

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE August 25, 1971

FULL NAME Gary M. LaBeau Soc. Sec. # [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 2116 - 19th Street

CITY Wyandotte STATE Michigan ZIP CODE 41892

AGE _____ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 33 (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION R.c. NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION Teacher

EDUCATION Masters Degree

WEIGHT 175 COLOR Caucasian HEIGHT 5' 11"

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Swimming, Boating, Lifesaving, Scuba

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: Ship in Detroit council

UNIT # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ OFFICE _____ DATE REGISTERED _____ DATE RESIGNED _____

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

REASONS:

*Info mailed 10/12/71
as requested*

[Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

.1 Tri-Valley #165

October 26, 1971

Mr. Raymond L. Whittaker
Scout Executive
Tri - Valley Council, No. 165

Personal and Confidential
Re: Gary LaBeau

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning Gary LaBeau. Our records are now complete.

This information will enable us to identify Mr. LaBeau should he ever again attempt to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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October 15, 1971

Mr. Raymond L. Whittaker
Scout Executive
Tri-Valley Council, No. 165

Personal and Confidential
Re: Gary LaBeau

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

We received your tape concerning the Gary LaBeau case. May I say, without any reservations, that you handled the entire situation most admirably. We have never received a report in this office as thorough, nor as incriminating as this one. My compliments to you for a job well done, especially taking into consideration the fact that the entire maneuver took place at 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

In order to complete our records, the only thing necessary now is the confidential record sheet. We need this for identification purposes, should he attempt to register from another council.

Thanks again for a magnificent job.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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August 18, 1971

Mr. Raymond L. Whittaker
Scout Executive
Tri-Valley Council, No. 165

Personal and Confidential
Re: Gary LaBeau

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

Thank you for your letter of August 4 concerning Gary LaBeau. We have placed this information in our file and will take steps to delete his name from our records as soon as you notify us where he is currently registered. We have also sent a copy of this letter to the Detroit Area Council.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with the tapes you referred to in your letter. Any other material, such as signed statements from boys involved, would also be appreciated. This will be most helpful in the future, should Mr. LaBeau ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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Enc. Record Sheet

cc. Detroit Area Council

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

August 4, 1971

Registration and Fulfillment Service
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Sir:

I am asking that you place the name GARY LaBEAU on our Confidential List of men who are to be no longer registered in Scouting.

Mr. LaBeau has worked at our camp for one year as Waterfront Director and in the past two years as our Camp Director. On Wednesday, July 14, 1971, at 3:00 a.m., I received a call from Mr. LaBeau. His call stated that he had been "set-up" by our Counselor-in-Training in camp. I went directly to camp and interviewed Mr. LaBeau and the boys in question and other camp staff members, all of whom convinced me that they had either had direct contact with Mr. La Beau's homosexual tendencies, or that they had observed or heard about his homosexuality.

I have tapes to the effect that Mr. LaBeau abused his position as Camp Director, and have share some of this proof with our council president, Judge Robert A. Grant. I have confronted Mr. LaBeau with the thought that the Boy Scouts of America could not live with any shadow of suspicion; Mr. LaBeau did not rebutt the allegation, and seemed more concerned about his position as Sea Scout Skipper and school teacher. Please advise if you would like these tapes.

Mr. LaBeau is also currently registered as an Explorer Advisor for a Sea Scout Ship in Detroit, Michigan. I have discussed this matter with him; he has agreed to excuse himself from Scouting henceforth. I do, however, think that the Detroit Council should be notified of his name being placed upon that Confidential List so that he will not be embarrassed by Scouters calling upon him and asking him to assist in the program.

Please advise me of any further information you need so that I may comply posthaste.

Sincerely yours,
TRI-VALLEY COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

Ray L. Whittaker
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Scout Executive

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La Beau Tape

Tape some of the facts in this matter.

At 2:10 PM, or AM pardon me, on Tuesday morning I received a call from Gary La Beau, Camp Director, Camp Tamarack, Tri-Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. Gary has told to me that there was a very serious problem in camp, and a very serious accusation against him. Although it must be admitted by this person, because of sleepiness, the story did not come through very clear to me except as follows.

I was told by Mr. La Beau that tonight was the CIT Supervisor's night out of camp, and that as is his practice he checked into the CIT cabin three times to ascertain that all was well in this area. I have observed Mr. La Beau in past situations and know him to be a very thorough individual in this respect. I do not think there is anything abnormal with his checking with the counselors in training because we have a very serious obligation to these boys and to their parents for their welfare. The only thing that I could understand over the phone of what Gary was saying was that on his third trip into camp into the CIT cabin to check, somebody screamed "Let me alone", of something of that nature and they threw the lights on in the cabin and from what Gary said, Quote "I think I have been set up", end of quote. The purpose of my trip to camp at 3:00 AM this morning is so that I may determine whether in fact there is an allegation being made by these boys which has veracity or whether this is a malicious allegation which has no foundation in fact.

The manner in which I shall operate is as follows:

I shall first stop and pick up Ken Wexler who is in camp. Ken is the Program Director of our council and with Ken shall proceed to Gary La Beau and interview him to get the facts as he states them. Having heard these facts from Mr. La Beau, I shall then proceed to ask the CIT's report to me in the Camp Director's cabin. I shall interview them separately with the boy to whom Gary is supposed to have made advances first, and the other witnesses singly. If I find any basis in fact, I shall check first with our council president, Judge Robert Grant, to make certain that I am moving on a good legal course and shall dismiss Mr. Le Beau. If I find that there is a plan afoot on the part of one or more boys, I shall send them home from camp. In the event should there be inquiries I shall have a meeting with the boy's parents and explain to them why the boys are being sent home from camp. In the event that I find truth in the matter in the allegation, I shall have a meeting with the boy's parents again, explain what has happened, express our apologies. In the event that no resolution is made I shall first Mr. La Beau, and then boys if they will submit to polygraph tests to determine wherein the truth lies.

I am just now arriving at camp. The time is 3:35 AM. I am proceeding to pick Mr. Wexler up. He will be with me during this period of time.

One question which bothers me in this whole thing is why Mr. La Beau did not call me immediately after the incident but waited until 2:00 in the morning.

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Testing

Gary I am committing all of this to tape because I feel that we want to get everything down and take the correct form so that we can get a logical sequences. I would like for you to tell me, because frankly I was half asleep when I talked to you earlier. I _____ I think that the microphone will pick you up very well from there.

Well, starting in chronological order, I was here in the cabin working on different camp items till oh about 11 o'clock or so, and then I read a book for awhile and I guess I should back up a little further. At about dinner time I guess it was, Waterfront Director, Assistant Waterfront Director, and the CIT supervisor approached me about the possibility of leaving camp tonight. Said they wanted to go out to visit some friends, so I Ok'd this and they did leave at approximately 8:30 PM. So then as I said, I was hear until about 11:00 working, and then till 11:30 or quarter to 12, something like that working on this book, and then because the CIT supervisor was out of camp, I wanted to check on the CITs. So I went over to the CIT cabin and was pleasantly surprised that everything was quiet, so I just passed through and that was that. Then I walked around for a while, checked the staff cabin area, walked back to the CIT cabin a second time, walked through, walked down to the kitchen area and down to the waterfront and then back up to the CIT cabin one last time and my intention was to duck right and come back here for the night. When I approached the CIT cabin this third time, and hopefully for the last time, I was approaching from the kitchen area, so I was coming through the door closest to the kitchen, that would be the one adjacent to the fireplace, that would be the east door. Yeah, as I approached that door one of the CITs, _____ started hollowing.

You were in the cabin were you at that point when he started hollowing - No, No I was on the porch. Where was he? In bed I presume. Okay. Prior to this last time I thought he was asleep. So I opened the door and went in and he was hollowing names at different CITs and at that point of course the whole cabin started waking up, and I was standing there and he got up and very disgustedly starting getting drinks of water and talking to the other CITs and so forth. And it was at this point that he said he wanted to call home and several of the other CITs said that they wanted to call home, and talking to them and trying to find out what the problem was, they then, it was at that time they were accusing me of molesting them, massaging them, I don't know what word you want to use. So I stayed there with them for awhile talking to them, and after half hour or so, I think I got them calmed down, and I told them at that time that I would contact Mr. A. Whitiker and inquire if he would be able to come up to camp and have a before breakfast meeting with the CITs. That probably won. The appeared to accept this idea, and stayed in the cabin for awhile to get them calmed down a little bit more, and when it appeared as though everything was okay, then I left.

What time did you leave the cabin Gary? Approximately. Gee, 12:30, 1:00. Why did you wait until 2:00 AM to call me? Well, I was out, I left the cabin at that time, I did stay out near the cabin itself, outside until I was fairly certain that they had gone back to sleep, until the desk lamps they have in there were turned out finely, and then needlessly to say this sorta of shook me up. I wasn't quite sure what course to take, I walked around camp for a bit trying to figure out the best course of action. I didn't quite know whether it would be better to wake you in the middle of the night, or wait until oh about 5 or 5:30. Well, know in fact that the important thing here is to in any case to communicate either directly with me at least get to Mr. Wexler who was across the lake, and get this information to us rather immediately. Because your life and these kid's lives are now in our hands and we have got to make a determination on this, and tomorrow morning wouldn't have been the time to think logically on it. As a matter of fact when you called me wasn't the time for me to think very logically on it either.

In fact is there any truth in this allegation at all? No. Let it be known that he says NO on the answer on that.

Let it be known that this interview took place between 4:05 and 4:10 AM and that the next course of action is that we - is that I will proceed to the CIT cabin and ask these young men to get on their feet at this early hour in the morning, because this interview must be concluded and I must know what is going on long before the 7:30 meeting that they had intended originally.

The first interview will be with [REDACTED]. This is the boy with who Gary was reported to have had intimate contact.

[REDACTED] we are recording this thing as a matter of evidence and I want you to know that this may go to anybody, your parents included. I want to know what happened tonight up there. I would like to get the whole story, and I would like for you to lean forward and talk into the tape recorder if you will.

Okay, first of all well we were all quieted for about a half an hour - about three of us were asleep. Yeah, about three or four of us were asleep. Okay, then Mr. La Beau comes in a flashlight, walks around and shines it at a couple of bunks, and then he turns it off. He walked over to Scott Riches bunk at the end of the cottage there and shines it in his face. Okay, then he comes back to me and unzips my sleeping bag and sticks his hand down my sleeping bag. I am sleeping in the raw you know, nothing on. Well after he did that he zipped up my sleeping bag again, went around to Richardson's bunk, shined on his light, I never saw his face at all, except when he leaned down his name tag Mr. La Beau, which I saw very clearly La Beau, Not Mr. just La Beau, I saw very clearly beneath the bunk, See when he came back he did the very same thing and when I screamed for Scott, and then Keith who was sleeping next to me in 41, and then Mr. La Beau backed up, and I go Oh nothing, and about five minutes later the same thing happened again, so I screamed loud enough and everyone else started screaming. He ran to the door and he tried to make it look like he was coming back in you know from the outside. No one heard any door slam, well definitely I didn't and a couple of other kids said that they didn't either. Okay, so he walks back into the - I could hear him all the way up the trail.

Now did he in fact or has he ever done anything like this before? Four or five times. To you? To me. And what has happened on those occasions? Practically the same thing. Every time. This is at night only? In the night only. He has made no such advances to you during the day? None that I know of. You are aware that things like this can ruin a man, are you? I very aware. I am also aware that things like this can ruin a young kid too. Oh, I am not debating that, I am just saying that if you should be telling an untruth at this point, and this may even to a polygraph test or lie detector test that you could be in deep trouble for making an accusation if not true. I know. If it is true you have nothing to fear at this particular point at all. It is. Alright. Has he made to your knowledge any advance to any of the other fellows? Yes, definitely, [REDACTED] was sleeping next to me couldn't have been more than a week ago, just before Maland got here. Me and [REDACTED]. He grabbed [REDACTED] well he started to talk to [REDACTED]. I am in the other bunk and I was looking, this was when he was checking around, most of us were awake in fact. He grabbed [REDACTED]'s mouth, and [REDACTED] started struggling. stuck his hand in his sleeping bag. Alright. Then see [REDACTED] was struggling I not really sure how long it was, it wasn't longer than a minute or two and then Mr. La Beau let his hand up and he said okay take it easy and go to sleep, and I have been up three or four times when he has done the same thing to me, practically the same thing, except I was sleeping on the top bunk. Why have you not approached somebody on this thing as you see me in camp and - I am too scared, I don't know what to do. Alright (Voice in the background asking a question) Yeah, we told Maland, and he says well if he comes in I be sure to get awake pretty fast. Alright. You said this other fellow was who? His name is [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] outside now. Yes he is. Alright.

Let it be know that it is 4:35 and I am talking with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I am doing a tape recording of your voice and mine because I have got to get to the basis of some of the facts in this matter. This tape will be used to as a record that you and I have talked, number one, and number two it may be used as synopsis of evidence that may be presented to anybody including your parents or our council president Judge Grant. Now I would like to ask you several questions here.

Were you in fact a witness to this thing that happened tonight with [REDACTED]? Yes. Will you tell me in your own words please what happened. Tell you when he came in? Tell me from the beginning. Take it from the top.

I was laying in bed and I heard the door squeak open, and I was just laying there, I didn't think much of it, and then Mr. La Beau was walking around because he usually comes in I didn't think much - and then he will shine the light and look around and after a few minutes or so he would turn out the light and listens what goes on and then after awhile he turns it back on and starts walking. This goes on for about 45 minutes and then he walked over by my bed and he turned out the light. I had my eyes closed then cause when he turned on the light I just kept my bottom eye opened when I was laying and I could feel something playing with my feet, but I had my sleeping bag tucked under, so then he walked away then he went over round and then he came back to [REDACTED]'s bed, and this is the second time he came to [REDACTED]. The first time [REDACTED] made some noise and he walked away. This time [REDACTED] yelled, and I woke up and I hesitated to find a light, did find a light and I shined it on - it was maybe 5 seconds later I shined my light and Mr. La Beau was coming in from the other end, and that's when it all started.

What do you mean he was coming in from the other end, please [REDACTED]? Well, he came in from the fireplace. That is two bunks down. Did he come in through the door or? No, I didn't hear the door at all.

Now has anything like this ever happened in the past to you or to [REDACTED]? In the last three weeks? In the last three weeks. Well I don't know if it was last week or the week before I was awake and Mr. La Beau came over to my bed, and he asked me if I was working on merit badges or anything. He slips his hand under your sleeping bag and just - I don't know just kinda put it bluntly, he just plays with you. Well - You are aware are you not that this particular accusation could become a reason for having a polygraph or lie detector test taken by you or by anybody on the staff including Mr. La Beau, and you are also aware that really that this would be something we had better keep very, very quiet, although we will share it with your parents. Still, I think we had better keep it very quiet from the Scouters and Scouts. We will take action on it if it is as you say it is. We will take action in any case as we dig the information out a little bit further on. Have you anything further that you would like to add to this? Why may I ask have you not ever said anything to some body about him doing this before? Well the first week I thought he was a real nice guy until it happened, we were talking about it just between us guys, we didn't spread it all around, then we heard that it happened last year from some of the staff members. Staff members like who? Well I don't know, some of them were CITs last year, I don't know their names. [REDACTED] somebody else, I don't know. [REDACTED] and somebody else? Yeah. Okay, well I think now we have got all the information we need from you unless you have something else you would like to add. No. Then will you step out to the front porch with [REDACTED]. He is setting out there by his lonesome and I am sorry for getting you up so early in the morning. I expressed the same thing to [REDACTED].

Let it be known that our next interview will be with Mr. Maland White who is the supervisor and coordinator of CITs.

Maland I am doing a tape recording on each of these boys' voices, I also have done a tape recording on Mr. La Beau. We are trying to arrive at the basis in fact on this thing and find out in fact what has been happening and what information you may have in this matter. Would you please let me know at this point what you know about this.

In the beginning on this, okay, I checked into camp last Wednesday, that night the boys came to me with stories about Mr. La Beau. They thought he was a homosexual and that he was messing around with them at night. They told me all these different stories about he had got into their sleeping bags and so forth with them, playing around with them and so forth. I told them that this was all a bunch of garbage, you guys are half asleep, and alive with all your imagination, you may have in fact unzipped your sleeping bags simply because it was warm. I didn't increase the rumor at all. I told them to forget it, but I did say that if any body comes into this cabin at any time during the night while I am here, you just let me know about, cause I want to know to if someone is in my cabin. I tried to stop it from then on, you know I hear it every once in a while and I don't know if it is a carry over because I heard it from other staff members also. What other staff members may I ask please? I can't think of any names but it was everybody in camp had heard about it.

I mean in one way or another, - not necessarily with the CITs but you know it was a general rumor and not that they tried to increase it or anything, it's just from my CITs and so forth that I came in contact with it. I had talked to Rick Glasscal about it and some of the other staff members, and they reassured me that it was in fact gossip and so forth and I just put the matter out of my head. But the one thing that I would like to say is that all the boys were worried about it from the very beginning and I don't know, I really don't know you know. The way that they acted like I told them I would be here every night, and when I told them to let me know if anybody comes into the cabin, they were relieved and when I would leave to go into town with the guys, they would tell me to please be back by 11:00 or 12:00 so that they wouldn't have to worry about it. That's the thing that got me wondering simply because you know I don't know any boy that would show that kind of an attitude -- I just don't know. That's why I talked to Rick Glasscal and everything, I just put this out of my mind and I kept telling them every time they started in with that I said I don't want to hear about it, just forget it, it's all over, whatever happened is doesn't have any business up here and I don't want to hear any more. And that's all there was to it. That's all I can really tell you.

Thank you very much. I will ask you to check with you boys again as I have already checked with two of them, and sworn them to total silence because there are an awful lot of Boy Scouts that will be coming to this camp and a lot of staff members who are currently on the staff that could be hurt very badly by such a rumor. We will deal with the facts as soon as we can determine what those facts are. But I ask you to make certain that these boys understand the hurt that they can do themselves as well as others by speaking openly about this to anybody other myself, or some duly constituted scout official. Do you know of any general dislike for Mr. La Beau among the junior staff? No, I can't really say that I know of any general dislike, I think that they have a great deal of respect for him and that might carry over, you know what I mean, when somebody is respected they are often feared, let's put it that way and things like that could come about. Do you understand what I am trying to say? Yes I do. But do you at this particular point in time feel that there is a basis in this fact or that this is again something that this is again something that they are trying to put somebody on the defensive? Getting to know Mr. La Beau, I can't believe it myself personally and I don't know if there is something here or not, but I know that there was a great deal of concern by the _____ about the matter. I'll just let it go at that. I don't think anything more needs to be said, and anything more would be distasteful.

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State your name for the record, please.

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██████████ Hi I want to make sure I am recording this. ██████████ it's early in the morning ██████████ we are making this recording for two things. I want to make sure that I get the facts straight, and I will get them in your own words and hold them in your own words in this fashion, and number two I just think that it will constitute some body of evidence that needs to be had at this particular point.

█ will you tell me first of all do you know anything about this situation?

Last night you mean?

Yes, or anything prior to that.

As far as last night goes ____ anyway last night we all went swimming so we were all pretty worn out, so we had to unwind a little bit before we went to sleep. However, there were a couple of kids that went right to sleep. They were really breathing heavy and █ and I were awake and we heard Mr. La Beau walk in, opened the door real quietly and walked in and shut the door behind him and he walked over to the west bunks, south bunks in the cabin and (let it be known now as the south bunks of the cabin - the bunks run east and west - this is the east over there and this is west, pardon me I am not trying to) it's all on one wall so - (so it would be the north wall) okay (I think) alright (I am going to be confused ----) Anyway, he walked over to █ (this bunk on the kitchen) no, it is on the other end (near the fireplace?) Right, fine. And he, Mr. La Beau with the flashlight pointing up at the ceiling and the flashlight went off, and I heard a zipper unzip, and in about two minutes █ and I looked at each other and the light went back on and he walked back around, he walked around a little bit more, and then he walked over to some more bunks and he just looked at them, at the kids, then he walked by to █'s bed again, and he did the same thing, turned the flashlight off, and I saw him start to pull the sleeping bag up and then he turned the flashlight off, and I didn't see anything and I was listening and no sounds at all, and then about three minutes █ woke up and yelled █, █, and he said what's the matter, and he said oh nothing, never mind, and that's when the flashlight was off. I don't think you could see anybody in there, and then Mr. La Beau got up and walked around the room, because one of the kids, and then he went back to █'s bed, and he knelt down once again, but this time he left the light on, and he lifted the sleeping bag up and he stuck his hand under the sleeping bag, (You know that for a fact or was that told to you?) No, I saw that. (Alright) - Cause I could see from my bed ---- I could see it and then █ woke up and he started yelling there is something in my bed, there is something in my bed - and that's when █ and I jumped up and got a flashlight, and by that time Mr. La Beau turned the light off and ran over to the door, and he walked back and everybody was up by then, and he said what's the matter, I heard you out on the trail and █ just told him that there was something in his bed, you know, and that he didn't like it and he was going to go his cabin and Mr. La Beau said No, I don't think you better, He said now just calm down and go back to bed, and I see you in the morning. So we all went back to bed, and then as soon as he left, we all got up and we started talking about it, and █ said I don't care what is going on, I am calling my Mom, I am having her come up after me and I am going to stay in his cabin until morning, and we were talking and we all decided to run and get some staff guys and tell them what went on and just as we were getting ready to run out the door, Mr. La Beau walked back in and said let's get back in bed, just quit worrying about what is going on, and that's when █ came out and told him that he didn't like people fooling with his sleeping bag at night, and that he was going to his cabin where he would be safe, and then we had it all out right there. And Mr. La Beau said he was going to call Mr. Whitiker and have him come up in the morning and Tim Bresna asked to see if we could have our parents up to hear what we were going to say, and Mr. La Beau said OK, and so that's about all that went on and we went back to bed, and after that he left.

Okay [REDACTED] now what ever happens here will have to be shared with your parents one way or the other, but I don't think it has to be shared with anybody else in camp, Do you understand that? Alright, you fellows know what all went on and you could hurt yourselves, and a lot of staff men and a lot of Scouts too. I like talking about this further, before noon there will be something concrete will have happened, and even when and if something happens that is rather obvious to you, I don't want a word said about it, you know nothing about the situation, but I wouldn't be here if I weren't very, very interested in what's going on. Let me ask you another question of you if I can [REDACTED]

Have you heard anything about this kind of situation prior to coming to camp or from anyone on the staff in the past? Well there were a couple of kids I was with the very first night and I woke up later and Mr. La Beau had his hand on my -----, and I rolled over and then he went to top bunk and he was just looking at the kids like his elbow was on the bunk just looking at them, so I thought this was pretty unusual so I told the kids in the morning, and I guess we were talking about it when [REDACTED] was around and he said that had happened to CITs last year, over the last year. This is [REDACTED]? Yeah. I am just trying to get this on tape to make sure that we have got this. Yeah, I know one thing [REDACTED] was you know - this was it -- Nothing is going to happen to anybody until we get to the basis then we will find out from there what happened. Okay. Any way, some of the other people were talking about what happened has happened to them like [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the CITs last year - both of them were CITs last year and anyway they told some stories that happened to them, and that's all that I can say. But it wasn't prior to anything that has happened.

State for the record if you will on tape, your name and then we will proceed talking from there.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] you are aware that this taping is being done for two reasons, number one because I may have to reconstruct what is said verbatim and number two I this may have some points of evidence that are needed. Now will you in your own words please tell me what you know about Mr. La Beau and any observations you have made about him during this summer, and will you talk into the microphone please.

Well I was here, I have been here two weeks so far, and out of those two weeks there has been about six or seven days where Mr. La Beau has come in and checked on us, but yet he stayed a little longer than just checking his flashlight around and seeing that everybody here, and we noticed it, and we talked to a few staff members about it, and we wondered if this had happened before, and we found out that it had.

To whom did you speak to before?

I don't want to give out any names.

No, I want you to know names. I must know names at this point. It's not going to get them in trouble but I must know names.

██████████, that was one of them and ██████████

These were the only two or were there more please? Give me any names that you can.

Let's see, I think the other boys might have talked to ██████████, but that was about it.

Okay.

And concerning last night, we went to bed early, it was about 10:30 instead of 11:00 and I was staying awake - I was having a hard time sleeping, I had a coke about half an hour before and it was hitting me, so I wasn't going to bed and Mr. La Beau came in and swished his flashlight around me and the person above me, ██████████, and then he proceeded to go on down the line until he reached the four boys from 320 and there I am afraid he did more than just swish his flashlight around.

What do you mean you are afraid are you - did you actually observe anything going on or is this something that you have been told secondhand?

I observed everything, except that he would go over to the guy, you could see him and maybe you would hear a zipper unzip or something like that, then he would turn his light off, and then leave it on - he would turn it back on and walk over to another person, check around them a little bit - turn it off, then after another period of time he would turn it back on.

Now beside the light turning on and off, is there anything else that you observed?

Well, I observed him pull up a few sleeping bags -

Pull up a few sleeping bags - what do you mean?

Open them up.

Unzip them?

Unzip them or if they were unzipped, he pulled them back.

What else did you observe if anything?

That was just about it until he went over to ██████████ and checked around a bit, turned off the light and all of a sudden ██████████ was screaming ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ something is in my sleeping bag. Get a flashlight, get a flashlight, and then we turned it back on and he had jumped about four feet over and -

Who is he?

Mr. La Beau

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Okay.

How could he tell it was Mr. La Beau

Well Mr. La Beau is the only person who comes in at night, and like I said I wasn't asleep, but and I had my eyes open and I could see him. He was carrying a flashlight around, holding it up I could see his face.

You could see his face?

Yeah

That's what I wanted to hear. Alright - Has Mr. La Beau ever made any improper advances to you?

No, he hasn't.

Okay.

Let it be known that the final interview with six CITs present all at one time is being held at 5:15 AM. Our apologies to all concerned about the earliness of the hour. This tape is being made so that it may be reconstructed at some future time and for whatever purpose may be necessary including discussion with the boy's parents or actual case at law.

Will you please state your name and say that same thing that you told us just now on tape, please. Why have you never said anything to anyone in the past about this? What is your name?

██████ - you want me to tell you what I just said?

Just repeat what you just said.

Okay. - Well -- just a couple of hours ago when it happened that he said it to ██████ - he said this will ruin this chap -- will ever be on staff up here again. ----- Mr. La Beau said it.

Let it be known that if these be words of Mr. La Beau, this is not the sentiment of Ray Whitiker, the Scout Executive of the council, and that when something of this nature comes up, I would expect any loyal staff man to CIT or ---staff man to express this to me in an aside conversation at anytime during the summer, because this cannot be allowed to go on at any time or nothing out base of Scouting should go on. This is the place for Scouting, now --

Did he also make that statement to you? (to the whole group, he was standing up right there the whole time ----)

State your name please.

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██████████ -- He made the statement to the entire group? We was all standing up there and talking and he said this blows the chance for the whole staff and probably goes for the rest of us.-----

Your name please?

██████████ - You heard this statement made to?

He just said it to ██████████ that it would ruin his chances -- I don't know about the rest of the ----

And your name?

██████████ did you hear this statement made?

Yes, it was - figured that he meant ██████████.

Was there any reason why ██████████ should not be considered to be a staff member in the future?

No.

That you are aware of I mean?

Your name please?

██████████, did you hear this statement made the same way?

It was made directly at ██████████.

It was made to ██████████?

And your name?

----- It was directed at ██████████ he said that. ----- Word used was shoot your chances at staff in the future.

I am doing this tape recording with ██████████ - he understands that this may be - or he will understand that this may be used to reconstruct evidence in this matter.

█ you were a CIT last year? You were a staff member? --- staff member -- Come closer and speak into this microphone, please. I was a staff member last year. Alright.

Were you at any point last year of anything improper that might have been happening between anybody on the staff and the CIT?

Yeah --I was.

Like what?

Well referring to our camp director a little bit.

What for incident did you know?

Well I knew that there was a lot of goofing around at night, late at night.

Goofing around. Define this because it's got to be defined. This is why I have spent all night out of bed.

Well, it's -I don't know - well to me it is homosexual acts. That is all there is to it.

Such as █ please?

Well he would according to the boys, I wasn't there, but all of them you know a few up here on staff that were _____ us. You know, they still say a lot of things. According to them he would come in at night and give them a feel and tickle. Then he would you know molest them.

In what way █?

█, I have already talked to six guys. I've got their statements on this thing, and I have got to get every statement that I can. Nothing will be taken against you, understand, I just need to have this information.

Well, he would mess around with their _____ and pubic area. That was all there was to it. They were too scared to do anything.

█, why didn't you say something to either myself or Bob Hanawald about this last year, if you knew about

Well, I didn't know, you know it was different then. I didn't know whether they were telling me the truth or if they were just making a big story up, and during the day you know, he is fine. As far as I am concerned, he is well liked. He changes at night or something, I don't know, but to me well this year it was still continuing. I been with a few of the boys. I work closely with the CITs because you know - no body pays to much attention to them. _____ and it just doesn't seem _____ and 4:00 and 2:00 - 4:00 in the morning, that's what they say. No one does that just to check up on them. I mean that's what that's why you know they asked to just make sure you are all right. It was different, I mean I talked to some boys and I talked to the CITs and one of them in particular is ah - he's been molested by Mr. La Beau.

One of this year's CITs? Will you put a name for me please.

Well actually it was three or four - _____, I don't know their names that well but I know them personally.

These boys have talked to you about this?

Yeah.

But you know nothing other than what they have said to you at this point, and you don't know anything from last year except what you heard?

He never tried anything on me.

Okay. That's what I am asking. Other boys who are on staff this year can you give me their names of any boys who may be the people we should be interviewing?

Yeah, _____

_____ and?

Well the only other one that I know - no there were two other ones that were CITs last year that was _____, and _____

Okay, would you do me a favor and see if you can awaken _____ and get him over here. I must talk to him. And while you are at it, you might as well get _____ to.

Okay.

Okay.

██████████ what we are doing here is just as distasteful to me as it is going to be to you. And yet at the same time I have got to get some information from you about somethings that are purported to have gone on last year as a CIT between you and the camp director - between the CITs and the camp director. I must have some facts because some things have come to light that make it necessary that I spend all of last night up talking with guys. Now will you please tell me some of the things as you know them. (This is ██████████ we are talking to and he I hope he understands that we may use this verbatim anything that he says)

Well last year nothing much happened to me. You want every thing?

I want anything that you actually observed to have happened rather than something that is purported to have happened.

Well I just remember one night and that's about it. We were up making noise, it was about one o'clock in the morning, and Mr. La Beau came in and we heard the door shut and naturally we all shut up. I know we shouldn't have been making noise, but anyway he comes in and he comes over to my bed, I don't know if you want to know about any one else or not had done it first or not, but he came over to my - I was sleeping in my underwear. I always sleep in my underwear, and for about two minutes he stuck his hand underneath my shorts and just rubbed it on my butt and then he left. That's the only thing that happened to me. He didn't touch you genitalia at all?

No.

You were sleeping on your stomach you say?

Yes.

Had you any conversations with any body else to whom he did anything different than that?

Yes, but they reported but I don't want this guy - it might be heresy.

Alright. ██████████ I appreciate your getting up early this morning and coming over here and giving us what little information you have got. I ask you to remain totally silent of anything that has transpired here, both now and in the future, for your own sake, for your fellow staff members sake, and certainly for the camp's sake. We will - action will be taken don't worry about it.

██████████ Let it be known that we are talking at this point ██████████. At this point I am informing ██████████ that this tape will be used to reconstruct evidence in certain matters that he will be informed of rather immediately. ██████████ you were a CIT last year were you not?

Yes.

Was there anything that you could report at this point, I have already talked with a good dozen guys, and I would like to know what if anything went on last year between the CITs and any other member of this staff that was off colored in any manner.

Well the only person I can think of is that would be Mr. La Beau. I don't know if you have every heard anything about him. I don't think he is you know quite exactly normal, if I look at him the way most of the people look at him I guess you could kinder consider him a homosexual. He to only person I know about that doesn't look quite normal to me.

What do you mean look like normal

Well acting normal lets put it that way.

Has he acted anything other than normal with you?

Well most of the time he would appear normal but I don't know there have been cases when a normal person doesn't act the way he does.

Has he ever made any homosexual advances upon you?

He only made one. The second night I was here the CITs about 10:30 at night I was asleep, and all of a sudden his hands come flying down my sleeping bag, well it was pretty close to and he said put some meat on this. That was about all he ever did to me.

He didn't touch your genitalia at all?

No.

Had you any knowledge of any other first hand knowledge of any other boys he did anything with?

I am not sure of his name, in fact there were several of them - the CIT bunch that ----- and there may have -----

What did he do precisely by them?

One guy said he had a back ache and he just started massaging his back, and when he turned him over and started massaging his genitals and the other guy was just kinda beating - just kinda fighting with him, whacking and everything when he was naked. His rear end.

Okay [REDACTED], be aware that we have talked with a number of other people, I don't want any word of this to leak to anybody, either now or for the future. I apologize to you for getting you up so cotton picking early in the morning, but this is a good time for cotton picking.

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