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KOVATCH, WILLIAM J.  
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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE September 29, 1971

FULL NAME William J. Kovatch  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)  
ADDRESS 2205 W. Baker Street  
CITY Plant City STATE Florida ZIP CODE 33566  
AGE 29 (This is important and should be exact)  
APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)  
RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY Hungarian  
OCCUPATION Radio - T.V. Repair Service  
EDUCATION High School - Vocational  
WEIGHT 145 COLOR Caucasian HEIGHT 5'1"  
COLOR OF HAIR Sandy COLOR OF EYES Blue  
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Left leg crippled - limps  
MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)  
WIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
733	Plant City, Florida		SA		8/1/71

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

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Charges filed with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department by parents. Sufficient evidence gathered during investigation to list as child molestor by the Sheriff's Department. See attached statement.

Signed A. L. Rosen  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council ... Sanford Ridge

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October 5, 1971

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential  
Re: William J. Kovatch

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet and the enclosed correspondence concerning William J. Kovatch. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting them for us.

We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have Mr. Kovatch's name deleted from our records. This information will be most important in the future, should this man ever again attempt to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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Dear Sir:  
On July 24, 1971  
and July 25, 1971  
Scout Troop # 733  
attended a camp out  
on a camp site near  
the Alifan River  
To my knowledge  
it appeared we were  
short one tent. Our  
tents sleep two  
boys. Friday morning  
Mr. Bill Kovatch,  
Assistant Scout  
master advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and we he  
would sleep with  
us in our tent  
Friday night.  
[REDACTED] and I had  
laid out our sleeping  
blankets and were  
lying on them when  
Mr. Kovatch entered  
with his blanket,  
laid it out and also  
laid down on it.

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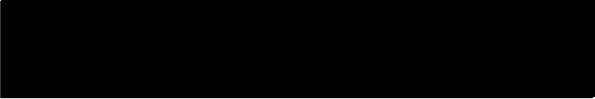
Incidentally we were  
all fully clothed.  
He immediately  
reached over to  
me ( [REDACTED] )  
and proceeded to  
rub my penis  
for about 30 minutes.  
He rubbed my penis  
and nearly all other  
parts of my body.  
He stopped rubbing  
me turning to  
[REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] proceeded to rub  
his penis. Being  
very ashamed  
and embarrassed  
I turned away  
so as not to see  
them. I do not  
know if [REDACTED]  
body was ever  
exposed during this  
time. I can only  
say at no time  
was my body

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Rubbing my penis  
again still through  
my clothing. He asked  
me if it felt good  
I was too afraid to  
answer so I said  
nothing. This rubbing  
continued for 5-6 miles  
until we got a block  
or so from my home  
then he stopped.  
He drove to my  
home met my  
mother she thanked  
him for bringing me  
home.

I was so disturbed  
over the situation  
I did not tell my  
mother until Aug 16, 1971  
when I refused to  
go back to the  
Scout meeting and  
she questioned me  
as to why,  
I was truly,



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exposed to Mr.  
Kovatch  
on Saturday July  
25 1971 I needed  
a ride to my home  
and asked Mr  
Bouthiller our Scout  
master to drive me  
home. Mr Kovatch  
said he would I got  
in the back seat  
and another scout rode  
in the front seat.  
we dropped the other  
boy off about 6 or 7  
miles from my home.  
after ~~driving about~~  
~~a block~~ Mr Kovatch  
told me to get in  
the front seat. I  
did not want to  
but was afraid not  
to so I did. We  
drove about a block  
longer and again  
Mr Kovatch reached  
over and started

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August 27, 1971

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Eugene Prettyman and  
William Kovatch

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are the two forms you requested to place the above men on the Confidential File.

In addition to these completed record sheets, we will need a complete report on both situations, including written statements, newspaper clippings or a copy of the police record. These are necessary in order to support our placing these men on the file, and we will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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Enc. Record Sheets.

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August 20, 1971

Personnel Division  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Sirs:

Please send two copies of the forms for reporting personnel to be put on the confidential file of the Boy Scouts of America. We have two cases which apparently warrant some action.

Mr. Eugene Prettyman, Scoutmaster of Troop 396, Tampa, Florida, has abandoned his family to run off with another woman, has taken with him troop funds, and has apparently ordered candy in the name of the troop with no approval of the troop committee, the sponsoring institution, or fund raising approval of the local council.

William Kovatch, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 733, Plant City, Florida, charged with child molesting.

When we have received these forms, we will complete and forward them. We feel that Prettyman will make every attempt to get active in Scouting wherever he has disappeared to. Mr. Kovatch is still in Plant City. The troop and the sponsoring institution have been informed and are taking appropriate action for that specific unit.

Sincerely,

A. L. Rogers  
Scout Executive

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