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MEMO:

To: File note

From: Peter Olah

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Subject: Behavioural issue: Steve Larkins

I

Allan Currie called today about a leader problem involving Steve LARKINS, Regional Leader Scouts:

- ◆ He is part Aboriginal, so some sensitivity about handling this.
- ◆ In 1998, AC had to go to the Police to report possible behavioural problems.
- ◆ SL comes from the Stockton area.
- ◆ There were a number of "rumours" about his behaviour towards children at camps etc.
- ◆ In general terms, it was being said that SL was "too friendly" towards the children.
- ◆ No recorded complaints, only innuendo and rumour.
- ◆ At that time, AC was advised by Newcastle Police that SL had been "buying kids he knew lollies at Stockton pool".
- ◆ At the time, Police found nothing.
- ◆ At one time, SL worked as an overnight "house mother" at a special school.
- ◆ Recently, AC has received anonymous complaints.
- ◆ That caller has now revealed himself as AA [redacted] Cub Leader.
- ◆ AA [redacted] is 20/21, and could have been in SL's care at one time.
- ◆ AC will meet AA [redacted] next week to discuss his allegations, and report back to me urgently after that.
- ◆ In the meantime, AC has people "watching" SL to ensure no problems occur.

28.4 - A.C. called. Apparently contact was made to HB, but he treated it as a "hearsay".

- A.C. mtg with AA [redacted] on Monday night, 1.5

- called AC & advised file caterin only wife related to 1997 mother headed by him.

- he is surprised: people "swear" they spoke to HB.

1.5 - A.C. left message. AA [redacted] is "stuck in Sydney" & they can't meet tonight. Mtg will now be Wed or Thurs. He has had reports that AA [redacted] is "very reliable".

7.5 - A.C. left message. He went to Reginal Office on Thursday night to meet with AA [redacted] - he did not turn up (2nd time). He will try to contact him again.