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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE May 14, 1985

Full Name Joseph Kikta
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 6261 N.W. 39th Terrace

City Virginia Gardens State Florida

Age 18 (This is important and should be exact)

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

Religion Catholic - Va. Gardens Nationality American - Caucasian

Occupation Student

Education High School

Weight 150 Color Caucasian Height 5'8"

Color of hair Black Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests Extremely intelligent

Married or single single Children none
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name none

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Tr. 425	Miami Springs	FL	JASM		

Special recognition Eagle Scout

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Suspicion of being homosexual; please see attached statements.

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JOSEPH I. ANGLIM

Signed _____
Scout Executive

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The File

FROM: John Malone

DATE: May 14, 1985

RE: Troop 425 - Fireball District - Joe Kikta

Today I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED], Scoutmaster of Troop 425. Mr. [REDACTED] has been involved with the Boy Scout troop for 4 years as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. Mr. [REDACTED] spoke with me about alledged homosexual activity within the troop that involved Joe Kikta and several Boy Scouts.

Mr. [REDACTED] told me that the following information based on a conversation he had with his son [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been at Joe Kikta's house on at least 3 occasions since the summer of 1984. On each occasion [REDACTED] has been disrobed and touched and/or fondled in the genital area by Joe Kikta. On many other occasions [REDACTED] has been invited by Joe Kikta to participate in assortment of "Dare Games" that eventually involved disrobing.

Also, Mr. [REDACTED] indicated several other Boy Scouts in the troop have had the same experience as [REDACTED].

According to Mr. [REDACTED] the State H.R.S. Department is investigating these allegations and in the process of interviewing all alleged involved participants.

Mr. [REDACTED] has agreed to continue his own investigation and will report any additional information to John Malone as soon as possible. The Troop Committee Chairman has dismissed Joe Kikta from the Troop (See attached letter) and is in the process of informing the institutional head of all activities within the next several days.

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DYKES_I_014335

March 2, 1988

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 34

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joseph Kikta

Dear Ross:

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
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED X

COUNCIL # 84

PHONE NO. (305) 364-0020

CALLER: Mr. Jim Rose

POSITION: Director of Field Service

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____ VETERANS _____ EXPLORING _____
SCOUTING _____ BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT # DIST. # EXP. DATE TRANSMITTAL # FILM #

Re: Status of Joseph Kikta

Information Mr. Rose had requested for the SE of C. 84

GETTING MORE INFO FROM AUTHORITIES

WILL SEND - Report 12-20-87

B/O 3-1-88

NAME Jim

DATE 12/29/87

TIME _____

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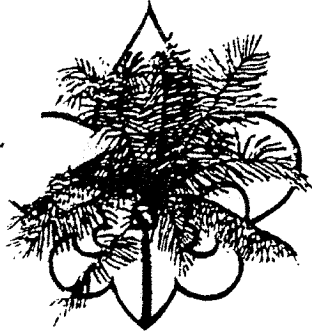
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

8100 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016
Phone (305) 364-0020 • 584-4200 Broward
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December 16, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration, Statistical &
Subscription Services
National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3096

Re: Joseph Kikta

Dear Paul:

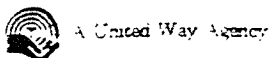
I am writing as a response to your request for additional information concerning the above named individual. I have requested same from the Dade County State Attorney's Office and will let you know as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Tim W. Rose, Jr.
Director of Field Service

TWR/crw

cc: Ross McGill
Michael Casey



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November 4, 1987

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 84

*305764-0020
TALKED TO SE
12-17-89
WILL [initials] BY [signature]*

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joseph Kikta

Dear Ross:

We have had communication with John Malone and then later with you each year since 1985 concerning the above named individual. At that time, Mr. Kikta was an 18 year old registered with Troop 425.

One of the reports we received indicated that youths were going to be making statements related to homosexual activity with Mr. Kikta. We would like to know if this ever happened so we can close the file and have all information necessary. If Mr. Kikta was ever indicted and convicted we would like to have this information also.

He lived at 6261 N. W. 39th Terrace, Virginia Gardens, Florida. I would appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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September 8, 1987

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joseph Kikta

Dear Ross:

In 1985 we were sent some material concerning the above named individual. There were statements that indicated that his registration was suspended. It was also indicated that some legal action would take place since charges had been pressed concerning his actions with youth.

It is necessary for us to have the outcome of any legal action so our file will be complete and we can refuse registration should attempts be made any where in the country. We would appreciate it if you can tell us if this case was closed with a conviction. The sentencing would also be helpful to complete our files.

Please contact us if we can be of any help. Thank you for protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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July 27, 1987

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 34

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joseph Kikta

Dear Ross:

We have had communication for quite some period of time concerning the above-named individual who was in Troop 425 in Miami Springs. It was indicated that he had been involved in some homosexual activity with youth in the troop.

We would like to know if any legal action has now transpired with any conviction. This would be most helpful to us in strengthening our file for refusal of registration attempts since everything to date has indicated possibilities of wrongdoing, but nothing with proof.

We would appreciate a response that will help us to complete our file. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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July 7, 1986

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joseph Kikta

Dear Ross:

Earlier in the year, we received some information concerning the above-named individual. This indicated that there may have been some reason that he should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

We would like to know if any legal action has taken place and, if so, the outcome.

Thank you for helping us close this case so that we may have the necessary information in our file for future refusal of registration attempts. Let us know if we may be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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DYKES_I_014342

April 9, 1986

Mr. W. Ross McGill, Jr.
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 34

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Josepa Kikta

Dear Ross:

Last year we received quite a bit of information concerning the above named individual. At that time there was an investigation going on and we would like to know the outcome of any legal action which may have transpired. The sentencing of the individual after legal action was completed would be most helpful to us in completing our file.

Thank you for your help in closing this case so that refusal may be handled any place in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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June 23, 1985

Mr. John H. Malone
Director of Field Service
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear John:

Thank you for the information which you sent on Joseph Kikta. This will be most helpful to us as we set up a file for refusal of future registration attempts.

We would like to know of any other youth members who have been involved or have signed any statements which would help to substantiate our refusal of registration. This would certainly strengthen our files if any of this material could be secured.

If there is any legal action taken, we would like to know the outcome of this. In the mean time, thanks so much for all your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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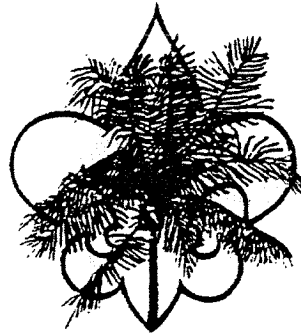
cc: Hoyt Hunt, Regional Director, Southeast Region
W. Ross McGill, Jr., Scout Executive, Council 84

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THANK
ASK FOR
SOMEONE OF
THE STAFF

June 21, 1985

Mr. Paul Ernst
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3096


Re: Mr. Joseph Kikta
Confidential File

Dear Paul:

Please find attached data and information regarding Joseph Kikta. Since we began our investigation, the State Attorney's Office of Dade County, Miami, Florida, has the case and are investigating.

Please place Joseph Kikta on file to prevent his involvement in Scouting in the South Florida Council, B.S.A. I am making this request as a safeguard to the organization in case something else develops.

Thank you for your support.

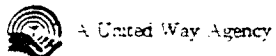
Sincerely,

John H. Malone
Director of Field Service

JHM/ojc

Attachments

cc: Ross McGill

Boy Scouts of America, Thomas L. Tatham Service Center, 2960 Coral Way, P.O. Box 450099, Miami, Florida 33145
Phone (305) 446-3431, 584-4200 Broward



F. STARON
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We also recommended that if there is any reason to believe Joe Kikta to be involved, that the troop should take action to remove him and inform the council. We suggested we need a written statement for us to take further action.

On Tuesday, May 7, Mr. Bechler contacted me by phone and reported that the H.R.S. investigator had interviewed both Joe Kikta and [REDACTED] and both boys denied any wrongdoing. He also said that the official finding would be that the charges were unfounded but that he felt he had not gotten the truth. Mr. Bechler said he met with [REDACTED] on Tuesday and informed him of the charges and action taken to date. He said Mr. [REDACTED] agreed to follow-up with his son and would keep us informed.

Mr. Bechler also told me he had received a call from another mother who related another incident from the same campout at Grace Lutheran. She said her son had been "accosted" by Joe Kikta in the restroom and forced to watch a "demonstration of how the sexual organ (penis) works." I again indicated a need for the troop to take action as well as the need for a written statement to allow the council to act.

On Wednesday, May 8th [REDACTED] contacted me by phone and informed me that his son had confirmed Joe Kikta's involvement with homosexual activity and that his son would be making a report to the H.R.S. to give us the ability to act in a proper manner. [REDACTED] indicated they would remove Joe Kikta from Troop 425 and inform us.

Also on the same evening David Bechler contacted me to confirm that Mr. [REDACTED] had called me. He indicated one of the boys who had talked to him originally may be willing to talk to the investigators. He raised a concern about the boy's Eagle application that I feel we resolved. He also indicated that Earl Boyette had been implicated as involved with similar charges.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
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May 14, 1985

Mr. Joseph Kikta
6261 N.W. 39th Terrace
Virginia Gardens, Florida

Dear Mr. Kikta:

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 reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Lowry
Council Vice President
District Operations

cc: William S. Coull, CC
George H. Gates, SM
Michael Casey III
bcc: George Sullivan
Joe Lowry
Ross McGill
Bill Ortt

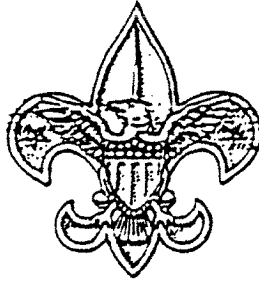
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Phone (305) 446-8431, 534-4200 Broward



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Troop 425
Boy Scouts of America

May 14, 1985

Joseph Kikta
6261 N.W. 39 Terr.
Virginia Gardens, Florida

Dear Mr Kikta:

This is to inform you that Troop 425 Of Miami Springs has determined that it would not be in the best interest of this troop if you were to be registered with us. Therefore, we will not accept your registration for the coming year of 1985-86. Enclosed is a check for your registration fee of six dollars (\$6.00).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Coull".

William Coull
Committee Chairman
Troop 425

Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The File

FROM: Bill Ortt

DATE: May 9, 1985

RE: Tr. 425 - Fireball District

On Saturday, May 4, David Bechler, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 425 of Grace Lutheran Church spoke with Larry Thompson, District Commissioner, Bill Ortt, Sr. District Executive and John Malone, Director of Field Service. He related an incident stemming from a Patrol Campout he attended at a mission church on the Miccosukee Indian Reservation.

He reported that two members of the troop, Joe Kikta, 18 years old and [REDACTED], 14 years, were on the campout but he could not find them. While asking about them two other Scouts responded about their whereabouts in a way that aroused suspicion. He questioned both of them both together and separately. They both indicated that [REDACTED] and Joe were suspected to be involved homosexually. The two boys related reasons for these suspicions relating to another campout held in February or March at Grace Lutheran Church in Miami Springs. One of the boys said that [REDACTED] had asked him to demonstrate a "blow job" in such a way he felt [REDACTED] was serious. It was also related that Joe had gotten involved in a "strip dare game" that led to him running around the camping area in his underwear and "sliding in the grass." He apparently was the only adult at this camping experience.

Mr. Bechler told us that he was a Police Officer in Miami Springs and that he had related this information to his Police Chief, who recommended his contacting H.R.S. to secure an investigator trained in this type of incident. We suggested that Mr. Bechler should contact and inform Mr. George Gates, the troop's Scoutmaster and the father of [REDACTED] as soon as possible. We indicated that the Boy Scouts of America, and the South Florida Council would in no way want to impede or inhibit any criminal or legal action but would suggest and reports filed should bear only pertinent information, ideally not specifically naming the Scouting organization, but instead recognizing this to be an incident between individuals.

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