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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
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OF CASE  
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Date August 7, 1980

Full name Marcus Cox  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 110 N. Villa Drive, 7C

City Hillsboro State Ohio Zip Code 45133

Date of birth 11/37 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Methodist Nationality American

Occupation Student

Education taking graduate work at Southern State College

Weight 100 lbs. Height 5'9 1/2" Race Caucasian

Color of hair brown curly, slightly gray Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_  
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Outstanding characteristics or interests speech impediment

Married or single single (divorced) Children Troy, 17; Stuart, 15  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Carolyn Briester, divorced from him and remarried

Scouting connections:

Unit No. City State Office Date registered Date resigned

T37 Hillsboro Ohio

(previously registered in Scouting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

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):

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Central Ohio Council

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August 14, 1980

Mr. B. W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Central Ohio Council #441

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Marcus Cox, Troop 37

Dear Mr. Ussery:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We are having our Attorney review the case before placing this man on the Confidential file.

We will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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(Dictated by [REDACTED] 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 17, 1980)

At 12:56 a.m., Tuesday, July 15, 1980, I came out of the rest-room at the Training Center at Camp Lazarus, and discovered a young boy wandering around outside the door. Upon questioning him, he replied that he was scared of his Scoutmaster; and more specifically, he was scared of what his Scoutmaster was going to do to him.

I took him inside the Training Center and we sat down to get more details. He identified himself as [REDACTED], who is in camp as a provisional camper. (His home residence is in Bogata, Colombia.)

The provisional camping program is operated on a weekly basis with the camp providing a Scoutmaster to work with those boys who come to camp without their troops. Three boys were scheduled to attend camp the week of July 14-19, but [REDACTED] was the only one who arrived at camp.

[REDACTED] indicated that he was scared of his Scoutmaster because of what his Scoutmaster had just done to him. It took some prolonged and detailed questioning to elicit from him what had transpired.

The Scoutmaster had come back to the campsite after attending a swimming session, and proceeded to check on [REDACTED] who was already in bed in his bunk. [REDACTED] was clothed in a tee shirt and undershorts, lying on top of a sleeping bag open on his bunk. The Scoutmaster started checking him for ticks, and began tickling and stroking him while doing this. As this progressed, he pulled down [REDACTED] undershorts and began to masturbate him. After causing [REDACTED] to ejaculate,

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he pulled up the boy's undershorts and left the tent. He then went to his own tent and went to bed. [REDACTED] remained in the tent until he was reasonably assured that the Scoutmaster was asleep, then he got up and dressed, and wandered around camp until I saw him at the Training Center. When he came to me, he was clothed in a tee shirt, blue jeans, socks and shoes.

After getting the above specifics from him of what had transpired and in accordance with my orientation as a professional, I asked [REDACTED] to step into the restroom at the Training Center, and asked him to take down his pants and underwear. I examined the underwear for traces of semen (there was none) and I did a visual inspection of his genitals to determine if there was damage or semen; in both cases, there was none.

At that point, [REDACTED] and I returned to his campsite, removed his pack and bedroll, and I took him back to the Training Center, where we made a bed for him in the First Aid room. I then sent him to get a shower. When he returned, we sat down for a more involved conversation.

Up to this point, [REDACTED] had appeared to be distressed and ashamed. I attempted to reassure him as to his feeling of wrongdoing and to improve his state of mind. (At the outset of the discussion, his comments led me to believe that he felt guilty and responsible for what had transpired.)

Our discussion became, in part, a discussion of sexual activity. [REDACTED] is 14 years old and he indicated this was his first ever experience of any sort of sexual nature. He had never previously had any sexual contact with others, nor personally masturbated. His knowledge was

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limited to a clinical presentation that he had had in school sometime in the past (in an American school with approximately 100 students, and was a co-ed presentation.)

After seeing that [REDACTED] got to bed, I started to go back to the campsite, but he was still uneasy, so I stayed at the Training Center. It is now approximately 3:00 a.m.

I arose at 6:30 a.m.; got [REDACTED] up to get through in the restroom before the rest of the staff and leaders came. I met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] my program director, who informed me that the provisional Scoutmaster was at [REDACTED] s quarters prior to leaving camp. He had packed his gear and admitted to [REDACTED] that he had "forgotten himself" the previous evening, and since [REDACTED] was not in the campsite, he was concerned that he was missing; and, secondly, he was leaving camp. I reassured [REDACTED] that I knew the whereabouts of [REDACTED] and that I was aware of the situation and that at this point, it was just as well the Scoutmaster was gone.

I got in contact with [REDACTED] father and gave him an initial statement of what had happened, but was unable to reach him until approximately 5:00 p.m., Tuesday evening. By this time, we had [REDACTED] established with a couple of staff members, and he was settling into camp life again.

In talking with [REDACTED] father, he inquired as to whether he should come immediately to camp, or wait until family night on Wednesday as he and his wife had planned. We finally determined that the Wednesday night arrival as planned would be better, and that I would not tell [REDACTED] I had talked with his father.

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On Wednesday evening, July 16, I met with [REDACTED] father and mother, and we discussed the situation. [REDACTED] mother was upset almost to the point of appearing vindictive, but after talking for a while they agreed to talk with [REDACTED]. In my conversation afterwards, she calmed down somewhat.

I provided them with the name and address of the Scoutmaster, which I felt was not out of line since they already had the individual's name from their son. After discussion with his parents, [REDACTED] left camp with them Wednesday night.

At this point only [REDACTED] and I are aware of the situation. No statement has been given to any other staff member or camper.

The situation is compounded by the fact that the Scoutmaster has two sons who are in camp as staff members. They are unaware of the reason for their father's leaving, it was explained as an emergency at home.

The Scoutmaster and his wife are divorced, she has remarried and the boys live with their mother. The Scoutmaster is Marcus Cox, 1100 N. Villa Drive, 7C, Hillsboro, Ohio (393-9725), and he is in the process of moving to Decatur, Ohio. Until May of this year, he has been actively registered as the Scoutmaster of Troop 37, Hillsboro United Methodist Church. There have been no reports

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of any improper activities in conjunction with his service with that troop. Prior to moving to our area, he was registered as a Scoutmaster in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, council.

[REDACTED] was a provisional Scout last year at Camp Lazarus and if I remember correctly, troop members of Chuck Lamb's troop were a part of this provisional troop with which he had camped.

As I know the situation, Mr. [REDACTED] is an account executive or certified public accountant with Ernst and Whinney. One of the things he is doing here is attending a lecture at Kent State Un. They have lived in South America for at least six years, in Venezuela before being in Colombia. They return to Columbus for 30 days each year.

There are at least two other children: a daughter, 11 years old, who is at a Girl Scout camp; a son, 18 years old, in college; and, I believe, another daughter who is the eldest, whereabouts unknown by me.

We will provide a refund to Mr. [REDACTED]

July 17, 1980

Addendum:

At 2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 17, 1980, I talked to Mr. [REDACTED] who was at the Scout Service Center in Columbus, stating that they wanted Mr. Cox's Social Security number. I advised Mr. [REDACTED] that under privacy guaranteed to employees by employers, we could

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not give out this information.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that they wanted to file charges against Mr. Cox to make sure this situation did not happen again. He said there is a possibility for suit for damages which would include the council as defendant. However, he did not think this was likely because of the handling of the situation by us.

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