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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 25, 1972

FULL NAME RONALD S. WENTWORTH  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 962 Stony Hill

CITY Redwood City STATE Calif. ZIP CODE 94061

AGE 30 Birthdate - 2/17/41  
(This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY U.S.

OCCUPATION Professional photographer

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 180 lbs. (approx) COLOR yellowish tan HEIGHT 5' 10" (approx.)

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES --

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Sea Scouts and photography

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN none ~~to speak of~~  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

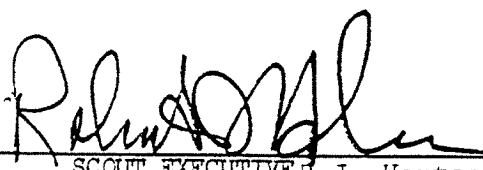
SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: Associate Ship Adviser

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Ship 146	Palo Alto	Ca.	Mate	12/1/71	3/1/72

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

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- I. See attached copy of camp incident.
- II. Privileged information which clearly shows this man to have immoral tendencies toward boys. This privileged information comes to us from sources that cannot be disclosed.
- III. See my letter to Jack Rhea March 10, 1972.

Signed   
SCOUT EXECUTIVE R. J. Horton  
Council Stanford Area Council #31

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May 4, 1972

Mr. Robert J. Horton  
Scout Executive  
Stanford Area Council, No. 31

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Ronald S. Wentworth

Dear Mr. Horton:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above Scouter and the enclosed information. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting it for us.

This additional 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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2 August 1971

### REPORT OF INCIDENTS 29 JULY, 31 JULY, and 1 AUGUST 1971

The morning of Sunday 1 August assistant Scoutmaster [redacted], Troop 31, reported to me that a number of his Scouts had had homosexual advances made to them by Ron Wentworth, camp maintenance director. Discussion with the individual Scouts disclosed the following:

During the afternoon of Thursday 29 July a number of Scouts had been helping Ron Wentworth haul canvas to the dump from the building Troop 31 was removing. While on the barge [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] say that Ron Wentworth was holding them with his hand on their genitals. [redacted] reports that he did it 5 or 6 times, stroking, and that [redacted] pushed him away. [redacted] reports that he did it twice, and that [redacted] said, "Lay off," to make him stop. [redacted] reports he was sitting beside him at the time, and that [redacted] said, "Help," and moved away from him. [redacted] reports he was asked to sit on Ron's lap, and that he held his genitals for several minutes. The Scouts were fully dressed and no attempt was made to disrobe them.

graph During the afternoon of Saturday 31 July [redacted] and [redacted] were asked to go sailing in the Pelican with him by Ron Wentworth. [redacted] reports that Ron held his genitals and attempted to put his hand inside his bathing suit, getting it partway in, but that [redacted] pushed him away. [redacted] reports that Ron tried to put his hand inside his swimming suit but that he pushed him back.

The above boys, and others in Troop 31, including [redacted] and [redacted], report various minor incidents of holding, pushing, roughhousing, grabbing, and horseplay, without specific sexual implications, over the past half week, involving Ron.

By the time the leaders of Troop 31 were aware of this, almost all of the Scouts in the troop were aware of what had happened and were discussing it among themselves. (Dwight Henninger is a member of Troop 15, camping with Troop 5.) Most Scouts liked Ron, were sorry for him, and

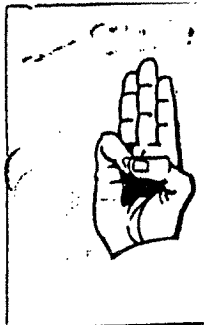
graph During the morning I interviewed the Scouts, except [redacted] with [redacted] present. After contacting Scout Executive Robert Norton, I presented the facts, without names, to Ron Wentworth. He was shocked, denied any wrongdoing, said he meant nothing by the horseplay, no sexual implications were intended, and that at most he was indiscreet in engaging in contact roughhousing with the Scouts. He offered to leave camp quickly and quietly.

were afraid of him.



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After discussion with [redacted] it was determined to try to find out for sure whether Ron was guilty or not before letting him leave camp, and to seek the guidance of Executive Board Member Larry Henninger before making a final decision.

During the afternoon I talked to [redacted] and his son [redacted] and reviewed ~~both of~~ the facts with some of the Scouts of Troop 31. [redacted] appeared quite upset.

With [redacted] it was determined that the best course of action was to ask Ron to leave because his position was at least untenable: though his guilt or innocence could no ~~finally~~ absolutely determined, he was at least indiscreet, the Scouts saw his actions as homosexual, and the Scouts were afraid of him. Ron ~~agreed to leave camp immediately~~ was advised to seek counseling, agreed to leave camp immediately, and also said he would talk to Robert Horton. Mr [redacted] was with me when we talked to Ron.

Late in the afternoon I met with the following committee members of Troop 31 who were in camp: Sterling McNeese, Dick Rogers, Bill Schick, Gil Johnson, and assistant Scoutmasters [redacted] Bob Bodd, and Jim Cox. It was agreed that the correct course of action had been taken, that the committeemen would notify the parents, and that the Scouts would be advised not to talk to any other troop members. Some Scouts were going home with parents, but not those involved.

Paragraph I notified Robert Horton of my actions late in the afternoon.

[redacted] notified Oz Lundquist, acting Scoutmaster of Troop 5, and later telephoned Robert Horton.

As far as I know, the only other people aware of the situation are are program director Doug MacDonald and chaplain Dan Lion, who was asked to counsel Ron Wentworth, and, if needed, the Scouts.

During the evening I attended Troop 31's campfire where the leaders led a very calm, open, and rational discussion. All Scouts seem quite calm and level-headed about the incident.

[redacted signature block]

Camp Director  
Camp Oljato



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