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March 25, 1987

Mr. Thomas W. Voute Coost Executive Daniel Wobster Council, No. 330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard Carol Fellows

Dear Tom:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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National Office **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

March 5, 1987

Mr. Thomas W. Voute Scout Executive Daniel Webster Council, No. 330

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February 13, 1987

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst Registration & Subscription Service Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is copy of a letter from a parent, as well as our report on this matter, and letter of resignation from Dick Fellows. Would appreciate having this individual put on the Confidential File.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Voute Council Executive

Kickard C. Fellows

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February 11, 1987

Daniel Webster Council Boy Scouts of America

Attn: Thomas W. Voute

Manchester, New Hampshire 03103

Dear Tom:

For personal reasons, I am tendering my resignation from the Boy Scouts of America and from Daniel Webster Council, effective immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Richard C. Fellows

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Scout Executive and I met this morning with residence in Ashland, N.H. to review the situation concerning Mr. Fellows and her son They both went into detail regarding the charges made in their recent letter to the Council.

It appears as if the situations involving and Mr. Fellows began last Sept/Oct and continued until broken off on Feb. 1st of this year. They included incidents that reportedly took place on a one-one-one basis while one a canoe trip and on a hunting trip. In the case of the latter incident reportedly spent the night at Mr. Fellows residence.

According to the mother, following the hunting trip there was a noticeable change in behavior. He lost interest in Scouting and stopped attending troop meetings. His marks dropped in school and school officials became concerned. Their reports back to the mother stated that while he appeared to be normal youngster he had a very low feeling of self esteem.

On Feb. 1st Mr. Fellows reportedly called the mother to see if could come to his place to shovel snow. She said Yes but when she pickup up the boy after school he refused to go to Mr. Fellows place and when pressed on the matter began to cry and said that "he didn't like that man".

Mr. Fellows and told him that he was not to have anything more to do with Reportedly, Mr. Fellows did not respond to any charges and left.

as indicated that she doesn't want to press charges but does want to be assured that Mr. Fellows will be removed from Scouting and from contact with boys in the program. She indicated to us that now that opened up he is more like his "normal self".

Following this meeting I contacted David Park at the National office and updated him. The SE also called Doug McIninch and will meet with Bob Rose our Area Director on Feb. 10th regarding the matter.

Our plans are now to confront Mr. Fellows with the accusations and ...

- !.. (1) if he admidts to there being any validity to them, accept
 his immediate resignation.
- ... (2) if he denies them completely, put him on an immediate suspension, without pay, until the matter is handled according to the wishes of the National Office.

To this end, we have asked Mr. Fellows District Chairman to arrange a meeting with him on Wednesday, Feb. 11the in his office inConcord without advising him that we are to also be present. The District Chairman has been fully advised of what is happening and why.

Feb. 10, 1987

During the week of February 2,1987 I received a telephone call from Jim Batchaldor, a former Scouter in the old Lakes District and presently a Scouting Coordinator in Holderness. He reported that he had been contacted by a former female Den Leader and a male friend of hers regarding District Scout Executive Richard Fellows. Charges were levied of sexual molestation of her son by Mr. Fellows. Without revealing names he felt that he had to call me and make me aware of the charges.

Mr response to Batchaldor was that it would be extremely difficult to take any action without names and specific charges. I asked him to convey this to those makeing the charges and to see if they would be willing to back up their charges in writing. This was done and I received a return call giving me the following names and telling me that a written letter was being mailed directly to me c/o of Boy Scout office.

Boy allegedly molested:

Sanborn R. Ashland, N.H.

Member, Troop 57

First Free Will Baptist Church

Mother: Mother's Friend:

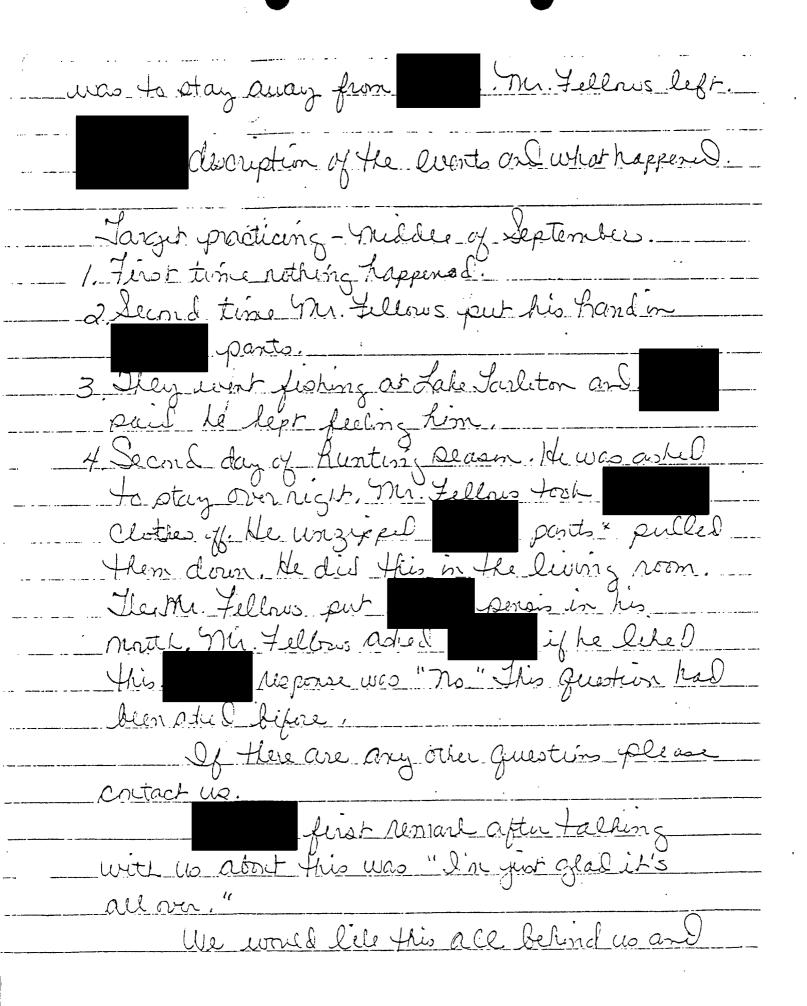
The letter in question was mailed on February 4th and received at the Scout office on February 6th. It does, indeed, make specfic charges of sexual molestation against Mr. Fellows.

I immediately contacted both Area Director Bob Rose and Atty. David Park at the National Office of the BSA. Also, both the Council President and the Council's legal counsel have been advised.

On the advice of counsel plans are being made for the Council Executive and myself to meet ASAP with the mother and her friend to discuss the letter and the charges made therin. Immediately following this meeting the DSE will be confronted with the charges.

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handled as quetly as passible. My bigger concern is that another child won't have to go through all the inner turnion that has been through. I realize that Mr. Fillow has been a great asset to Someting but he's made a big nuistake that has affected a family in ways no one can understand. His past ipersonal life should have been cleched before he was eler guen a position in Scriting. nH 03a17

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