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GRAFFIN, ERIC # 74

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

DATE 5-14-74

Full Name ERIC GRIFFIN  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 628 BAY HILLS DR

City ARNOLD State MD. 21012

Age \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age 19 PER REGISTRATION 1/31/74  
(To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion MCORMAN \* Nationality GERMAN

Occupation HANDYMAN

Education HIGH SCHOOL

Weight APPROX 170 LBS. Color WHITE - Ruddy COMPLEXION Height 6'0"

Color of hair BROWN (DARK) Color of eyes -

Outstanding characteristics or interests NONE

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

Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
<u>T727</u>	<u>Arnold</u>	<u>MD.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>10-11-73</u>	

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

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

SEE ATTACHED MINUTES OF TROOP 727

Signed [Signature]  
Scout Executive

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April 1, 1985

Mr. W. Robert Cree  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Coast Council, No. 773

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the information which you recently sent us concerning Eric Griffin. This will certainly strengthen our files since we have had a file on this individual for the last 10 years. This new material just gives us more reason for refusing registration should it come to our office.

Let me know if we can be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE  
APR 01 1985  
ERIN O'RILEY

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CURTIS A. GOLDEN  
STATE ATTORNEY  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA



Please reply to:  
Pensacola

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January 13, 1985

Ms. [REDACTED]

Pensacola, Florida

RE: STATE OF FLORIDA VS. ERIC ALLEN GRIFFIN  
Case No.: 84-3186  
Agency No.: S/O #973003

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

I would like to personally express my appreciation on behalf of this office for your help and cooperation in the above-styled case.

I am pleased to inform you that on November 15, 1984, the defendant voluntarily entered a plea of guilty to Lewd and Lascivious. On January 7, 1985, Judge Ben Gordon sentenced the defendant to four years State Prison.

It is important that people such as yourself maintain an interest in the judicial system. Although this case did not reach trial, your role was an important one. With citizen participation and assistance such as yours, we can look forward to a safer society.

If you have any questions concerning this case or your experience with the criminal justice system, please do not hesitate to contact me at 436-5300.

Sincerely,

*Laura E. Keene*  
LAURA E. KEENE  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Post Office Box 12726  
190 Governmental Center  
Pensacola, Florida 32501

Felony & Intake - 436-5300  
Misdemeanor - 436-5300  
Support & Juvenile - 436-5661

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Courthouse Second Floor  
Post Office Box 643  
Milton, Florida 32570  
623-2266 & 994-5063

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Cedar Street  
Post Office Box 517  
Greenwood, Florida 32526  
682-6151

Courthouse Annex  
Shalmer, Florida 32579  
651-3710 ext 274

WALTON COUNTY

211 East Nelson St  
Post Office Box 600  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32434  
892-2532

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Gulf Coast Council  
NO. 773  
Boy Scouts of America

PHONE (904) 476-6336

3745 NORTH 9TH AVENUE

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32504

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing a letter regarding one of our former volunteers, Eric Allen Griffin. As you can see, he should not be enrolled with the Boy Scouts of America. If you need additional information, let me know.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Cree  
Scout Executive

cc: Bob Holt  
Southeast Region



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May 8, 1979

Mr. Harry E. Mangle  
Scout Executive  
Penn's Woods Council, No.508

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Eric Griffin

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of May 3, and the detailed letter concerning the above Scouter.

This man's name was submitted to us for the Confidential File in 1974. We have added this information to his file and appreciate your efforts in this area.

Sincerely,

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

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**PENN'S WOODS COUNCIL, INC.** 508  
**SCOUTING/USA**

WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA 15963 • 814-467-5557

May 3, 1979

Mr. Paul Ernst  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

I am forwarding a letter we received from one of our very reputable Scoutmasters in our Raystown District. I am also convinced that the statements are very true.

Mr. Griffin has since left our council and has tried to join the Cumberland, Maryland council. We did some investigating ourselves after receiving a call from the Maryland council and have had very unfavorable reports on this man.

If we need any additional information or statements forwarded to you, please let me know and we will do all we can to help.

Sincerely,

*Harry E. Mangle*  
Harry E. Mangle  
Scout Executive

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Enclosure - letter


A. DORRILL MAY 8 1979

A Member Agency of COMMUNITY CHEST and UNITED FUNDS

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MAY 3 1979

  
May 2, 1979

Mr. Harry Mangle  
Council Scout Executive  
Penn's Woods Council  
501 - 15th Street  
Windber, PA 15963

Dear Harry,

I understand that documentation is required before you can have the national office "red flag" a name to prevent someone from becoming registered in the Boy Scouts. At the request of a fellow Scouter, I present the following statement.

The adult male known to me as Eric Griffin or Giffin, former Scoutmaster of the troop sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints or Mormon Church in Bedford, Pa. , is in my opinion, unfit to be involved in any manner in the Scouting movement! This is a serious charge and is not lightly made!

In the Fall of 1978 a group of fellow Scouters, hearing that I intended to permit Mr. Griffin to attend Troop 94 scout meetings in an unofficial capacity, related information to me concerning Mr. Griffin's moral character and of some actions taken by him. This alerted me but I considered it as gossip since I was not given any firm evidence. Never the less, I informed our Troop Committee Chairman of it and of my intention to let Mr. Griffin to assist at troop meetings.

Mr. Griffin was informed of the information related to me by someone in the group who was doing the relating and he and I

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later had a very frank discussion about it. I informed Mr. Griffin that serious charges had been made against him, omitting names and details, and that I considered it gossip. I also stated that if the actions he took while associated with our troop did show the charges were true, things may not go too pleasantly for him, the parents of the boys in our area might react violently!

One evening about 1 - 1½ months later I had to return home for some additional materials for a troop meeting, leaving Mr. Griffin in charge while I did so. Upon my return [REDACTED] who is a member of the troop tried to tell me what went on in my absence and I angrily told him this wasn't the time to do so. I should have listened but it is fortunate I didn't!

As related to me later and since verified by other troop members, Mr. Griffin was using foul vulgar language and was trying to get some of the boys to sniff something from a bottle. He also told [REDACTED] that if I was told what went on our house and car would be blown up. This was one of the charges the adults had told me about but [REDACTED] of course never heard about it so he couldn't have made it up!

I immediately called the oldest Scout in our troop to get verification of this and after much probing he reluctantly told me that Mr. Griffin had visited the boys home (a younger brother is also a troop member) and tried to get the younger brother and a sister to take some sort of drug, the name of which I no longer recall.

These and other incidents caused the temporary loss of some boys and the permanent loss of others plus who knows what mental anguish or damage to some of the kids.

Fortunately, my wife was working that evening and I had to stay home with my children or I may very well have done bodily harm to Mr. Griffin! I did call the District Executive, Mr. Stephens, and informed him of all of this. He has assured me that the "red flag" was up for Mr. Griffin yet other Scouters say it isn't.

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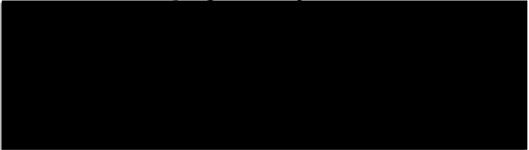
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My efforts to give Mr. Griffin the benefit of a doubt resulted in some damage which I regret but I haven't soured on giving others a second chance. I would probably do more in-depth investigating under similar circumstances in the future.

Recently I was told that Mr. Griffin had again become involved in making threats to others and immoral behavior to children. I consented to have my name given to the State Police and am willing to repeat what I have said in this letter under oath. If I could afford the legal costs involved, I would probably have pressed charges against Mr. Griffin myself.

It is evident Mr. Griffin needs some medical help but I can do nothing about that. I can give you this information and hope that you and/or the National office can prevent his getting back into Scouting in any manner!

Sincerely yours,



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September 21, 1976

Mr. Eric Griffin  
7720 East Catalina Drive  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Dear Mr. Griffin:

You wrote to us on September 9 related to your registration in Scouting. Registration in the Scouting program is a privilege which is reserved for those who meet all the requirements and standards necessary for a leader.

We believe that in some of your past experiences there were situations involved which might cause your leadership to be questioned. We shall certainly be happy to discuss this further if you feel there is a need.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration and Subscription Service

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9 Sept. 1976

National Scout Headquarters  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Sirs,

Excuse me for writing on lined paper, I would've typed, but I just moved and presently am without a typewriter.

I have work both with cub scouting and with the boy scouting programs. I am an Eagle Scout, an ex-assistant scoutmaster for at least three different troops, and a den father (leader) for a group of cubs ranging from 8 to 10 1/2 years. I have served two years on summer camp staff (junior staff), and a member of the Order of the Arrow. I have even considered in becoming a professional scouter.

But, with all these qualifying positions that I have held, I cannot register as an assistant scoutmaster.

I have talked with my district representative, down at Scout Headquarters in Phoenix, and suggested that I should write to you and request a copy of my packet, of my achievements and hopefully the reasons why I can't re-register as an adult leader.

I hope that I might receive this packet, as soon as possible, so that I might correct or try to clean up my record. I hope to hear from

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you soon.

I would prefer that you would send the packet to my home address (see below), but if it can't be done, please send it to Robert ERB, SCOTTSDALE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL, 202 EAST EARL DRING, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, 85012.

I appreciate your time and patience with me, and my problems, and pray to God, that we might be able to clear things up.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC GRIFFIN

P.S. (information you might need)

ERIC ALLEN GRIFFIN AGE 22 [REDACTED] (SS #)

MAR. 19, 1954 (BIRTH DATE) Belong to troops - 257, 62, 201,

MAR. 19, 1972 (Eagle) NY 287, MASS 62, 42 201, 42 643,

MD 727, MD 860, MD 795, #

Assist. Scoutmaster in troops - AZ 643, MD 727, MD 860

Previous address - 628 Bay Hills Dr. No, ARNOLD, MD, 21012

Present address - 7720 E. CATALINA DR, SCOTTSDALE, AZ, 85251

PHONE # 1-602-947-5992 (home)

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July 30, 1976

Mr. Wesley Parker  
Scout Executive  
Theodore Roosevelt Council, No. 10

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Eric A. Griffin  
District Committee, 8601

Dear Wes:

We recently received an application for registration from the above Scouter. This man's name was submitted to us for the Confidential File in April 1974.

We have deleted his name from our records and we are enclosing a credit notice to cover his registration fee.

Kindly delete Mr. Griffin's name from your records.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Encl: Credit Notice No. 28294

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January 10, 1975

Mr. Irwin C. Scullin  
Scout Executive  
Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Eric A. Griffin  
Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 795

Dear Irv:

We recently received an application for registration from the above Scouter. This man's name was submitted to us for the Confidential File in June 1974. by your Council.

Kindly delete Eric A. Griffin's name from your records.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager  
Registration & Subscription Service

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June 5, 1974

Mr. Irwin C. Scullin;  
Scout Executive  
Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Eric Griffin

Dear Irv:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet and detailed letter concerning Mr. Eric Griffin, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 727. We have placed this information on our file. This will be most helpful in the future, should this individual ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Subscription

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15 April 1974

Mailed  
5/8/74

Boy Scouts of America  
The Baltimore Area Council

ATTENTION: Mr. Hawthorne

Attached hereto for your information and any action you deem  
necessary are the minutes of a committee meeting held on 26 March 1974  
by the Bay Hills Troop 727 in Arnold, Maryland.

Note:-

ERIC GRIFFIN IS REGISTERED

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Minutes of Troop 727 Committee  
Meeting, 26 March 1974  
Arnold, Maryland, 21012

Members Attending:

Mr. James Ray  
[REDACTED]

Mr. Elwood Hodgins  
Mr. Russell Borgese  
Mr. Ray Weinman

1. On 26 March 1974 the full membership of the committee convened to discuss the unusual behavior of the assistant scoutmaster Mr. Eric Griffin, prior and subsequent to his resignation from Troop 727.
2. On Wednesday, 15 February 1974 Mr. Eric Griffin unexpectedly resigned as the assistant scoutmaster. One notice of his resignation was in an unposted letter placed in the mailbox of [REDACTED]. The circumstance of the letter and his curiosity concerning the activities of his son [REDACTED] caused [REDACTED] to question his son more closely regarding events occurring earlier that weekend. The questioning of [REDACTED] brought out the following:  
The previous Saturday Mr. E. [REDACTED] arranged for his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of whom are members of Troop 727, and himself a visit to Annapolis to purchase photographic supplies. Mr. Eric Griffin told the scouts that he would teach them photography which would lead to a merit badge. Later that day, in his home, Mr. Eric Griffin persuaded the scouts to sign a "contract" to the effect that they would engage in, of their own free will, a business of taking nude photographs of themselves and subsequently to sell them, thereby making much money. At this point, [REDACTED] dropped out of the scheme. [REDACTED] however, motivated by profit, remained "in."
3. [REDACTED] invited Mr. E. Griffin to his home for an explanation. Mr. Griffin admitted to the facts as stated above, said he was sorry but that he was not responsible for his behavior as he was, at the time, under the influence of the devil. Mr. Eric Griffin's admission was prompted by the earlier discovery by the elder Mr. [REDACTED] of his son's scheme and who upon searching Mr. Eric Griffin's room, came upon the photographs of [REDACTED] posed in the nude. He confronted Eric with the photographs; destroyed them; and recommended that he resign from the troop immediately.
4. The Scoutmaster then related the following: He in turn, becoming suspicious upon hearing a number of chance remarks by several of the scouts, telephoned Mr. [REDACTED] several days after also receiving an unposted letter of resignation from one Eric Griffin. He was informed of the situation as noted above. Mr. [REDACTED] then telephoned the elder Mr. Griffin. Mr. R. Griffin confirmed all essential details of the events engaged in by the Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Eric Griffin and the two young scouts and as has been described herein by Mr. [REDACTED]. The senior Mr. Griffin then

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offered that the situation as a problem to the community and to scouting might be self solving in that Mr. E. Griffin planned on joining the Air Force sometime within six months to a year; but that until such time, he (Mr. E. Griffin) would refrain from participating in organized scouting activities. The Scoutmaster reminded Mr. R. Griffin that his son planned to apply through the Baltimore Council for summer employment at either Broad Creek or Philmont. Mr. R. Griffin stated that he did not believe this would be a matter of concern. In a followup telephone call several days later to Mr. R. Griffin, Mr. Borgese again voiced his apprehension that Mr. E. Griffin should continue with any relationship in scouting but was undecided as yet what to do concerning it.

5. In addition to the Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Ray, the Scoutmaster conferred with his District Commissioner Mr. Gary Winch, and with Mr. Jack Lynch, a scouter of long standing and was advised by the latter two to communicate with a Mr. Hawthorne at the Baltimore Council. This was done on two occasions by telephone. He was informed by Mr. Hawthorne that unless the facts were documented and signed by the Scoutmaster and one other involved person, no action could or would be taken to keep Mr. Eric Griffin out of scouting. At this time the matter was held in abeyance by the Scoutmaster pending some further action by the Troop Committee.

6. Mr. Eric Griffin's unusual behavior was further highlighted and brought back into focus by the subsequent events of 22 and 23 March 1974 as related by the Scoutmaster:

At this time, 22-24 March, the Troop was on a campout at Sandy Point State Park. On the night of 22 March sometime between 11:00PM and dawn, Mr. Eric Griffin is strongly believed to have entered the campsite and did the following: festooned the cooking and eating area with streamers of toilet paper; tied shut, the doors of the VW Bus, within which the Scoutmaster was asleep and left a typewritten letter tied to the windshield wiper of the vehicle. The note was shown to the committee and purported to be from a mythical Boys' Club of America and stated that a meeting would be held the following day to honor several of the scouts. The following afternoon, Mr. Eric Griffin drove into the camp area, circled the perimeter road around the campsite and then parked in a field a short distance from the campsite. These activities were brought to the attention of a Park Ranger who happened to be approaching the campsite at this time. The Ranger, with the assistance of a second Ranger summoned by radio, conferred at great length between themselves and with Mr. Eric Griffin and then issued two citations; a warning for unauthorized entry to a restricted area and a citation for driving a vehicle without a current registration. After Mr. Griffin left the park, the Scoutmaster telephoned two of the Troop Committeemen to request assistance in keeping Mr. Griffin from further harrasing the scouts.

7. The meeting was then taken up with the possible courses of action open to the committee and solutions which might prevent continued association between Mr. Eric Griffin and any scouting activities.

8. The following was resolved:

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a. that minutes of this meeting would be prepared, signed by all members present and that a copy with a cover letter be forwarded to the Baltimore Area Council; attention Mr. Hawthorne.

b. that an appropriate number of committeemen with the Chairman, and accompanied by a lawyer-friend-of-scouting call on Mr. R. Griffin as concerned members of the community to discuss Mr. Eric Griffin and his associated activities and to jointly seek alternatives.

c. as a follow-up to the above, to request an appointment with the States Attorney and through his office determine whether the community and/or the Troop Committee has legal basis for some kind of action.

*James M. Ray*  
James Ray  
Chairman, Troop 727

[REDACTED]  
Committeeman

*Elwin Hodgins, Jr.*  
Elwin Hodgins, Jr.  
Committeeman

[REDACTED]  
Russell Burgess  
Scoutmaster, Troop 727

*Ray Weinmann*  
Ray Weinman  
Institutional Representative

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### ADULT APPLICATION

PACK NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 TROOP NO. 795 OR  COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
 POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  FULLY TRAINED  
 SHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DISTRICT NO. 111

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

NAME ERIC A. GRIFFIN AGE 20 POSITION SA  
 PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME, INITIAL, AND LAST NAME UNIT CODE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D. 628 BAY HILLS DR NO BOYS' LIFE  EXPLORING  CHECK ONE  
 COLLEGE SCOUTER RESERVE — USE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT COLLEGE  NEW LEADER  FORMER LEADER

CITY ARNOLD STATE MD ZIP CODE 21012 DATE 11-8-74

HOME PHONE 757-4109 PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND Ass. Scoutmaster - Four Rivers Dist COUNCIL BAITMORE

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS Seign-Eleven - Store #11554 - Ph # 267-7358 SIGNATURE [Signature] SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE [scribble] EXPLORING/BOYS' LIFE FEE [scribble] TERM (MONTHS) 3 UNIT EXPIRATION DATE MONTH 01 YEAR 75 APPROVAL [Signature] SEE COVER

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COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION

*District Committee*

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DISTRICT NO. *1*

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

NAME: *ERIC A GRIFFIN* AGE: *22* POSITION: *79*

PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME, INITIAL, AND LAST NAME

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D. *8108 E CLARENDON AVE*

BOYS' LIFE EXPLORING

CHECK ONE

NEW LEADER

FORMER LEADER

LEAVE SCOUTER RESERVE — USE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT COLLEGE

CITY: *SCOTTSDALE* STATE: *AZ* ZIP CODE: *85251* DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: *745-3371*

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND:

*Baltimore Area Council*

COUNCIL

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE: *2.65* EXPLORING / BOYS' LIFE FEE: *0.00* TERM (MONTHS): *18* UNIT EXPIRATION DATE: MONTH *01* YEAR *77*

*R. Griffin*  
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