

# APPENDIX A

## CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 6-6-89

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Full name Otto Strauch  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City San Antonio State Tx ZIP 78239

Date of birth 12-00-22 (This is important and should be exact.)

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

Religion CATHOLIC Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation RETIRED

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 300 Height 6' Race Can

Color of hair \_\_\_\_\_ Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

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

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

### Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
50212	San Antonio	Tx	SM	1975	

Special Recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church  
1710 Clower St  
San Antonio, TX

Signed [Signature] DTS  
Scout Executive  
Council 583

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REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY (Citizen of) Caucasn

OCCUPATION Retired

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 300 HEIGHT 6' RACE Caucasn

COLOR OF HAIR Grey/Brown COLOR OF EYES Hazel

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERSTICS \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED  SINGLE  NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
S0212	San Antonio	Tx.	SM	1975	
Chartered Organization <u>St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
Type Resolution

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. Description of incident
- 2. Victim(s) statement
- 3. media reports
- 4. Legal proceedings
- 5. Offender's statement
- 6. Official notification of termination
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

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RECEIVED

AUG 18 1989

DAVID K. PARK

BLIND COPY

August 15, 1989

Mr. Parvin Bishop

[REDACTED]  
San Antonio, Tx. 78213

Dear Parvin,

Please cancel my request on 6/21/89 for an appeal to my  
suspension from the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,



Otto Strauch

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*f. STRAUCH*  
*COPY 583*

August 15, 1989

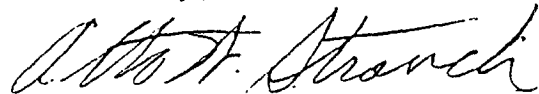
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Otto Strauch

Jim Kaminski, DFS

583

OTTO STRAUCH

We had deleted him off of Confidential RR desk added him back on ~~and~~ in the meantime Council sent a drop through. I ~~be~~ now gone ahead and re deleted him back off

# 034231

PUT IN FILE  
CALLED KAMINSKI  
AND INDICATED WE  
DELETED AGAIN  
7-18-89  
OC



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
[REDACTED]

June 14, 1989

Mr. Jim Taminski  
Director of Field Service  
Alamo Area Council, No. 583

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Otto Strauch

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the letter which you received from [REDACTED]. This is most helpful to us and certainly will help to support the refusal of registration for Mr. Strauch in the future.

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Please do not hesitate to call me if we should discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Ernst".

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Parvin L. Bishop, Council No. 583  
South Central Region

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ALAMO AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 19, 1989

Mr. Otto Strauch



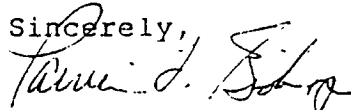
San Antonio, Texas 78213

Dear Mr. Strauch:

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 you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership 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 membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely,  
  
Parvin L. Bishop  
Scout Executive



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6/21/89

Paul,

- 1) PASTOR OF OTTO'S CHURCH AND CHARTERED PARTNER OF TROOP FATHER RAAZ WAS NOTIFIED - JUNE 20, 1989.
- 2) TEXAS DEPT. - HUMAN SERVICES CONTACTED - JUNE 20, 1989. THEY CANNOT DO ANYTHING BECAUSE COMPLAINANT IS AN ADULT.
- 3) MR. STAUCH WAS GIVEN LETTER, APPEAL PROCESS, AND REGISTRATION REFUND ON JUNE 21, 1989

Jim Kammal  
D.F.S. #583



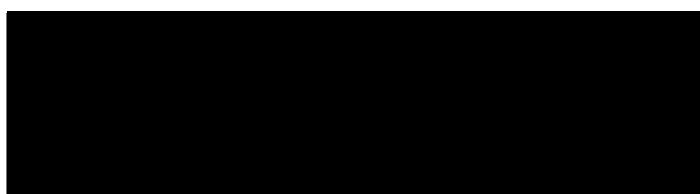
21 June, 1989

Parvin L. Bishop  
Scout Executive of Alamo Area Council  
San Antonio, TX.

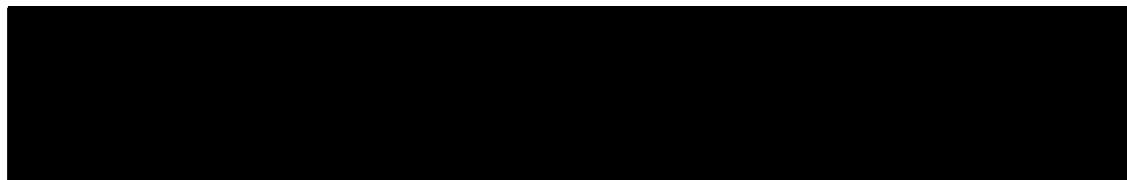
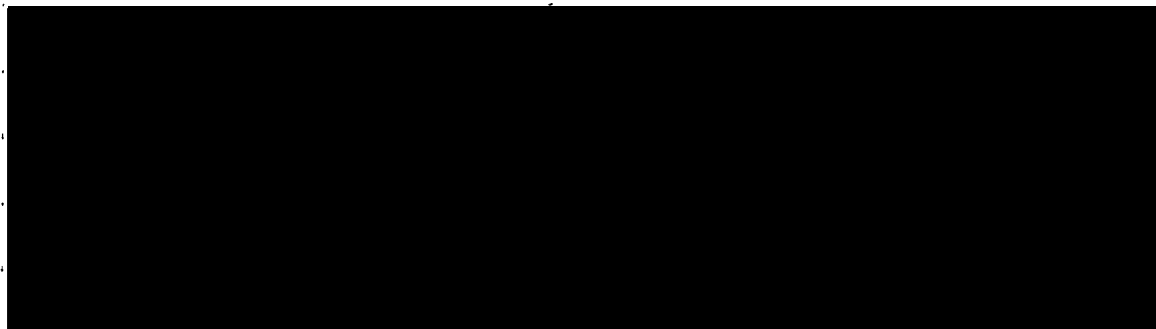
Dear Sir

I hereby request an appeal to the  
decision of my suspension to the  
Boy Scouts of America.

Otto A. Strassch



7/11/89



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Washington D.C.

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Jim Kaminski

San Antonio Texas 78213

Mr Kaminski,

Around 1968 I was in the boy scouts in San Antonio. I believe the troop number was 212 sponsored by Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. My scout leader was a man named Otto Strauss. As I remember him he was overweight and balding. I believe the street he lived on was called [REDACTED] because there were large [REDACTED] the street.

I quit scouting because one day Otto approached me in the hallway of his house, picked me up off my feet and locked me in a bearhug type embrace. He forced a very wet mouth to mouth kiss on me and tried to get me to open my lips. He was slobbering all over my mouth and chin. He seemed very agitated. He told me that he loved me and asked if I loved him. Not knowing how to respond, I said yes I love you. He then released me. I left his house and I never returned.

I told my mother I wanted to quit scouting but it was sometime before she managed to drag the reason out of me. I somehow felt ashamed and felt it was to blame for this. As a young boy I didn't understand that what had happened was not my fault only that it was somehow not normal.

You asked me to write down everything I remember. I realize twenty years have passed so only a few things come to mind. I will relate them as I can but I'm not sure of the chronological order in which they occurred.

when the boys would spend the night at his house, say before a camp-out or Jamboree, he would let two or three boys sleep in his bed with him. They slept naked because he told us it was natural. I think some of the boys wore their underwear though. I only remember one of the boys names, it was [REDACTED], he and [REDACTED] brother were in otto's den or group. I forgot what the scouts call the small groups.

I never witnessed any ~~explicit~~<sup>explicit</sup> sexual activity between otto and any of the other boys. nor do I remember any boy discussing anything with me. I only remember a vague underlying feeling I had at the time that something secret was going on around me. like there was a secret that's the only way I can explain it.

I remember he<sup>(otto)</sup> was also a chiropractor, he had a room with a big leather examination table and charts all over the walls of the human body. I can't remember anything happening in that room but just the thought of that room today strikes fear in me.

I remember him telling us about the facts of life and discussing such things as erections with us. he had myself and a couple other boys in the bathroom one time and was showing us how we could sit on the toilet backwards to pee if we wake up with an erection. he wanted each of us to sit down and try it. I think everyone was dressed and it was just a discussion but as I said before it was twenty years ago and my memories have faded or been buried since then. I'm sorry but this is all I can say for sure about what happened.

In all the years since this happened I have worried that he might have done something worse to other boys. my conscience always told me that someone else must have come forward and spoke up to get him out of scouting. let me tell you



it hit me like a ton of bricks when I found out he was still active in the scouts. I have managed to bury the pain of what happened in the years since but now bringing this out has caused me a lot of turmoil. all I want is to keep this man away from young boys, as I said to you, I want my home location kept away from otto. I have a lot of fear about this man. I was terrified when he found me after I moved away from San Antonio. my mother felt that no one would believe what I knew about otto because he was a pillar of the community, she said nothing and we moved to Colorado.

one day I was working in the yard and he drove up in his van. it was an old international van, green I think. anyway, he appeared in my front yard in Colorado with a van full of boys and asked me to come camping.

I gave him the cold shoulder and he left. I was very much afraid of him by then and the fear still lingers.

my mother has discussed this with father Dilley at Mary Magdelens in San Antonio. He suggested we go to the Authorities with this. I have discussed it with people in the police department up here and I am waiting a referral to someone in Texas. I was told by the police to go ahead and contact the boy scouts with my story so I called the National headquarters and spoke with Lee Sneath. I assume he related my story to you. I want to thank you for responding so promptly. as for now, I am doing as you asked and sending this in writing to you. I will await further communication from you as to your action.

Thank you.



READY FOR FILE  
JUN 15 1989  
JULIE EATON

June 14, 1989

Mr. Jim Taminski  
Director of Field Service  
Alamo Area Council, No. 583

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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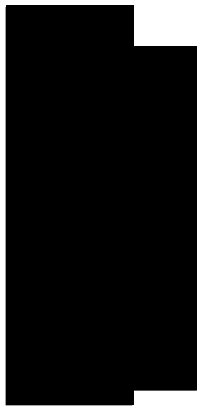
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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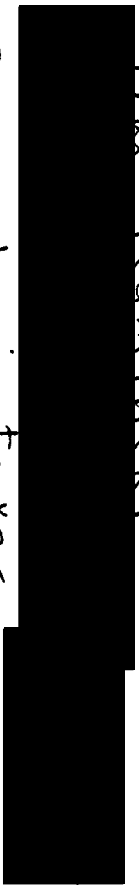
cc: Parvin L. Bishop, Council No. 583  
South Central Region

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REMEMBER  
 AMERICA'S VETS  
 JUN 5 11 25  
 WASHINGTON D.C.

Tim Kaminski



San Antonio Texas

78213

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL # 583

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_ Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: M Kaminski

POSITION: D. F. Sec.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM CODE

& UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

FILM #

*Re: Tim ...*

*with  
Lan*

*INFO TO COME -  
LTR FROM [REDACTED]  
C.F. SHEET  
LTR TO STRAUCH*

SOLUTION:

*(OTTO STRAUCH)*

*Added to CF file  
Deleted from reg file  
6/7/89  
cm*

NAME *[Signature]*

DATE *11-6-89*

TIME \_\_\_\_\_





NOTED

JUN 05 1989

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Public Relations  
**EDELMAN**

*SENT TO  
PAUL GIBSON  
6-5-89*

June 5, 1989

TO: JOE ANGLIM

FROM: LEE SNEATH

RE: SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORT

On Friday June 2, I received a call from [REDACTED] who reported that in 1968 he was "sexually assaulted" by his Scoutmaster in San Antonio, TX. [REDACTED] moved out of state shortly after the alleged incident, and he did not report it.

According to [REDACTED], he recently came to his attention that the Scoutmaster (Otto Strauss) was still involved in Scouting. [REDACTED] said he wanted to report the alleged incident now because "I don't want this happening to another boy." (The Troop is/was 212, chartered to Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.)

I relayed this information to Parvin Bishop in San Antonio last Friday, and he's following up.

cc: David Palmer

Chicago	Dallas	London	Los Angeles	New York	San Francisco	Washington
Buenos Aires	Dublin	Madrid	Hong Kong	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore	Sydney Tokyo

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL # 583

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: Jim Kaminski

POSITION: As. Field Service

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

NET. of AM.

~~Victim:~~ [REDACTED] (Paralyzed - [REDACTED])

~~Victimized by:~~ Otto Storch in 1968

~~Scoutmaster~~ Troop 0212

Charter Organization: St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Attached - Print Out San Antonio TX

NAME

Flo

DATE

6/5/89

TIME

10:30 AM

R/S-433

3/13/86-clf-567r

MS04

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM  
MEMBER DETAIL INQUIRE

06/05/89  
14:37:07

CNCL 503 PRG/UNIT S0212 SEQ. 034231

FIRST: OTTO

LAST : STRAUCH

ADDR1: [REDACTED]

ADDR2: SAN ANTONIO TX

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 78213

REG STATUS: R ENROLL: 0286 BIRTH: 1222 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

POSITION: SM FINDERCODE: 54 PHONE: [REDACTED] BULK: MAG-STATUS:

REN DAT: 1289

TRANSFER FROM = CNCL: PGM/UNIT: SEQ: TRANSFER DATE:

MAGAZINES

TYPE	CNCL	P/UNT	CODE	TRM	DATE	FIRST	LAST	ORIG	TOTAL	COUNT	PRINTED	DAT
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NEXT CNCL: P/U: SEQ: LST: STRAUCH FST: OTTO