

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 12-12-70

FULL NAME RICHARD A. RICE
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY Independence STATE MO ZIP CODE 64052

DATE OF BIRTH 02/23/50 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Christian Church NATIONALITY (Citizen of) United States

OCCUPATION self employed CPA

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT approx 5'2" HEIGHT approx 150 # RACE white

COLOR OF HAIR dark COLOR OF EYES _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Has a slight speech impediment (cerebral palsy), wears glasses

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS Scouting has been his life since he was 12

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN _____
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Troop 1241 # 803966	Independence	MO	MC	4/28/81	?
Chartered Organization <u>Blue Ridge Blvd Christian Church</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

INCIDENT: TYPE _____ DATE OF INCIDENT _____ RESOLUTION _____
Type Resolution

NOTED

- 1=Scout Related
2=Scout related
3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
2. Criminal action
3. Court action
4. Probationary status
5. Reported to state agency still in process

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
Found guilty/innocent by court

CONFIDENTIAL

JAN 11 1991

F. STARON

Council Heart of America
#307
3828r-eko-9/22/89

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONF018866

July 17, 1991

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD A. RICE

Dear Jere:

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,

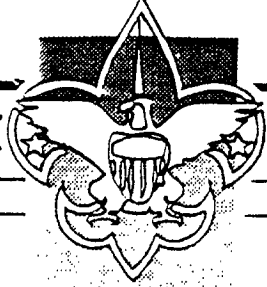
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

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TODAY'S
SCOUTING

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

June 12, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst
Director Registration/Statistical Service
National Council, BSA

Irving, TX 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul,

Subject: Richard A. Rice

Recently you asked that you receive reason why Rice was given a suspension letter and additional information. Hopefully we'll provide the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive

DR6.12:sn

cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, NC Region

Don Edwards ¹⁰⁻¹⁰⁻⁹⁰ formerly Vic ch of Troop 267 com.
T 267 B- [REDACTED] H [REDACTED]

Ref Richard Rice

Rice would touch [REDACTED] on thigh
at dinner Table - run his hand
on the boys' Thigh.

Rice would shower with boys
Edwards advised Rice not to shower
with boys + not to Text with
the boys. Feb '90

Edwards shared info with Larry
Egan Troop Com Ch early fall '89.
Egan said there was no problem.

Edwards told Mike Gresh in May '90
Mike is good friend of Edwards.

Edwards used to be Vic ch of com.

Edward shared info with Ror Tucker -
Pastor Aug '90. Tucker had no problem.

Rice fits every description of child protection
film.

Edwards will call Div From Services city
[REDACTED]



JOHN ASHCROFT
GOVERNOR

MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES
JACKSON COUNTY OFFICE

Date 1-4-91

Richard Ray, Boy Scouts of Amer.

K.C. No. 64131

Re: Name Consuel Country
Hotline Date 9-27-90

Dear Mr. Ray:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of disposition of the hotline referral mentioned above.

Based on our investigation we have found reason to suspect the allegations made in the referral of 9-27-90 and we will be providing services to the family.

If you have further questions please contact me at 472-2311.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Social Service Worker

9-26-90

#1 Scoutmaster

[REDACTED]

Whisper 12r Asst. SM.
Pack 267 + Troop 267

[REDACTED]

Lead up
Blue Ridge Blvd Christian Church

Troop 267

[REDACTED]

Boy - at Expo
man getting too friendly

Richard Rice - at Barth in 90
offered special water -

"are you getting hot -

asked boy to remove shirt - Rice
removed his shirt and put on tank shirt

Rice was always in shower when
[REDACTED] and other boys. Boys were
uncomfortable with Rice being in
shower.

Rice told [REDACTED] he could get
into the tribe quicker if [REDACTED]
would get closer to Rice.

Rice sleeps in tent with scouts. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] other 12rs said he
had parents permission

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that Rice will
not stay away from them.

At Expo [REDACTED] he
had gone to another Troop (165) to
get away from [REDACTED]

Some Troop activities - it Chiefs gave
with handicapped - Rice will not permit
some boys participate while making
special effort to get [REDACTED]
and others to participate.

[REDACTED] has told her he was
uncomfortable with Rice bring in
shower. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Richard Rice - self employed acc't.

Possible that some commissioners in Blue
Elk had been informed as long as
8 mos ago.

Pastor Dr. Clarence Tucker states that
Richard has been [REDACTED] parents
he can do anything to take care
of them.

[REDACTED] states [REDACTED] &
[REDACTED] has told her [REDACTED] was
hit in head with 2x4 prior to
summer 89 by step father. Name unknown.

— [REDACTED]

lives with parents.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2000; 283: 2686-2692.

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call Hot line - give info as I have it -
suspend Reg until we look into it further.
Lear "to complaint of inappropriate
behavior"

RCL called Hot line

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ADC told RCR of
informing him 9-25-

9-27

[REDACTED] called RCR

She talked with [REDACTED] last night.
Mother of [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] told
her Richard touched [REDACTED] + Richard
had [REDACTED] touch him.

RCR called [REDACTED] at Ho Div Family Services
gave address of [REDACTED]

9-28 Talked with [REDACTED]

Richard has touched a boy in
the leg. Does not know boy's
name. Will attempt to get name.

[REDACTED]
Kansas City, Mo. 64123
September 26, 1990

Heart of America Council
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]

Kansas City, Mo. 64131

Dear Mr. Ratcliffe,

Last night, at troop meeting, I talked extensively with Terry Rymer, an Assistant District Commissioner for Pioneer Trails District. During the course of this discussion, Terry informed me that I should have already brought several of the following incidents to your attention. It is very difficult to know where to begin. Terry can attest to the fact that our discussion lasted almost two hours and contained only highlights of what I am about to tell you.

Over the course of the last two years, since my first activities with Troop 267, in December, 1988, I have been witness to numerous bizarre and unusual incidents. These activities have perplexed me to such an extent that I have made repeated inquiries. I have confided in the following people associated with Troop 267: Dr. Clarence Tucker, the head of the sponsoring institution, John Thornton, Unit Commissioner, Paul Hudson, sponsoring coordinator, Larry Eagan, then committee chairman, and Jerry Burns, scoutmaster (as of May 1, 1990). At all times, my inquiries have been on a private, personal basis with these individuals. They have been for the sole purpose of seeking information and explanation. They all had to do with the behavior of one particular individual, hereafter referred to as Mr. "X", who is currently active in and registered with Troop 267. Mr. "X"'s behavior has repeatedly gone against several of the guidelines for relationships with boys that I learned in my various trainings. My concern in this matter stemmed from the comments of other boys in the troop, and a deep concern regarding possible ramifications both for the boys involved, as well as the troop. My discussions consisted entirely of asking why these incidents were allowed, if they knew what other boys in the troop were saying regarding the "preferential" treatment of these boys, and if they were aware of council's position as stated, through training and printed materials, on this matter. Each time a new incident emerged and was discussed, whichever of these individuals named above, that I consulted, directed me to overlook the situation. Jerry Burns was the only exception. His unique response was that he would keep his eyes open and try to look into the matter. Since these individuals were all significantly more experienced in scouting, had each been associated with Mr. "X" for a number of years, and were all people whose opinion I respected very much, I did as I was instructed. I am bringing this to your attention, now, only on the insistence of Terry Rymer. Terry has convinced me of my obligation to pursue this matter to a higher level and authority.

Following are the highlights of my concerns over the past two years. A complete list would involve multitudinous pages of discussion and explanation. On my first five outdoor overnights with Troop 267, Mr. "X" and a, then fourteen year old, now fifteen year old boy, not related to him, tented together. Hereafter this boy will be referred to as Boy "Y". On all five occasions, it was just the two of them in a four to five man tent. Various reasons and "justifications" were given to me. They ranged from "the boy's health required it" to

"the boy doesn't like the other boys in the troop and doesn't want to tent with them." The latter struck me as peculiar, due to the fact that on the August, 1989, overnight, Boy "Y" had come to me and stated that he didn't like tenting with Mr. "X", being treated differently from the other boys in the troop, or being segregated from the rest of the troop. When this was mentioned to those I consulted, the reply was the same. "Don't worry about it." Shortly after this first inquiry, peoples attitudes towards me began to change. It has only recently become evident that this was the onset of a deliberate attempt by Mr. "X" to discredit and remove me as a seemingly perceived threat to him.

Beginning in November, 1989, Mr. "X" began staying, as the only adult, with additional boys. The November overnight was indoors, in cabins. Mr. "X" stayed in a cabin with approximately ten boys, and no other adults. He also convinced another adult to do the same, in another cabin of boys. All the remaining adults stayed in a third, "leader's" cabin. Due to the disorganized structure of the following four overnights, I can not state with any degree of certainty whether Mr. "X" was the only adult in the boys' cabin, or if another adult was with him. I can verify that all adults were forced to stay in cabins with boys. A core of leaders, not believing this to be ethical or in accordance with scout policy, insisted on a minimum of two-deep leadership in the cabins to which they were assigned. On the last of these indoor overnights, Mr. "X" was observed by several leaders and boys walking down the path, with Boy "Y", which led to the showers. Two of the male adults, who observed this, went to the shower/restroom area about ten minutes later to reassure themselves that everything was "all right." All the adult witnesses to this breach of policy attempted to call this apparent infraction to the attention of the committee chairman and the head of the sponsoring institution. They were basically told to mind their own business.

Beginning in April, 1990, Mr. "X" purchased a new six-man tent. He began, with that overnight, tenting with the newly formed "leadership corps." While the leadership corps consisted of five older boys, aged from fourteen to fifteen, on this overnight, the senior patrol leader and his assistant slept in their own tent. The remaining three boys tented with Mr. "X". These arrangements were not out of necessity. Troop 267 has numerous tents in their supply building. On the April overnight, all of the troop and pack tents were taken out with the intention of setting them up and checking their condition. Approximately six tents were set up, found usable, and taken down on this overnight. They were available, yet unused. On this same overnight, as on numerous others, Mr. "X" took Boy "Y" and went to the grocery store. Their trips often lasted several hours. They sometimes involved another older boy. This particular excursion was particularly noticeable and memorable because many suffered as a result of it. On their departure, those leaving were asked to take the troop water coolers, fill them, and return them, prior to going shopping. Instead, they took the coolers and did not return them until they returned with the groceries, three hours later. The fact it was unseasonably warm, resulted in the troop being without water, in ninety degree plus heat, for over three hours. By the time they returned, many were feeling the effects of the heat and lack of water.

On the following monthly overnight, May, 1990, Mr. "X" had business commitments for the planned date. Against the wishes of the troop committee chairman, the majority of the troop committee, and the scoutmaster, Jerry Burns, Mr. "X" attempted to cancel the overnight.

He called many of the boys in the troop, telling them and their parents that the overnight was canceled. He even went so far as to state to many that conditions were unsafe at the proposed State Park. Several long-distance calls to the park revealed this was untrue. When the scoutmaster announced that the overnight was not canceled, a number of boys still attended. Mr. "X" stated he was not going. The troop, as a whole, was seemingly unaffected by this announcement. Plans proceeded. Approximately three hours after the troop arrived at the site of the overnight, Mr. "X" appeared. The boys that had previously been forced to tent with him were very upset by his appearance. They began ranting about wanting him to leave, begging the other leaders present to do something about his presence, and asking not to be forced to tent with him. After many hours of discussions, several special purchases on behalf of the boys involved by Mr. "X", and much coaxing and pleading, Mr. "X" tented, unaccompanied by other adults, with the boys. This also involved moving two other adults, which the boys had asked to tent with them, out of the tent. As several tents had been left behind and another was defective, this forced these adults to sleep "under the stars" or in vehicles. While this seemed unnecessary, the evicted adults decided to not force this issue.

Prior to scout camp this year, Mr. "X" informed me, and several other adult leaders, that he intended to tent with Boy "Y" at camp. I advised against it. I countered all of Mr. "X"'s reasons with strong counter suggestions and alternatives. I reminded him that Boy "Y"'s medical condition did not warrant this. I told him I felt Boy "Y" would feel singled out and different, and I suggested that Boy "Y" needed the companionship of another boy as his tent partner. The fact remained, Mr. "X" did not change his plans. Several of us found this so deeply disturbing, we questioned this proposal at a training session. We were informed, in the course of that discussion, that we should make every effort to avert this action. Again, several of the previously mentioned individuals were consulted. Much pleading, aimed at changing this situation, ensued. Again, all those individuals attempting to change these plans were told to "drop this issue."

At scout camp, second session, Camp Sawmill, Campsite Sycamore, Mr. "X" tented with Boy "Y". This was done in plain view of the campsite commissioner. He did nothing. Mr. "X", for the second year that I am aware of, showered only with the boys. When it was brought to his attention that he was expected to shower with the adults, and not with the boys, he informed everyone he would do as he wished. As a result of this, Troop 267 had several boys who refused to shower at camp. When other adults at camp asked them why they were not showering, we were not answered. One boy in particular, who I have known for over two years, acted very peculiar at scout camp. This usually clean, conscientious, popular, outgoing, strait "A" overachiever, was filthy, disheveled, missed merit badge classes, and detached himself from his friends. His friends, other leaders and I asked him repeatedly what was wrong and what we could do to help him. He literally shut us all out. The closest we could get to a response was a statement the boy made to his tent mate that Mr. "X" had bribed him to move out of his tent and into another.

Mr. "X" had seemingly set the stage to insure the separation of other adults from him. On arriving at camp, the other female leader and I decided our most private tent selection would be only two tents away from Mr. "X". On announcing this preference, we were informed by Kenny Stevens, camp scoutmaster, that we could have them. After consulting with Mr. "X", Kenny told us those tents had been preselect-

ed by members of the leadership corps, while attending Tribal Feast. On challenging the authority of a boy leader over that of an adult leader, we were informed we could only select from the first two tents on either side in the front of the campsite. Later discussions revealed that Mr. "X" had stated to several leaders that both the camp officials and the sponsoring institution had insisted on our segregation and subsequent placement in the front of the camp. Investigations on our return disclosed no apparent truth to this matter. The tents we had selected, were unoccupied all ten days of camp. The result of this physical segregation was that those individuals most familiar with the younger boys had diminished contact with them.

During this same camp session, Mr. "X" drove boys on numerous occasions to the health lodge, generally without another adult. Whenever possible, the majority of the other adults in camp attempted to prevent this, but it was often unavoidable, as these trips were unannounced. At this same camp session, Mr. "X" spent many long hours consulting privately with the boys, often alone in their tents. Several of the boys later told me that these discussions often involved being instructed by Mr. "X" to not listen to the other leaders in the troop. Much of the brunt of these instructions involved the female leaders, in particular; however, all other leaders were referred to at some point. The troop scoutmaster, who was in attendance all except the final night and morning of camp, was aware of this situation. Unfortunately, his hands appeared tied by another bizarre set of circumstances. Apparently Troop 267 tradition dictates that regardless of whether or not the scoutmaster will be attending camp, a camp scoutmaster will be appointed and in charge. This camp scoutmaster has been essentially selected by Mr. "X" for several years. The committee chairman and advancement chairman then usually approve this selection. The guidelines for this selection, as told to me, are that it be the male, with the most scout camp time, who has not been camp scoutmaster. It is apparently not done with the intent of finding the most qualified individual for the job, but rather to assure that all of the adult males in the troop receive their tribal camp scoutmaster coup-beads. In addition to the activities cited above, I personally witnessed both Mr. "X" and Kenny Stevens on numerous occasions, screaming profanities at several of the boys in the troop. My own sons were subjects of much of this abuse. Both of my sons were also sent home, the last night of scout camp, without the majority of the adult leaders being consulted (including the troop scoutmaster). As an adult leader, I did not feel it was in the best interest of the troop to challenge this decision. I knew that, as their parent, I was incapable of being totally objective on this matter, and did not want my sons to suffer as a result of my protests. I felt they had already suffered enough. In addition, since the senior patrol leader who had announced my sons' fate had also informed me that any objections, on my part, would result in him "sending me home" as well. It was obvious nothing positive could come from protesting this matter.

Following our return from scout camp, on July 9, 1990, several of those adults who had witnessed the occurrences of the past ten days, felt an overwhelming need to clear the air and bring these incidents to the attention of the troop committee. Since Jerry Burns was among us and had prior commitments to be out of town the night the troop committee was scheduled to meet, he asked the committee chairman to move the meeting date. This was done. In the three days that followed, each of us apparently, without any formal discussions, decided that, for the good of the troop, perhaps we should each make an effort

to "bury the hatchet" and start anew. During the committee meeting, on July 12, 1990, none of us brought up any of the problems we had previously wanted to discuss. Following the committee meeting, the sponsoring coordinator, Paul Hudson, met with me, and the committee chairman, Larry Eagan, in a private meeting. In that meeting, Mr. Hudson asked for my resignation. He informed me that Troop 267 had no place for female leaders and that he considered my presence a detriment to the troop. I politely asked on what he was basing his decisions as to my fitness to be a leader or my ability to work and identify with the boys. I pointed out that he had only attended about two committee meetings, about three troop meetings, and no overnights or camp sessions since I had joined the troop. He informed me he had heard things from certain individuals, felt no reason to identify his sources, and did not consider the topic open to discussion. Based on this action, I now felt that anything I might have to say to you or any other authorities would be questioned as stemming from bitterness. This, I felt, would be so contrary to my true objectives, that I felt my only recourse was to say nothing regarding these matters. I persisted in my beliefs, despite the fact that rumors concerning my imminent departure began spreading like wildfire.

Approximately three weeks after asking me to leave Troop 267, my sons were also asked to leave and not return. They had been attending troop meetings, as much as usual, as was possible. They had endured many insults and innuendo, as a result of their staying. They had remained to not lose any time in scouting or endanger their previous years of perfect attendance. Shortly following that, several other boys were told to leave, and not return. Needless to say, this upset all the boys involved. One of my first voting chances as a member of the pack 267 committee in February, 1987, had involved the removal of a leader in the pack. Several of us had witnessed her openly recruiting boys from our pack, to another pack. She was co-registered with both involved packs. I recalled how outraged I had been by this apparent lack of loyalty. I had immediately resolved to prevent this from occurring on my departure. I also felt a deep need to do all I could to prevent the boys in the troop from suffering any as a result of my leaving. I felt that breaking up the friendships of the boys by causing boys to leave would hurt those involved. In this endeavor, I made a conscience effort to not initiate any contact with any of the boys or their parents. This was done, in spite of the fact that many of the boys and their parents had worked closely with me in cubbing for up to four years. I was forced to make two exceptions to this. For at least a year, I had provided transportation to two fellow Northeast boys to most troop functions. For those boys, I called and told them that I would no longer be attending any of Troop 267's functions and that it would be necessary for them to find another ride. As this had not previously been an option, I did add that if they could not find another means of transportation or wanted to visit a closer troop, that those options were available to them. Both boys called me, asking me to take them to wherever I was visiting. One of them has since joined Troop 165, the other is planning to join. Several parents called me when they heard of my departure. To those parents, I responded that I had been asked to leave and stated the reasons I had been given. Only those parents who directly asked where I was going and what I was doing were given any other information, in that regard. Several can attest to not hearing, from me, where I am currently involved.

In August, I was forced to seek Tim Laffoon's help in a matter

concerning an apparently deliberate attempt to further hurt and punish my sons. Incomplete camp merit badge cards had been returned at the first troop meeting following camp. I had collected these from my sons and reviewed them. Completed merit badge cards were held by the advancement chairman for Court of Honor recognition. After my sons were ordered to not return, their completed merit badge cards were mailed to another newly departed leader. Why? I have no idea. We have lived at this same address for almost twelve years and it is listed correctly on both the troop roster and the council printout. The merit badges arrived in an envelope that listed what it was to contain. The problem was, three were missing. While they had been there when I had personally checked for them following camp, now they didn't exist. They were neither returned as incomplete or completed. On asking Jerry Burns what could have happened to them, he agreed to investigate. He went to the advancement chairman, who assured him, they were in the mail. Several weeks have passed, they have not arrived. Fortunately, this matter is close to being resolved. The scoutmaster, having assisted with the merit badges in question, has personal knowledge that they were completed. All that remains is to get replacement paper work into Tim Laffoon. Had it not been for his inquiries, I doubt the matter would be this close to being resolved. No one questioned seemed willing to cooperate with Jerry Burns or the head of the sponsoring institution.

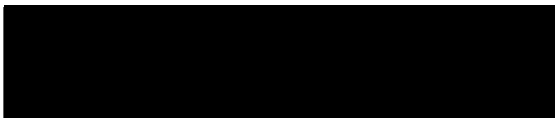
Mr. "X" has openly threatened me, as well as other concerned leaders, with lawsuits on several occasions. This has been directly related to any and most every time any negative implications have been made concerning his conduct. Over the past two years, I have allowed myself to be the brunt of several nasty, totally unfounded lies perpetuated and possibly originated by Mr. "X". I have felt they did not dignify a response or acknowledgement on my part. As a result of my silence, the lies have been spread so rapidly and extensively that they are beginning to be accepted as fact by many not closely associated with the troop or the boys. I feel the time has come to, finally, set the record straight. I am now ready to respond to any and all accusations against me. I am further ready and willing to produce witnesses to all the above charges and deeds I have previously mentioned in this letter. I have sat silently while the rumors which appear to originate from Mr. "X" seem to attempt to ruin my reputation, destroy most everything I have worked for in scouting, and, now, destroy or eliminate anyone who has attempted to help boys achieve the goals of scouting. Mr. "X" is now attempting to defame and discredit too many people. He appears to also be attempting to bring harm to the troop I have joined.

As I stated at the beginning, the list could go on, almost indefinitely. That is not my aim or intention. I have tried fervently to put my past with Troop 267 behind me and proceed with my scouting objectives. In that pursuit, last weekend, I successfully completed the practical portion of Wood Badge Training. I am registered with another troop, and enjoying myself in scouting. I have achieved a satisfaction and acceptance with this troop in less than two months that I was never allowed with Troop 267. Why Mr. "X" is hounding and harassing me is beyond my comprehension. What I am able to understand, at long last, is that unless and until I stand up and begin to defend myself, the problems will not disappear. They will simply multiply like pimples on a teenagers face.


In summary, my purposes for writing this relatively lengthy document fall into the following areas. (1.) The concerns I felt re-

garding the behavior of Mr. "X" have been shared by a number of persons over a considerable period of time. Most of them had the authority and credibility to correct the situation, yet chose to not do so. (2.) Others who have expressed similar concerns can also attest to the veracity of my descriptions. If requested to do so, I can and will produce names of witnesses and approximate dates of occurrences to all of the aforementioned information. If necessary, we can all further elaborate on details. Others who have witnessed the same circumstances are finding themselves now being under attack. (3.) I Cate-
gorically deny ever having worked to bring harm, direct or implied, to the boys with whom I have worked, or the troops or packs with which I have been affiliated, in the past or presently. (4.) To attest to having tried, first and foremost, to set a good example for the boys with which I have worked. I have also made every effort to keep the best interests of the boys both at heart and in the forefront of my actions, at all times.

Sincerely,


Assistant Scoutmaster
Troop 165

9-27-90



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Mr X is Richard Ricci

Richard Ricci

9-28-90

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MAY 14 1991

May 13, 1991

BARBARA GOSEV,

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD A. RICE

Dear Jere:

We appreciate the material you previously sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we set up a file, since we will be able to identify him should he attempt registration in some other location.

We do not find anywhere in our files the reason why Mr. Rice was given a suspension letter.

Please give us more information concerning this matter, so that we know what type of situation we are dealing with. This should be in the form of newspaper clippings, court records, or statements from individuals outlining all the facts.

We would also like to have the outcome of any legal action that may have taken place.

Thanks for your help.

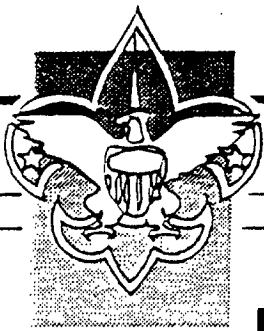
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

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TODAY'S
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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

February 8, 1991

Mr. Richard Rice

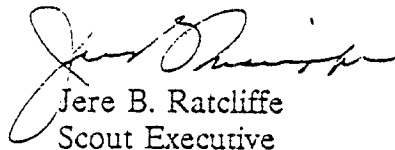
Independence, MO 64052

Dear Mr. Rice:

Evidently there is some misunderstanding concerning my letter of September 27, 1990. It was not the intent for it to be understood that your suspension of any relations with the Boy Scouts of America would be for only 60 days. The letter stated "If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me 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". We have enclosed the review procedure if in the event you wish to have your permanent suspension reviewed.

As stated in our September 27, 1990 letter, you are to sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. You must adhere to this statement until the North Central Region and/or the National Council has rescinded the statements made in our September 27, 1990 letter.

Sincerely,


Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive

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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the North Central Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to: North Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 29140, Overland Park, Kansas 66201-9140. In your request you must include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. If the regional review committee determines that a review hearing is necessary, the committee will advise you whether or not you may attend. In some instances, no useful purpose would be served by having the applicant present. The hearing is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you, if you attend, will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, in the event you attend, 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 are dissatisfied with the decision of a regional review, you may request a further review by the National Council. The decision of the National Council will be final.

January 16, 1991

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JAN 16 1991
ERIN O'RILEY

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD A. RICE

Dear Jere:

We really appreciate the Ineligible Record Sheet which you recently sent. This will enable us to identify Mr. Rice should he attempt registration with the Boy Scouts of America in the future.

I do not find anything in file that indicates what Mr. Rice did. I would like newspaper clippings, court records, or statements which would substantiate why you sent a letter and suspended him from registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

If there is to be legal action, we would like copies of the court records or newspaper clippings documenting that, once the legal has been completed.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

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December 3, 1990

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD RICE

Dear Jere:

We appreciate the copy of the letter which you sent to the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we start a file that will lead to refusal of registration in the future.

You did not send us any other documentation when you sent the copy of the letter. You did indicate that you would forward supporting documents in the next few days. Your letter was dated September 27.

We are enclosing a Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which we would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Rice. Please give us as much information as you have available.

We would also like to know what Mr. Rice did that caused his suspension. Can you send us newspaper clippings, court records, or statements from individuals which would substantiate that action?

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

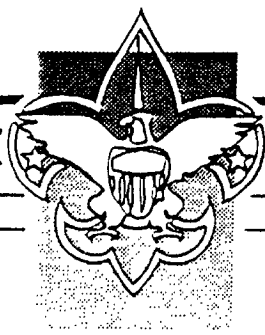
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ERIN O'RILEY

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TODAY'S
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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]

September 27, 1990

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst
Sum 108
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Re: Richard Rice

Dear Paul:

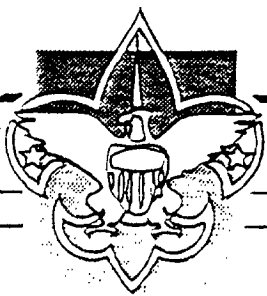
Enclosed is copy of letter to above individual which is self-explanatory. We will forward supporting documents in the next few days.

We have removed Mr. Rice from our membership file and placed his records in a confidential file. We will keep you advised of further developments.

Sincerely,


Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America



September 27, 1990

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Richard Rice

Independence, MO 64052


Dear Mr. Rice:

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 any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand the 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 measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me 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.

Sincerely,


Jere B. Ratcliffe
Scout Executive

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