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October 27, 1988

Mr. James N. Cain Scout Executive Arbuckle Area Council, No. 468

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert F. Nichols

Dear James:

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 degistration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA 73403-0309

May 3, 1988

Mr. Richard Bentley, Regional Director south Central Region. B. S. A. P. O. Box 152325 Irving, Texas 75015-2025

Dear Richard:

This is to inform you of a situation in Pauls Vailey, Oklahoma regarding Robert Nichols, the Advisor of Explorer Post 73. I will attempt to outline the information that I have and an approximation of the time frame in which the information has come to me.

Sometime during the week of April 11, Bill Lucas, Scout Executive of Last Frontier Council, called our office regarding a conversation which he had with Ed Glass, Director of the Metropolitan YMCA in Oklahoma City.

On Monday, April 18, I returned the call from Bill Lucas, who put me in touch with Ed Glass. In my conversation with Mr. Glass he told me of an incident which occurred at their YMCA Camp Classen during the summer of 1987 in which a Robert Nichols was accused of awakening a camper and "forcing him to fondle him". The camper, whom I believe was 9 years old, underwent psychiatric counseling. The incident was reported to the Department of Human Services. Mr. Glass was not at liberty to divulge the name of the camper or the counselor.

Mr. Glass put me in touch with John Stanley who is the Director of Camp Classen. I could not reach Mr. Stanley immediately but he called me at home on Wednesday, April 20. Mr. Stanley told me that a report was filed with the Department of Human Services regarding the alleged incident. He said that at the parents request and upon recommendation of the psychiatrist, the name of the child was not released. He said that the child was confused and began to doubt if the incident was real or if it had been a dream. Mr. Stanley said that he was personally convinced that the incident was a perpetration by Mr. Nichols. Mr. Stanley referred me to the Department of Human Services Director in Pauls Valley, Mr. Jerry Dingler, who had taken the report.

I called the Department of Human Services and set up an appointment with Mr. Dingler on Friday, April 29. Mr. Dingler was most cordial and supportive. He told me that since the parents would not cooperate that there was not enough evidence to file charges. He further told me that he had confronted Mr. Nichols with the allegations and that he emphatically denied them. Mr. Dingler indicated to me that he had no doubts that Mr. Nichols was a practicing pedophile. He said that he lacked

enough evidence to file charges. He pointed out that Mr. Nichols often had young boys living with him who have been in some sort of trouble with the law or were having family problems (Mr. Nichols is an officer of the Police force in Pauls Valley). He told me that he seems to have no peers his own age and that he is single and does not date.

I asked Mr. Dingler if others in the community had knowledge of the Camp Classen incident. He referred me to John Blake, an attorney in Pauls Valley, who was involved in the incident. I'm uncertain in what capacity; I think he is a member of the YMCA Board. He is also on our Executive Board, has a boy in the program, and has done some legal work for the Council. I visited with Mr. Blake on the same day. Mr. Blake lives across the street from Robert Nichols. He told me that Robert Nichols was his opponent in a recent School Board election and that Robert had won the election. He also told me that he had no personal doubts that Robert was involved with young people in the community in an unwholesome way. Mr. Blake said that Robert Nichols presently has a seventeen year old boy living with him.

I also learned that Mr. Nichols has further political ambitions and will probably become the next Chief of Police of Pauls Valley or will run for Sheriff of Garvin County.

Mr. Blake had no particular advice for me. We both agreed that I should consult with the Regional and National offices before any action is taken.

On the several occasions which I personally had dealings with Mr. Nichols he seemed to be a very fine person with an excellent manner of dealing with teenagers.

This information has been shared only with the Council President and those people mentioned above.

Scout Executive

On Monday, May 2. I called the South Central Regional office and visited with you. This letter has been written as you requested in our conversation.

Your guidance on this matter is most appreciated.

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