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LATHAM, RICHARD WILSON
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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 21 SEPT 71

Full Name RICHARD WILLIAM LATHAM
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address P.O. Box 13127

City OFFUTT AFB, State NEBRASKA

Age 29 (This is important and should be exact) (7 MAY 42)

Approximate Age — (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC Nationality U.S.

Occupation OFFICER, U.S.A.F.

Education B.S. CORNELL UNIVERSITY 1968

Weight 165 Color WHITE Height 5'11"

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes GRAY

Outstanding characteristics or interests SCOUTING - STAMP COLLECTING

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

Wife's name N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
<u>T-452</u>	<u>OFFUTT AFB</u>	<u>NE.</u>	<u>SM.</u>	<u>9-70</u>	

Special recognition _____

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- Amherst Area Council.

Half Court Council
Pine Bluff Area Council

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Signed

Robert W. Fine
Scout Executive

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May 15, 1972

Mr. T. Wallace Hill
Scout Executive
Tioughnioga Council, No. 383

Personal and Confidential
Re: Richard W. Latham

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your letter dated May 8th concerning Mr. Latham.

We have already taken steps to delete Mr. Latham from the
Tioughnioga Council, per correspondence we received from
Robert Fee, Scout Executive of Mid-America Council in Omaha,
Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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TIOUGHNIOGA COUNCIL, INC.

No. 383 - Region 2
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

25 CLINTON AVENUE
CORTLAND, NEW YORK 13045
TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 607
756-7636



A MEMBER OF THE
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Scout Executive
T. WALLACE HILL

May 8, 1972

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration & Membership
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, N.J. 08903

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

RE: RICHARD WILLIAM LATHAM

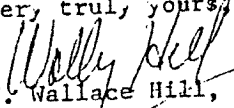
I have just received a letter from Robert M. Fee, Scout Executive, in Mid-America Council regarding Richard Latham. I have removed Latham's membership from Boy Scout Troop 87, Cortland, N.Y. as of this date. There seems to be no doubt that this man should not be allowed to continue in scouting.

Should Latham return to this area he will be informed as to the action that I have taken and the reasons for taking it. At the present time he is registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster but has not been home to take part in any activities but one. From now on I will keep close watch on this person so that he is not involved in scouting again in this area.

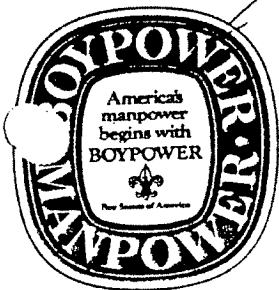
It is my understanding that Latham is looking for a job in the New York City area or Chicago area which confirms what Bob Fee reports.

I hope this action I have taken meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,


T. Wallace Hill,
Scout Executive

CC: Robert Fee



Scouting rounds a guy out

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May 8, 1972

Mr. Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive
Mid-America Council, No. 326

Personal and Confidential
Re: Richard William Latham

Dear Mr. Fee:

Thank you for your letter dated May 5th and the enclosed correspondence concerning Mr. Latham. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records. This additional information should help us in the future should this individual ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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May 5, 1972

PERSONAL - CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey

RE: Richard William Latham

Dear Paul,

The United States Air Force has discharged Richard W. Latham as unfit for military service. He was then charged by the State of Nebraska in substance, Debauchery of a Minor, to which he entered a plea of Nolo Contendere--see attached copy of the Journal Entry of the District Court.

Without detailed explanation, a great deal of evidence of tape recordings regarding actions with minors dating over the past many years, was found by police officers. Richard W. Latham is now under psychiatric care and is seeking a job in New York or Chicago in his related field.

The Mid-America Council recommends placement on the Confidential File and under no circumstance should he be allowed to be involved with boy leadership in any program.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Wallace Hill at the Tioughnioga Council in Cortland, New York for his information, since Richard W. Latham for many years served as a volunteer in that council.

Details in your file reveal the confidential record sheet on Richard William Latham, previously sent to you. We have severed all relationships with Richard William Latham in the Mid-America Council. Please keep me informed should you need further details.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Fee
Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive

cc: T.W.Hill
RMF/dc

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
vs.
RICHARD W. LATHAM

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Doc. 15 No. 14
JOURNAL ENTRY
MAGISTRATE

This cause came on for hearing this 17th day of February, 1972, it being one of the regular days of the January, A.D., 1972 term of this Court, the State being represented by Dixon G. Adams, County Attorney of Sarpy County, Nebraska, and the defendant, Richard W. Latham, being present in person and represented by his attorney, Philip H. Robinson.

The defendant was then fully advised by the Court of his constitutional rights, including his right to trial by jury, his right to confront the witnesses against him and his right to compulsory process for witnesses in his own behalf.

The defendant was also fully advised by the Court of the nature of the accusations against him and of the character of the pleas provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska open to him and the defendant stated that he fully understood his rights and the nature of the charge and acknowledged that he had consulted with his attorney concerning the same.

The defendant then requested that his arraignment proceed.

Defendant was arraigned and asked to plead to the information charging in substance Debauchery of a Minor, to which the defendant entered his plea of Nolo Contendere. The Court accepted said plea and deferred sentence pending a pre-sentence investigation by the Adult Probation Officer of the Second Judicial District.

Now on this 13th day of April, 1972 this matter came on for

further hearing, having been continued for pre-sentence investigation by the Probation Officer. The defendant appeared in person with his attorney and the County Attorney appeared for the State. The Probation Officer having completed his investigation and made his report thereof, the matter came on for final disposition pursuant to defendant's plea of Nolo Contendere heretofore entered on February 17, 1962.

Defendant's request for probation was granted and further proceedings were suspended and the defendant was placed on probation for a period of eighteen months, the terms and conditions of said probation being set out in a separate order of the Court which is attached hereto and made a part of this Journal Entry. Costs to the defendant.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1972.

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BY THE COURT:

Victor H. McQuinn

DISTRICT JUDGE

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STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
COUNTY OF SARPY, } ss.

I, Caroline Beerline, Clerk of the District Court, in and
for Sarpy County in the Second Judicial District of Nebraska, do hereby certify
that the above and foregoing is a true copy of JOURNAL ENTRY
entered in a cause in said court wherein The State of Nebraska
plaintiff and RICHARD W. LATHAM
defendant, Docket 15 Page 14, as the same
appear fully upon the records of said Court now in my charge remaining as Clerk
aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Papillion,
this 3rd day of May, A.D. 19 72

Caroline Beerline
CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK

Carl Z

Wright

11/11/71

— Mrs. Early.

Letter dated 9/16/71 sent to Mrs Lee
in the file of Richard D. Latham.

Latham, Richard W.

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Richard W. Latham in
alphabetical file.
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Richard W. Latham

Wally Hill - Courtland, N.Y.

Mr. Ernst spoke to Mr. Fee in Omaha.
The above is being separated from the P.F.
Notify Mr. Hill of the reasons since he
is a close associate of Mr. Latham!

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October 5, 1971

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Paul,

You are a hundred percent right, the situation regarding Richard W. Latham was indeed an unfortunate occurrence.


Following is the best information we have regarding this man to date-- the Air Force is currently undertaking administrative procedures to release Lt. Richard W. Latham from the Air Force. At the present time Lt. Latham is protesting this action and his case is pending within the next 2 weeks...we have no other information at this time.

We will keep you informed. Thank you for your understanding.

Cordially yours,

Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive

RMF/dc
CC: Roger Ohmstede
Haynes Harbaugh

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October 1, 1971

Mr. Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive
Mid-America Council, No. 326

Personal and Confidential
Re: Richard W. Latham

Dear Mr. Fee:

We received the confidential record sheet on Richard W. Latham plus a copy of the letter of apology you sent him, since he is not the same man we have on the file. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter we received from Mr. Latham here at the home office and our reply.

All that has happened so far is most unfortunate and there are a few points which we would like clarified. On August 31, we received a letter from Haynes Harbaugh stating that Richard Latham was being processed out of the Air Force. What truth is there to this and what reason? It was after this that other communications led to the discovery that your Mr. Latham was not the man we have on the Confidential File and we assumed that you had more information, since the Air Force was separating him. What has transpired since is unfortunate but is this the end of it? Is Mr. Latham being separated from the service? Is there more information we should have?

Please let us know further details as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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October 1, 1971

Mr. Richard W. Latham
Post Office Box 13127
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Latham:

We hope you find the enclosed note satisfactory and we deeply regret that this incident ever happened. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation and trust that we have not dampened your efforts in behalf of the Boy Scouts of America for the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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October 1, 1971

To whom it may concern:

Richard William Latham is not now and never has been a subject of the confidential list in the Boy Scouts of America. Any statement to this effect was a result of similarity in names and we very much regret any embarrassment or inconvenience this may have caused him.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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September 23, 1971

Mr. Richard William Latham
Post Office Box 13127
Offutt AFB, Nebraska

Dear Dick,

After careful checking of the National Council Confidential File, and our own records here in Omaha, we hasten to notify you in writing, that your name, Richard William Latham, does not appear on that confidential file. A confusion, we regret to inform you, was caused by the fact that a Richard D. Latham is on the confidential list and we apologize for jumping to the wrong conclusion.

For your information, the Richard D. Latham on the confidential file was never in the military service, attended Duke University, and is over 6 foot tall.

You have my personal apology for the inconvenience and distress that we have caused you and our extreme thankfulness for the fine service you give to the Scouting movement both here and in other places you have served. I have sent copies of this letter to all those concerned and you should feel completely free to use this letter in support of your character references.

Thank you for being so understanding in what was totally our error.

Sincerely yours,

RMF/dc

cc: Paul Ernst ✓
T.W.Hill
Major Shaw
R. A. Christede
H. Harbaugh
L. Roltstein

Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive

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22 September 1971

Mr. Paul Ernst
National Council, B.S.A.
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Ernst,

During July or August 1971, a report was received by the Mid-America Council from your office indicating that a Richard Latham was listed on your "Confidential List." This information was relayed to my commanding officer at Offutt AFB, where I am stationed.

As I am an intelligence officer with an extremely sensitive security clearance, information of this character is very embarrassing. As a result my security clearance has been temporarily withdrawn pending a resolution of this problem. When I was finally notified that my services with the Council here were to be terminated, several questions arose. Further investigation showed that the initial report, in fact, referred to a Richard D. Latham although the middle initial was omitted from the report. My middle initial is W. and I am definitely not the individual concerned in your report.

To assist me in regaining my clearance and clearing up this matter, I request a statement in writing to the effect that I, Richard William Latham, am not, nor ever have been on the "Confidential List" of the Boy Scouts of America. This statement should be addressed "to whom it may concern," and sent to me at the address below as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much for your prompt and considerate action in this matter.

Yours in Scouting,

Richard W. Latham

Richard W. Latham
P.O. Box 13127
Offutt AFB, Ne. 68113

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September 16, 1971

Mr. Robert M. Fee
Scout Executive
Mid-America Council, No. 326

Personal and Confidential
Re: Richard Latham

Dear Mr. Fee:

In response to a letter dated August 31 concerning Richard Latham, from your Field Director, Haynes Harbaugh, we have checked our records and find we do have this man's name on the Confidential File since 1961.

We do not know why Mr. Latham's registration went unquestioned last year. At any rate, we do not want this man connected with Scouting in any way. Evidently the Air Force feels the same way.

Please do not permit this man to register under any circumstances. Should you run into any difficulty, you can tell him to contact us at the home office.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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*File returned, N.Y.
St. Mary's H.S.
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CORNELL*

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NO-REMITTANCE A



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August 31, 1971

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Due to recent investigation by the Air force, an individual by the name of Richard Latham has been found unfit for military service and is currently being processed out of the Air force.

Would you please be so kind as to check and see if he is currently on our confidential list? The reason for this inquiry is that last year we registered him in this council as a Scoutmaster, and his registration was unquestioned. However, six weeks ago a Richard Latham did come back on a questionnaire, that we returned to National, after apparently he was registered in a multiple position.

Your help will be most appreciated.

Yours very truly,

MID-AMERICA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Haynes B. Harbaugh
Field Director

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cc: Robert M. Fee

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