

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
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DATE 12/5/60

Full Name Morton, Robert Joseph
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 231 So. Green St.

City Chicago State Illinois

Age 42 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Catholic Nationality _____

Occupation National Council Employee

Education High School

Weight 130 Color W Height 5'7"

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Green

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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			National Council Employee		
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Special recognition Veteran 15 Yr.

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

See letter from A. F. Mueller

Signed _____
Scout Executive

(D-787)

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DEAR Jim

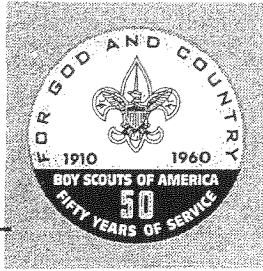
HERE it is and I hope it's O.K.
A report like this DOESN'T look
as good when typed at home on a
20 yr portable as one done on a
new I.D.M. typewriter at the office
but I guess it will do.

I have only ONE copy which I would
just as soon DESTROY - but I will KEEP
it until you get this original in case you want
me to make changes



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FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

November 30, 1960.

TO MR. JAMES McCLUSKEY:

SUBJECT: Robert Morton.

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Sometime during the early hours of November 11, --- I haven't any idea exactly what time it was because I was fast asleep, --- Bob phoned and said he would not be able to make our breakfast meeting because he was in a jam. I asked him where he was and received a vague answer. My impression was he hung up so I couldn't ask more questions. Please bear in mind I was awakened from a deep sleep and probably wasn't as alert as I might otherwise have been. At any rate, after I awakened at my usual time and remembered this phone call, it disturbed me greatly. I knew very well I could not leave Detroit without finding out definitely what happened to Morton, but wasn't quite sure how to go about finding out. It then occurred to me that the Local Council with its resources of information might be able to help me, so I called on my good friend, Bob Kilmer for assistance.

Kilmer suggested I give him an hour or two to "nose around" and then call him back. On the call back, Kilmer said he learned Morton was picked up by the Detroit Police Vice Squad and had been charged with "accosting and soliciting". He went on to say Morton was being tried that morning before Judge Gillis in the Detroit Recorder's Court. I jumped into a cab and went directly to the Court to see what I could find out.

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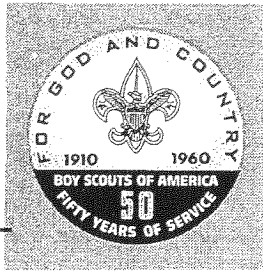
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J. P. Murphy
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Chicago Branch Manager.

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