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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 8-21-35

Full name Dale Smallwood Henley

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Cleveland

State MS.

Zip Code 38732

Date of birth 9-6-56

(This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____

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

Religion Protestant

Nationality American

Occupation Student

Education 2 years college

Weight 210

Height 6'

Race White

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single

Children _____

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>

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):

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AUG 26 1985

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JOSEPH L. ANCHAM

Signed

B. Noel Evans
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

October 2, 1985

Mr. B. Noel Evans
Scout Executive
Delta Area Council, No. 300

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dale Smallwood Henley

Dear Noel:

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

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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September 13, 1985

Mr. B. Noel Evans
Scout Executive
Delta Area Council, No. 300

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dale Smallwood Henley

Dear Noel:

Thank you for all the information which you recently sent us on Dale Smallwood Henley. This information is most helpful and should enable us to refuse registration should an application come to us from any other council.

If any more material comes to your attention which would help to strengthen our file, please do not hesitate to send it to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Hoyt Hunt, Regional Director, Southeast Region

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SCOUTING/USA

August 22, 1985

Cub Scout, Scout and Explorer programs

Delta Area Council No. 300 - Boy Scouts of America

Route 3, Box 1

Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Telephone: [REDACTED]

TO: Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription,
& Statistical Service

FROM: B. Noel Evans
Scout Executive
Delta Area Council, BSA

This letter represents a detailed analysis regarding a complaint from [REDACTED] parents of [REDACTED], Scout Troop 91, [REDACTED] MS, concerning an incident at Camp Tallaha with an adult staff member, Dale Smallwood Henley.

Following the incident, [REDACTED] wrote a letter (appendix C) requesting that we conduct an inquiry to see that Dale Henley is no longer connected with Scouting functions.

After this letter, I contacted Council President, Richard M. "Dick" Tipton and Vice-President, Drue Lundy, who resides in the same town with Scout Berry. We scheduled a meeting with the [REDACTED] parents on July 17th, 1985 to discuss allegation in this matter. During this meeting, Scout [REDACTED] described the incident which took place at Camp Tallaha. It became obvious that poor judgement had been used by the adult involved. The recommendations of Tipton and Lundy was that the staff member be asked to sever his ties with the Boy Scouts of America.

Tipton, also, asked the [REDACTED] parents to contact our Council Attorney, Harvey Henderson, and schedule a meeting whereby an affidavit could be drawn up concerning the incident. They met with our attorney on July 25th.

Following that meeting, a letter was written to Henley (appendix B) from Tipton. A meeting was scheduled on August 20, 1985 at 2:50 p.m. in the Mississippi Power & Light conference room in Cleveland with Henley, Tipton, and me. During this meeting, Tipton shared with Henley the results of the inquiry surrounding the incident and stated he was very surprised and disappointed to learn of his actions. Tipton then presented him with the letter and asked him to read it.

When Henley finished reading the letter, he stated he was sorry the incident happened and that he understood how his actions could have been misconstrued. He realized the seriousness and implications of the letter but would certainly accept it as written. Tipton shared with Henley his rights regarding a further review concerning the incident. Henley said a further review would not be necessary. Tipton recommended that Henley seek professional help.

Being no further business our meeting was adjourned.

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The [REDACTED] parents were pleased with our actions regarding the incident and stated they were not interested in pursuing the matter any further. They simply wanted to make sure this type thing did not happen to any other boy.

Enclosed please find the following:

- Appendix A - Confidential Record Sheet
- Appendix B - Letter from Tipton
- Appendix C - Letter from [REDACTED]
- Affidavit



Appendix B -

RICHARD M. TIPTON
Vice President, Marketing

July 19, 1985

Dale Henley

[REDACTED]
Cleveland, MS. 38732

Dear Dale:

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 that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership 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 leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Council President

Appendix C

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] y, Mississippi 39166

July 3, 1985
[REDACTED]

Mr. Noel Evans
Council Executive
Delta Area Council, BSA
Rt. 3, Bx 1
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Dear Sir:

We are writing to lodge a formal complaint against one Dale Henley, who was a staff member at Camp Tallaha when our son [REDACTED] attended last week. Under the guise of applying medication to chigger bites, Henley touched the boy's genitals in such a way that [REDACTED], who is eleven-years-old and has been cautioned concerning sexual molestation, became very frightened and upset. When confronted, Henley denied any sexual misconduct, but admitted that he had, perhaps, used "poor judgement." We are convinced that he behaved exactly in the manner described by our son, who has a history of being truthful and who has had enough education concerning child molestation to know when someone is making improper advances.

Henley was dismissed from his staff position after the incident. However, we are concerned that this man has been at Camp Tallaha for two years and that, still in Scouting, he may be in a position to frighten and intimidate other young boys. Even if one gives credence to his claim that he simply used poor judgement, we contend that a man who uses this extreme type of faulty judgement should not be in a leadership position in Scouting. To say that

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mississippi 39166

this incident has shaken our confidence in the Scouting program is an understatement. We will await hearing from you concerning Delta Area Council's position on this matter before proceeding any further.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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CC: John Ammons, Scoutmaster, Troop 91
Richard Wiman, Chaplain, Troop 91

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[REDACTED] being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides at [REDACTED] in the Town of Silver City, County of Humphreys, State of Mississippi, and that he is 11 years old and that he is a boy scout in Troop 91 of Belzoni, Mississippi and that the following is a true and correct statement of events occurring at Camp Tallaha Friday, June 28, 1985, to-wit:

I had been at Camp Tallaha for six days. On June 28 I was in the Trading Post getting some things when the Colonel commented on how many chigger bites I had. The people in the Trading Post at the time were the Colonel, his wife, Dale Henley, and myself. Dale asked me why I didn't go into the Health Lodge and let him put some medicine on the bites, and I said okay.

He took me in and told me to get on the table. Then he shut the door. At first he put the medicine, using a cotton ball, on my arms, legs, stomach, and back. Then he said "There's a chigger," and it was right along my waistline. He keep going lower and lower until my pants were down. I felt very uncomfortable. Then he pulled my buttocks apart, first one side and then the other, and still put medicine there, even though there were no chiggers.

Then the Colonel's wife came in to see how I was doing. Dale commented on how many chiggers I had. When the Colonel's wife walked back out I got off the table to walk out. But Dale said to wait and come into the bathroom. When I did he locked the door. He told me to drop my drawers. By this time I was scared. Then he started putting medicine on my penis and told me to "lift my balls". I did and he put medicine where there were no chiggers. Then I pulled my pants up and got out of there fast.

[REDACTED]

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this, the 25th day of July,

1985.

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My Commission Expires Dec. 6, 1987

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