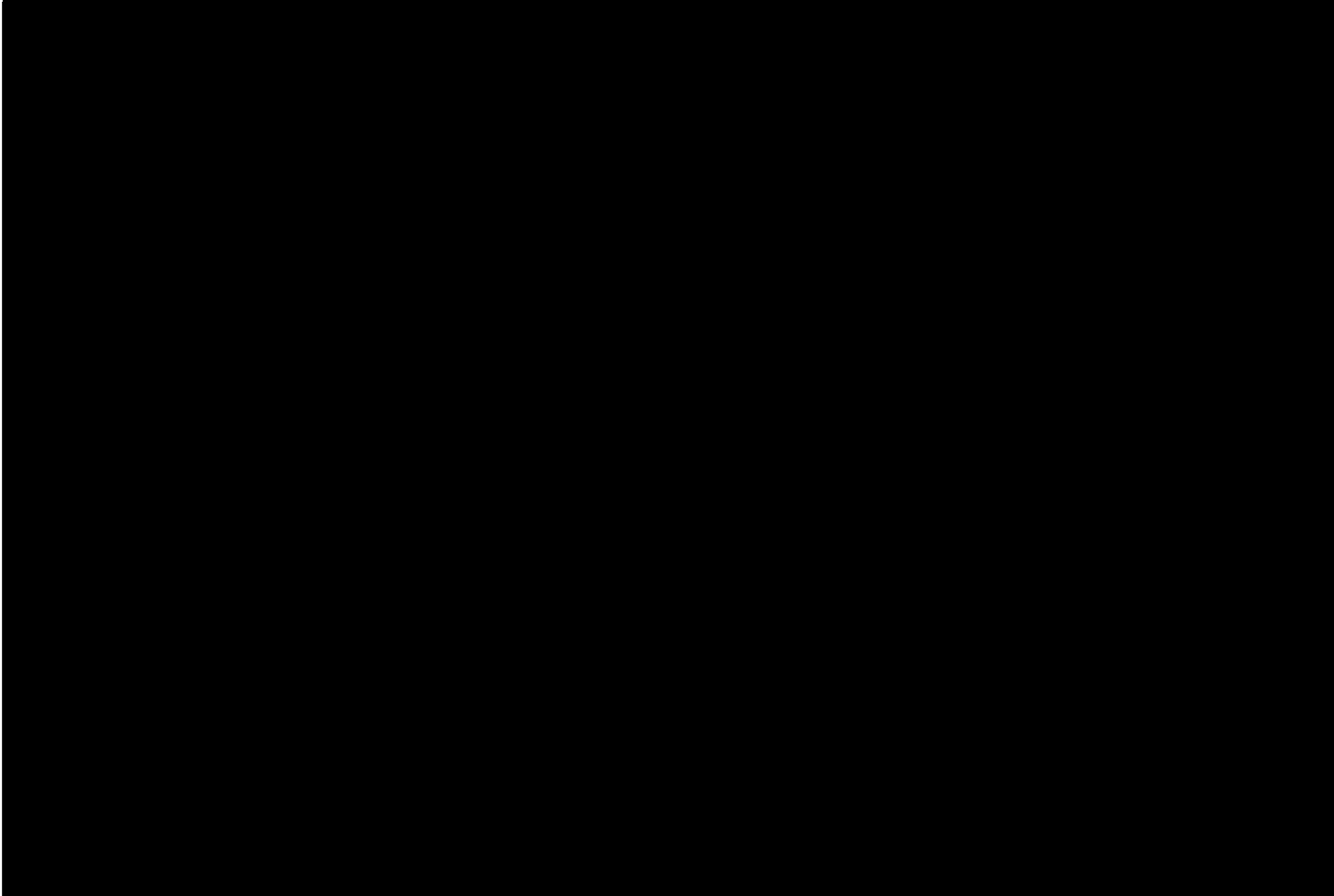
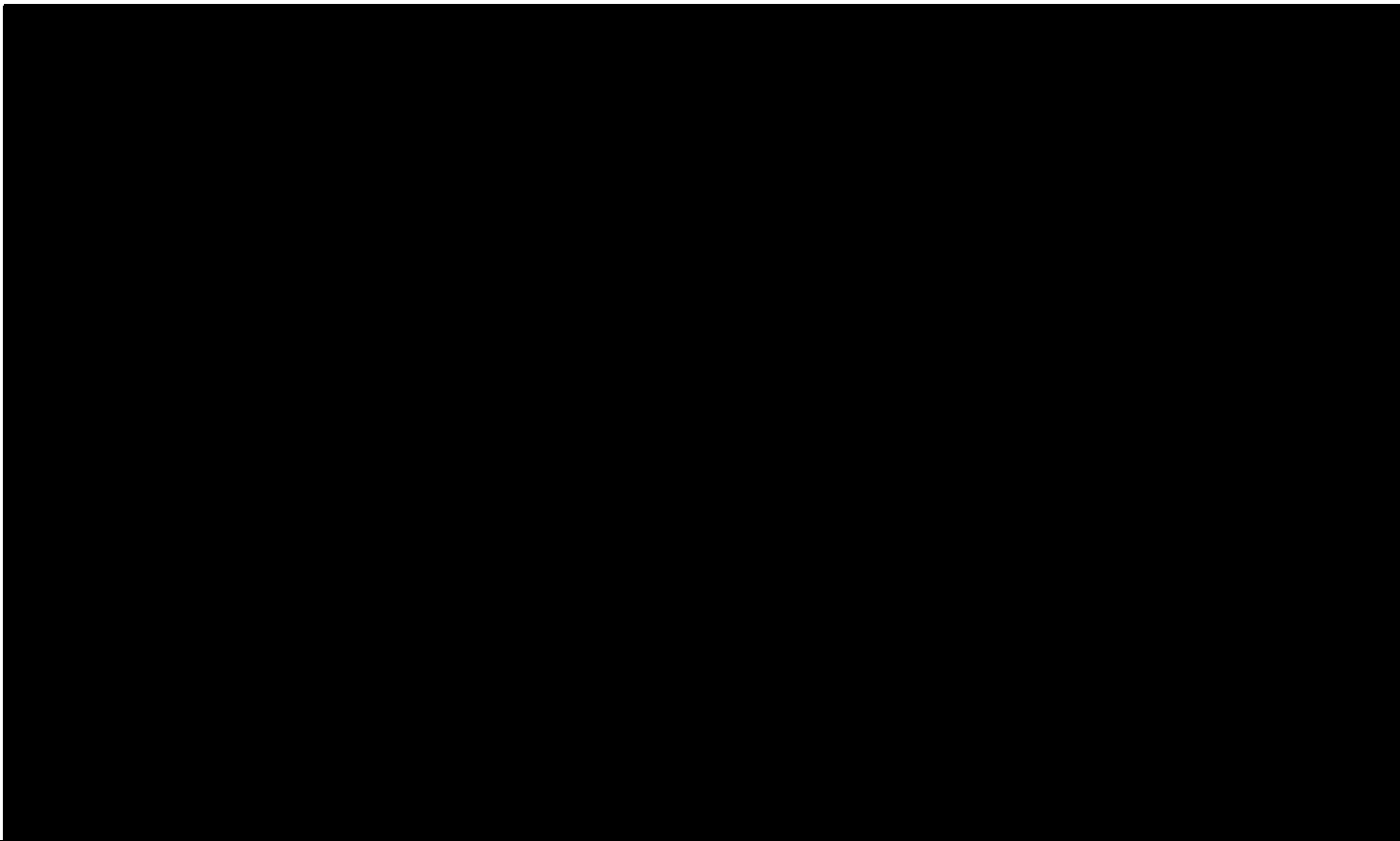


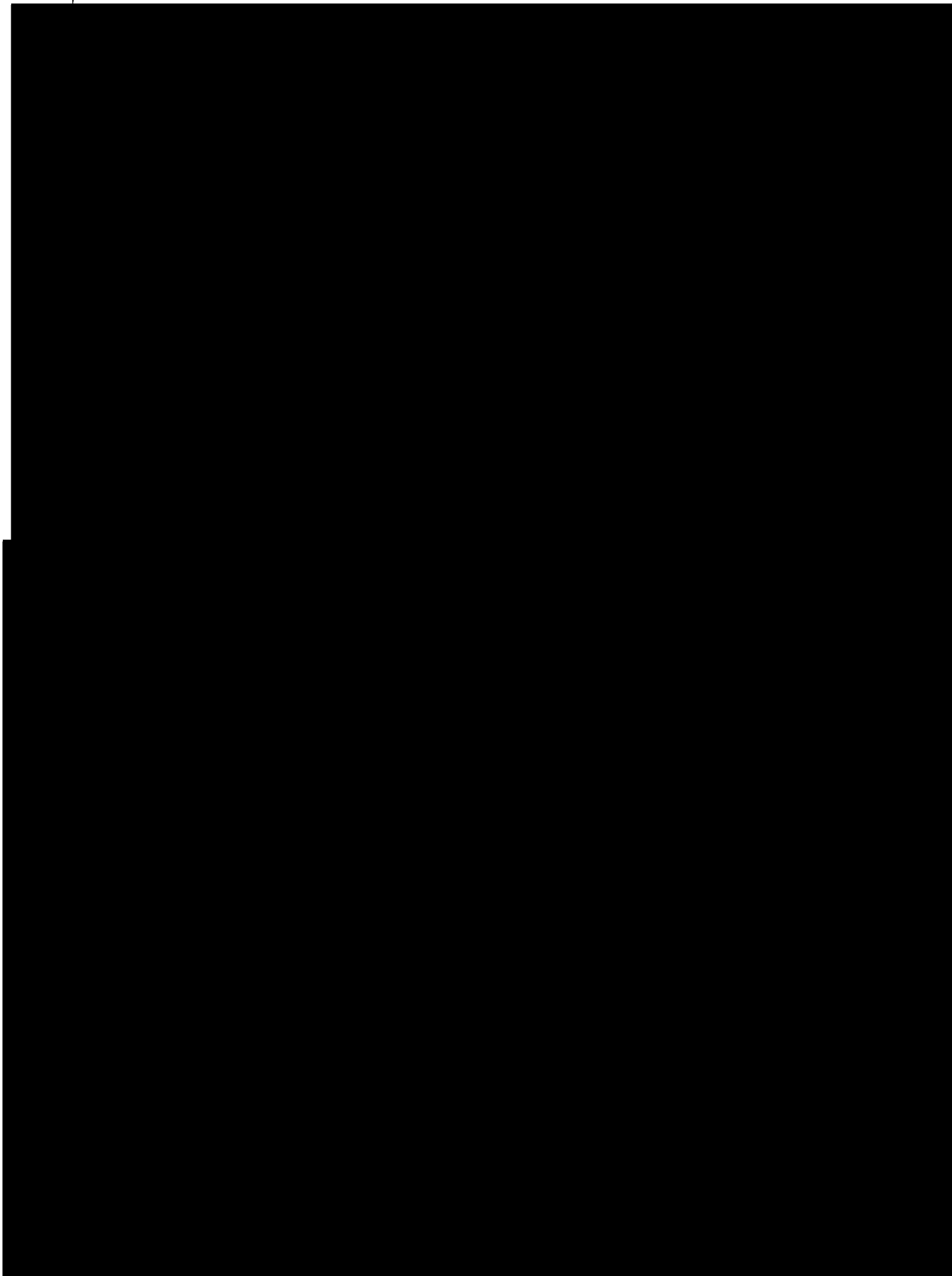




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September 8, 1987

Mr. Brad Nesheim
Assistant Scout Executive
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Leon E. Eaton

Dear Brad:

We appreciate the material you sent us concerning the above named individual. This will help complete our file and enable us to identify Mr. Eaton should he attempt registration in another location.

I did ask, in my last letter, if you could get a statement from the individuals involved. A statement from the Scoutmaster or the 17 year old youth or both would be helpful to substantiate our refusal and give us adequate documentation.

I would like to know if a copy of any letter given to Mr. Eaton by the Elks Club is available. If they sent a resignation letter to sign or if he resigned voluntarily, a copy of this letter with his signature would be appreciated.

If we can be of any help, please let us know. Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Archie R. Crain, Scout Executive, Council, No. 92

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ERIC O'RILEY

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July 31, 1987

Mr. Brad Nesheim
Assistant Scout Executive
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Leon E. Eaton

Dear Brad:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet. This is most complete and will help us to identify Mr. Eaton should he try to register in some other location.

It would be most helpful if we could have a signed statement from the Scoutmaster who observed this action. This would give us the documentation which would help to refuse registration should it come from another section of the country.

Please let us know if you can be of help in this way.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Archie R. Crain, Scout Executive, Council No. 92

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June 15, 1987

Mr. Brad Nesheim
Assistant Scout Executive
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Leon Eaton

Dear Brad:

Thank you for your letter of June 1 concerning the above-named individual. We would like more information concerning the fact that Mr. Eaton used poor judgment. Should he be placed on the confidential file?

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which you should use if Mr. Eaton should be refused registration in the future. We would then need any information which would help to substantiate our refusal and build a file for use of people as any registration applications might reach this office.

Please let us know if we may be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Mr. Archie R. Crain, Scout Executive, Council No. 92

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ERIN O'RILEY

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 1, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
National Council, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

I wanted you to be aware of a situation here in Atlanta with one of our leaders.

Mr. Leon Eaton of Pack 118 chartered to the Decatur Elks Club was recently asked to step down as a Webelos Leader by the Pack Committee and Cubmaster because he had used bad judgment on several occasions in dealing with boys.

Our District Executive met with the committee and has fully updated us. The action seems to be appropriate.

Please remove him from the registration records.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Brad Nesheim
Assistant Scout Executive

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