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DATE 10/16/85

FULL NAME MANUEL A. MARES SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name) Drivers License-583903471
 ADDRESS 185 Chestnut Hill Ave. Apt#1 --- 82 Bay State Rd. Apt-1
 CITY Boston STATE Mass. ZIP CODE 02135
 DATE OF BIRTH 7/27/55 (This is important and should be exact)
 APPROXIMATE AGE 30 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)
 RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY Spanish
 OCCUPATION Spanish Teacher--speaks, reads and writes French
 EDUCATION Boston Univercity--BA Degree Graduated 1982
 WEIGHT 145 lbs HEIGHT 5'5" RACE _____
 COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____
 OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Rountable-Camp Master Training-Camp Sayre
 MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN _____
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)
 NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Pk-3	Brighton	MA	Comm. Member	1983	1984
Pk-3	Brighton	MA	Asst. Web-Den L	1983	1984
Pk-3	Brighton	MA	Asst. Cub Master	1984	1985

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Resigned in the face of alleged charges of immoral or indecent conduct, although no formal admission occurred. Was given opportunity to vindicate himself though.

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

STARON
OCT 16 1985

NOTED
JAN 28 '86
JOSEPH L. AGLIM

Signed by Regist.at National-Texas
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council #922--Unit-8627

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January 30, 1986

Mr. Erik L. Nystrom
Scout Executive
Greater Boston Council, No. 227

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Manuel A. Mares

Dear Erik:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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JAN 30 1986
CARMEN FREEMAN

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Cross off pro roster
and prep on MSMA
Reg. + mag.

Manuel Mares

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separated 8-31-85.
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Dropped on MSMA in

227-C3060 for CA Mult.

922-D8627 for 53-94 Reg.

999-20001 Bay's Life T. Actg.

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Brighton, MA 02135

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To: Whom It May Concern

Statement of Meeting Held - Aug. 22, 1985 / 3:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Attending: Manuel Mares - District Executive

Robert Rose - Area Director

Steve Whitney - Field Director

Erik Nyström - Scout Executive

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Person For Meeting: To address Manuel regarding informal charges that had been brought against him by two boys ^{with} their mother present. Charges purportedly stemmed from Hub 2 provisional camp where Manuel was a provisional leader. The charges, if true, were of the nature of immoral or indecent conduct which would be immediate grounds for suspension and eventual dismissal.

- I (Erik Nyström) opened the meeting, indicating to Manuel that we had a very delicate and sensitive matter to discuss with him that (if true) could be grounds for suspension and potential termination. However, we wanted Manuel (his) reaction and were not assuming anything at this point.

- Steve Whitney, Manuel's supervisor, then addressed Manuel with the fact that testimony from several boys (with their mother present) had necessitated this meeting. The testimony had incriminated Manuel

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as committing acts of an immoral nature not expected of anyone in Scouting much less a professional. Steve Whitney indicated if there was a degree of truth to these charges, it would necessitate Maxwell resigning from the Council and the Boy Scouts or his immediate suspension and termination.

- Bob Rose, Area Director then explained to Maxwell more explicitly the nature of the charges so there would be no misunderstanding or confusion. Mr. Rose indicated that if there was a "thread of truth" to these accusations the best course of action for all concerned parties would be for Maxwell to resign from the Council and the Boy Scouts. He indicated that a simple non-incriminating resignation letter was available for that purpose. On the other hand, Bob indicated if the charges were false he (Maxwell) should say so and elect to encourage that additional investigation be done so as to clear Maxwell's name and the charges be exonerated.

- I (Ex. K system) explained to Maxwell that his suspension would occur while the investigation went on (but it would be ^{kept} confidential) and should the facts prove him innocent he would be reinstated with all back pay and benefits reinstated immediately.

- Bob Rose explained to Maxwell that this was his career and his choice as to how one might proceed and restated alternatives. Rose indicated that the Council and the Movement would stand

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with Maxwell doing whatever was necessary to thoroughly investigate the matter and that should be Maxwell's choice as to course of action if there was no truth to the allegations as presented earlier.

- Maxwell denied all allegations, but at no time during the next 1 1/2 hours of discussion, he clarified the charges and presenting the alternatives again did Maxwell schematically protect the charges or elect to pursue further investigation. Whitney, Nyström, Rose served a reluctance as Maxwell's path to promulgate further investigation. It was also clear that Maxwell was extremely reluctant to make the decision to resign from his chore career. During the course of discussion back and forth, Nyström, Whitney & Rose indicated the "PERSONAL" nature of these charges and that his was a "personal" decision which we could support. Maxwell consistently tried to reason if pat on the back or as he brought up - sharing his sleeping bag with some other scouts on a cold night might be misconstrued as "sexual advances" or when ghost stories frightened the kids all grabbing each other could be misinterpreted as the same. Bob Rose repeatedly told Maxwell the specific nature of the charges the Council had secured and indicated that there could not be confused with pat on the back reference (touching scout's chest, stomach, outside of legs). Rose said either you

did or didn't do there as charged. Rose said, if you didn't
then protest then and we'll allow an investigation to continue
in your behalf but if there's a "through of trust" to the
charges ~~as~~ he best elect to resign. "But it's your choice
regardless", Rose said. "The movement will support your
decision whichever it is to a resolution of the matter."

"This is your profession" he said "and career". Maxey asked
if he resigned whether he would ever be considered
for another position at a future date certain.

Although Rose couldn't absolutely take it out, he
indicated that it was extremely unlikely that the
the BSA would employ Maxey elsewhere or in the future
based on the nature of the charges that would contribute
to an and decision to resign.

Maxey on numerous occasions asked for names of
his accusers and requested the opportunity to sit down
with them and try to resolve the matter. Rose, Nyström
and Whitney indicated that this was not an alternative
unless by due process of further investigation this
occurred ~~by due process~~ and that the familiar confidential
would be maintained. Accusations and testimony having
already been given to the Council, prohibits their approach
being exercised.

On many or numerous occasions mentioned his great
work, his spirit being left in the bunch and his dedication
for scouting and performance. Steve Bob & Erik echoed
and repeatedly praised Maxey for his performance
and work as a Scout professional, but I (Erik)

Explained that although his ^{work} performance had been exemplary
it was not at issue here, but if it was the Council had
conferred a promotion on Maxwell just before the charges
were lodged. This was evidence of his (Maxwell's) work
performance and that was accepted that.

• Maxwell gave the appearance of one caught between
a rock and a hard place with neither foot on acceptable
the new or on partial - his mind in a right court indignation
His mind was working through both our conversations always
hoping for some other way to resolve the matter amicably.

• Maxwell on numerous occasions indicated that resignation
was probably the best course to help save and the
Council. Bob Stewart and I refused to accept resignation on
those grounds professed by him doing it for the benefit
of the Council, Volunteer Centers, scouting program etc. We
kept reaffirming that the decision to resign should occur
in response to the explicit charges personally lodged
against him.

• Again and again we said to Maxwell, if the charges are
false, deny them and let us investigate further. Maxwell
would deny charges, but would not get at any time to let the
investigation proceed to the next step or that investigating firm
is the allegation that he would choose. He asked
how the decision might be arrived at as to final resolution
and who might be involved in that decision or how many people
would be talked to and how many other names need be followed
up.

At about 6:30 p.m. Manuel without prefaced remarks and understanding clear the charges, implications and courses of action available to him signed the resignation recognizing that the Council could not guarantee that personal legal action by any of the parties to the complaint or others was not ruled out after signing the resignation. Bob Rose suggested to Manuel that he move it a deliberate controlled pace and not to react or do anything foolish as other circumstances were possible.

These are the facts, or best I can recall leading to the voluntary resignation of Manuel Munoz on Thursday August 22, 1985. Manuel was asked to prepare a simple check-out report and share with my staff which he did.

Leah Dwyer
8/23/85



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

891 Centre Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02130
617-522-4000

MEMORANDUM

To: Erik Nystrom
Scout Executive

From: Manuel Mares

Date: August 22, 1985

Please accept this notice as my resignation as District Executive and member of the Professional staff of the Greater Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America... effective today, August 22, 1985.

Manuel Mares

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WUB - INCIDENT REPORT

August 21, 1985

Westermon received a phone call Tuesday AM August 19, from Richard H. [redacted], registered as a [redacted] in [redacted] Park [redacted].

[redacted] was a Scouting friend of Art Shepard in [redacted] district. Prior to calling [redacted], [redacted] called [redacted] and shared facts relating to the incident, and learned that for a solution [redacted] should call [redacted] of [redacted]. Noel Scherschmidt was informed of the situation by Shepard.

[redacted]'s son was a part of [redacted] the [redacted] camp week of August 18. The son related this story to his father on way home from camp.

In their AP [redacted] site, after lunch on Wed or Thurs, [redacted] was seen by [redacted] to be pulled into a latrine by some adult. [redacted] identified the adult as [redacted]. During the time [redacted] and [redacted] were in the latrine, [redacted] became frightened. He states [redacted] made motions with his hands in front of (his own - [redacted]'s body - unknown) which led him to believe he was going to be touched.

[redacted] [redacted] told the adult he heard his friend [redacted] call him, and [redacted] away.

[redacted] states the only time he was touched was when [redacted] placed his arm around his shoulders and steered (pulled) him into the latrine.

[redacted] also told by [redacted]'s son that [redacted] had several boys sleeping in [redacted]'s tent with him. [redacted] noted that [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] also had boys in his tent. There were [redacted] 55 [redacted] in the site, and it was pretty crowded. [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] were the boys in [redacted]' tent.

At the time this memo is being written, the only person presenting information direct to Westermon is [redacted] [redacted].

[redacted] will follow up with an interview with [redacted] [redacted] at his [redacted].

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HUB B INCIDENT REPORT

AUGUST 15, 1985

██████████ set up a meeting between ██████████, ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████ and himself for 2:45 pm 8/15, at the Martin Nursing Home. ██████████ later called with the message that he couldn't attend.

The meeting was held anyway between Whitney, ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████. ██████████ had briefed his mother; who spoke fairly good English and remained quite calm throughout the meeting. ██████████ seemed to be an alert and well behaved boy. He greatly enjoyed his camp experience.

██████████'s story: After lunch on Wednesday or Thursday he and his friend ██████████ had returned to the campsite. Mr. Tinnery had gone to Wild Goose to pick up some shirts. Manny Mares was standing near the latrine. Mares reached out and put his arms around ██████████'s waist, walking him into the latrine. Mares was facing ██████████'s back during this time. Fearing that something may be wrong, ██████████ claims to have whispered to his friend ██████████ "call for me". ██████████ did call out for him, and ██████████ told Mares "My friend ██████████ is calling me, I have to go". Mares then let ██████████ go, and ██████████ rushed out.

██████████ said that at no time was he touched in any other way by Mares. He was not asked to do anything by Mares. When ██████████ asked several questions concerning possible hand motions that Mares might have made, ██████████ stated quite firmly that he had seen no hand motions. "I wasn't facing him, so I couldn't see anything."

██████████ said that nothing happened in the latrine, but he feared that something was going to so he quickly got out. ██████████ asked what made him think that he might be touched. ██████████ replied that some of the scouts had said that he ^(Mares) was gay.

██████████ said that he told only ██████████ about the incident, but ██████████ or ██████████ might have told others. ██████████ asked if he had heard of other incidents involving Mares. ██████████ offered:

- 1 He had two scouts sleeping in his tent. When ██████████ asked further questions he answered- Yes, Mr. T had two scouts with him, and no, there were some other tents that had extra empty bunks.
- 2 Later the same day as the incident, a scout named David (he never knew the last name) from Troop 213? came up to him (██████████) and told him that Mares had touched him also.

Mrs. ██████████ said that she wanted her son to remain a scout. "He likes it, it's good for him, and if I made him quit ██████████ would think I was punishing him for telling me what happened. He wouldn't want to come to me with any problems after that."

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"I just want to make sure that something like this wont happen to [redacted] again " [redacted] answered that we couldn't yet be sure of the outcome of this investigation, she could rest assured that Mares would not be in a camping situation with her son's troop again

[redacted] talked to Hennebury on the phone on 8/16., explaining the results of the meeting of the day before (omitting [redacted]'s comments about [redacted]). Hennebury stated that Mares had been a good friend and had helped him and the troop get started. He had gone on three weekend camping trips with the troop in the past, and he had no problems of any kind in the past. "I feel caught inbetween a friend and a scout, but I thought that I should notify someone." To date Hennebury has only told Art Shap^{er} (who told Noel Schaarschmidt and Jim Westerman). Hennebury would like to know the results of this investigation, but knows that it might take a few weeks to complete.

Steven Whitney

The only "Dad" at HUB B was:

[redacted]
- 500 West Brookline Street

SD - 5003

HUB B - [redacted]

HUB 2 INCIDENT REPORT

AUGUST 19, 1985

As a followup to the interview with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] in their home at 95 A West Brookline Street in the South End. (536-5063). Mrs. [REDACTED] had no idea as to why I had requested the meeting. She spoke good English and remained calm, controlled and attentive throughout the meeting.

Whitney asked David how he enjoyed camp. [REDACTED] said it was great, especially swimming. When asked if he had had any problems at camp, maybe with one of the leaders he ([REDACTED]) said no. [REDACTED] was asked if a leader had touched him at camp. [REDACTED] replied that Mares had grab him by the shoulder once and made him sit down and watch some demonstration that was going on. Mares had said "Shut up and learn something"; [REDACTED] admitted that he had been goofing around at the time. [REDACTED] then asked if this was the only time that a leader had touched him. [REDACTED] shook his head in the affirmative.

Digging further, [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he knew a scout named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said yes. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had told him ([REDACTED]) that he ([REDACTED]) had told him ([REDACTED]) that Mares had touched him ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] then asked [REDACTED] if this touching was on the shoulder and making him sit down was what David had meant. [REDACTED] looked embarrassed, then said no, that Mares had touched him twice another time.

David said that sometime early in the week, Mares had told David to sit down (on a log?) next to him. (Mares then started touching his [REDACTED] chest, then stomach, then crotch ([REDACTED] up [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to these areas)). Apparently Mares did this without saying anything, and asking nothing of David. David said "get up and left". Whitney asked why he did not tell Mares. David said that "I think that I did tell Mr. [REDACTED] but he told me to go to a program area. I think that [REDACTED] filled up."

Whitney asked if any of the other scouts had been touched. David said that "I don't know if the other kids were touched". When asked to recall the name of the other kids, David could only remember "Meatloaf" (Carlos) and "Bird" (real name unknown).

Whitney then talked alone with Mrs. [REDACTED] about the incident. She said that this was the first she had heard of this. She noted that David was shy and often didn't confide in her. She believed that [REDACTED] is telling the truth about the incident and is afraid that "Manny" might try it again with some other boy.

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Whitney found it difficult to interview [REDACTED]. He spoke very
haltingly throughout and often mumbled his responses, in
short or incomplete sentences. [REDACTED] seemed Hazy on the facts,
which [REDACTED] had to draw out of him. I am not convinced that
he was telling the story completely or accurately. His responses
came only after Whitney prompted him, and possibly lead him.
His mother is convinced of [REDACTED]'s story and truthfulness.
I asked Mrs. [REDACTED] to talk more to [REDACTED] about this incident
over the next two days. I will then recontact her to get
more details or facts that may have been overlooked in our
meeting.

Steven Whitney

His "X" Incident

August 20, 1985

1. Figueron phone Whitney with more
details. She said that David
remembered that 5 other boys had
been touched by Mares.

1. "Big Bird" - [REDACTED] (?)
2. "Mentloaf" - ?
3. [REDACTED]
4. Two twin brothers

15. [REDACTED] learned from [REDACTED] that:

"I was sitting reading a comic book
when Mares called me over and had me
sit next to him. He put his arm
around me and talked to me. He
put his other arm on my chest,
slid it down to my stomach,
then he put his hand down to
my crotch and rubbed it for a while.
He continued to talk to me like
nothing was happening. He then slid his
hand down to my leg and rubbed that
for a while before returning to my crotch
and rubbing it."

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