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Affidavit of Scott H. Swofford

I, Scott H. Swofford, having been first duly sworn, I hereby depose and say that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Utah. I am over 18 years of age. I currently reside at 10188 Eden Ridge Drive, South Jordan, Utah 84095.

1. I am a film producer and I am self-employed at Vineyard Productions in Murray, Utah. I am one of three owners of Vineyard Productions. I have produced a number of films including The Work and the Glory series. I also produced Testaments and Legacy for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church).

2. I first met Gordon Bowen when he became employed as a producer at Bonneville Communications for the LDS Church around 1981 or 1982. I started at Bonneville in 1980.

3. From early on in my relationship with Gordon I was dubious and/or suspicious of him because something about him did not seem quite right. I suspected he might be homosexual. At that time I was the junior technical/production support guy, and I was working on becoming a production assistant in the creative department.

4. Prior to becoming employed at Bonneville, Gordon was employed as creative director at J. Walter Thompson, a huge advertising firm in Chicago. It was generally considered to be a feather in the cap of Bonneville to have been able to hire Gordon. At that time the LDS Church was focusing on bringing in outside people to help with their media effort. I believe Gordon was quasi-active in the LDS Church at that time. I do not believe any background investigation was conducted on behalf of the church other than to determine that Gordon had been very successful professionally.

5. Initially Gordon was very supportive of me. Gordon told me I had much more potential than the position I was in. He kind of put his arm around me as someone he wanted to help succeed. He bought me a desk lamp which I appreciated and gave it to me as a personal gift. However later he told me he needed me to pay him for the lamp, which I did. What Gordon really did was to use my relationship with the people at Bonneville to promote himself. Gordon did help me become production assistant. Gordon gave expensive gifts and did enough favors for team members to insure loyalty. Later I concluded Gordon had been using me.

6. Gordon asked me and I heard him ask others about the weaknesses of my supervisors and bosses. It was kind of like a lunch time informal topic. Gordon would bring up the topic when several people were present. Then, once Gordon had the information he would magnify it and build a case why these people needed to be removed and present it to the President or Vice President of Bonneville.

7. Ross Richins was the creative director of Bonneville. Within a few months after he was hired, Gordon was responsible for having Ross removed and Gordon

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was given the position of creative director in Ross's place. He was thereby in control of all media produced through Bonneville.

8. The Public Communications Department of the LDS Church was the interface between Gordon and the General Authorities of the LDS Church. We at Bonneville observed the gathering of "evidence of incompetence" as Gordon criticized personnel in the Public Communications Department. He began to characterize them as obstacles and said they had to go. Gordon said they filtered his ideas before presenting them to the General Authorities of the Church.

9. Heber Woolsey was head of the Public Communication Department at that time and John Kinnear was next in line. Gordon used the same process he used at Bonneville by asking around to find their faults and weaknesses and then going to their superiors, particularly Elder Boyd K. Packer, which caused them to be removed. Woolsey went to work at BYU and Kinnear was reassigned to another department. These things probably happened in 1983.

Gordon spoke openly claiming Woolsey and Kinnear were incompetent and that he would be able to get them out of our way through his connections with the General Authorities.

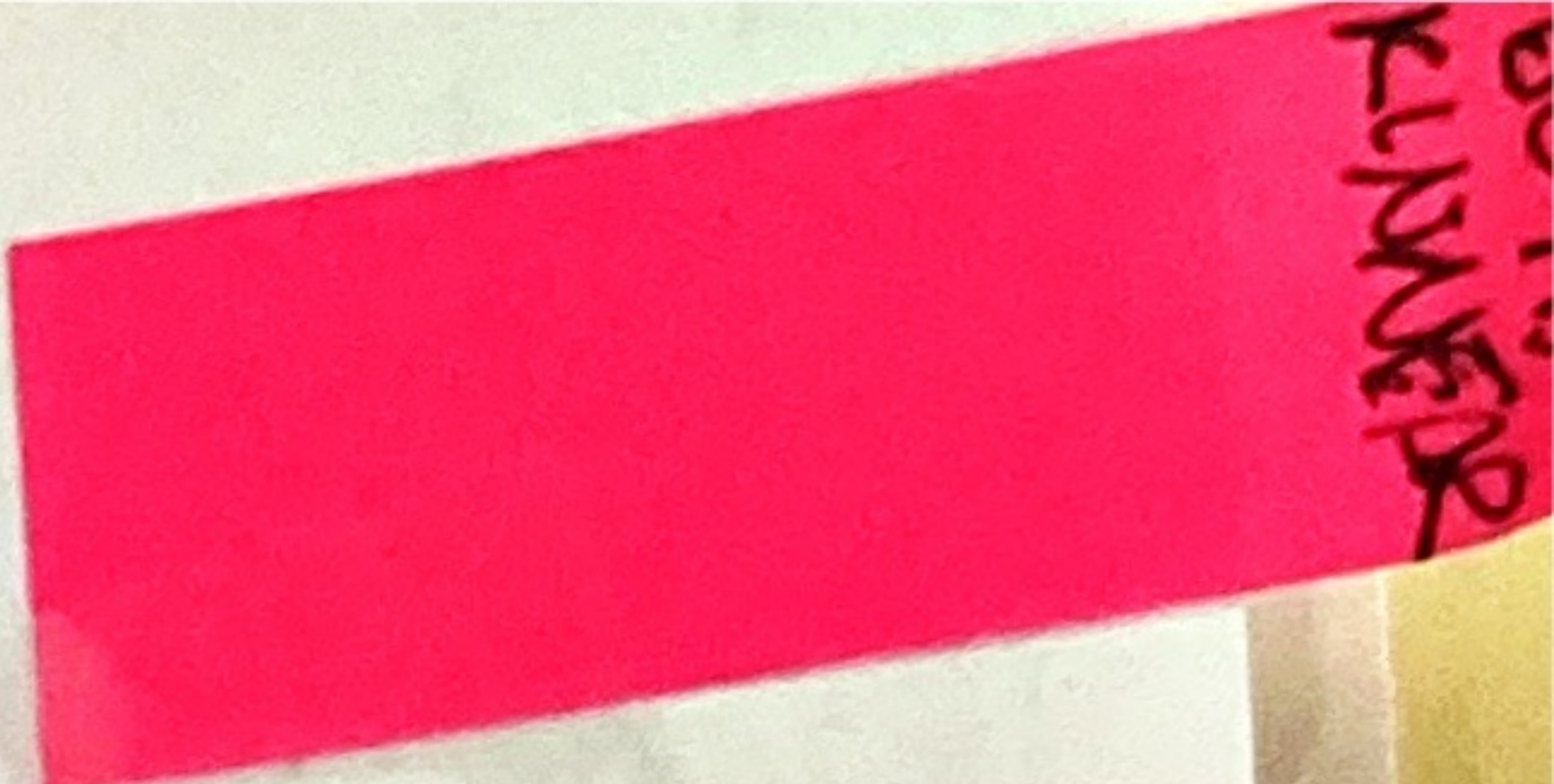
10. Once Woolsey and Kinnear were removed, Gordon became the main creative force in the media efforts of the LDS Church.

11. Those of us at Bonneville began questioning Gordon's sincere interest in the church because of his actions, attitude, and things that he said. In particular Gordon made disparaging comments about the LDS temple ceremony. Gordon made those remarks to me, Jim Gartner, and others.

12. Four years ago a number of former Bonneville employees got together for a reunion and we commiserated on how we were used by Gordon to remove opposition to his plans. I believe Gordon was successful in manipulating everyone in the department for his own ends and most of us in retrospect felt guilty for letting ourselves be used that way.

13. Probably in 1983 Gordon told us in the creative department that evil spirits had been either doing destructive things at his house or causing people to break in and vandalize his house. Gordon told us that Elder Packard had given him a wonderful blessing and suggested that another priesthood holder should stay in his home with him for a period of time. The creative department consisted of me, Michael McLean, James Gartner, Curt Dahl, and Kevin Kelly.

14. Gordon wanted us to rotate schedules and spend the night with him so one person was always with him at night. I believe I was the first person in the rotation. I went to Gordon's house for one night only. Gordon showed me sheets that had been cut



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LIMITED PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

SUBJECT: Mr. Gordon Bowen (CON

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Requested by: Mrs. Barbara Bowen

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Evaluator: Victor B. Cline, Ph D

Purpose of this "evaluation": Mrs. Bowen (in the process of obtaining a divorce) has one two-year old child, Lily, plus a newborn (15 Apr 03) male and wishes to limit her husband's future time with them because of risks related to his perceived erratic, irresponsible behavior and promiscuous sexual life style. The question she asks is to what extent would her two young children be at risk of sexual abuse or neglect staying overnight or for any extended time unsupervised with their father who has a perceived history of flagrant sexual acting out? (detailed later). Mrs. Bowen reported that on one occasion her husband told her he wished he could nurse his daughter Lily with his penis (oral genital contact). On another occasion (according to Mrs. Bowen) Gordon told a woman friend that every Sunday morning his whole family including Lily get into bed together naked (not true). Or Michelle Avantario telling how Gordon was always telling stories about his genitals.

Both of Mrs. Bowen's pregnancies were achieved by invitro fertilization not intercourse between the spouses. Throughout most of their seven year marriage Mr. Bowen has lived, where he works, in New York City, while Mrs Bowen lives in Utah. On some weekends the husband flies to Utah to visit with his young daughter Lily and various business associates. He did have a brief stint consulting with Robert Redford in Utah but that association didn't last very long and he returned to Boston.

Mrs. Bowen came into this, a second marriage for her, with three sons from a prior marriage. For Gordon, marrying at age 45, it was his first experience with matrimony.

(27) Gordon was lying to me. I had frustrations with him not being accountable. He got me fired from my job. But he is a superb strategist.

(28) It would be my observation that Gordon lived two lives. He had a pathological problem with not telling the truth. We terminated him in his employment with us for reasons that are off the record.

Evaluators Response and Conclusions

Not having interviewed or subjected Mr. Bowen to a thorough psychological evaluation I do not think it appropriate for me to label him with a DSM IV diagnostic category.

However I can certainly render an opinion based on 35 years of clinical practice as well as working many years with sexual addicts that based on what evidence we do have that his children (ages 2 and a newborn) would be at risk to be in his care unsupervised beyond four hours and never at this young age overnight. Frequency of contact might be safely once every 2 to 4 weeks. Mrs. Bowen cited an instance where when she was in the hospital having the invitro fertilization procedures, Mr. Bowen, while baby-sitting Lily, in a hotel room was making calls to male prostitute escort agencies..

Mr. Bowen would appear to me to have reduced impulse control, gives evidence of being erratic in his behavior with sometimes poor social judgment, a long history of irresponsible behavior and highly probable sexual acting out which would be sufficient reason for the court to limit his association with his two children as being in their best interest as well as protect them from potential harm.

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One of his themes was taken from the scriptures, and he would use it in his talks and it was: "How shall I sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" I've used that myself through the years from time to time. How do we tell the story of the Church? How do we sing the Lord's song among those who don't know anything about us? That's been one of my themes also.

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I actually had a class as a graduate student from Heber Wolsey at BYU, and it was interesting because he foreshadowed in that class a lot of the things that he would do. He talked about the Church telling its story through television, through movies and through those kinds of things. When he came, he made a lot of those movies. Mr. Kreuger's Christmas, where he had the choir associated with someone's life, and Nora's Christmas and The Last Leaf and others. They were all Heber Wolsey projects and they actually played on television and then you brought your nonmember friends into your home to see them or to the chapel to see them. I remember when I was mission president taking the nuns next door with us to Weston, Massachusetts to see one of those productions. They were very successful. Heber shepherded a great deal of media for the Church.

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Heber was succeeded in the position by Dr. Richard Lindsay, and Brother Lindsay, as he was called, had a background in the social sciences, and he brought to the Church much of that background through being associated with groups outside of the Church across the United States who were interested in Word of Wisdom issues like alcohol, tobacco, drugs and also pornography, gambling, etc.

During that period of time, two things came about that had quite a bit of influence on the Church. A group of religions was organized which produced religious programming for television. It was somewhat of a reaction to religious groups at the time who were doing a lot of things on television that were giving religion a bad name. This coalition that the Church joined was called Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN.) It's currently the Hallmark station and VISN owns about 45% of that and Hallmark runs it. But in that period of time, the coalition met, and I eventually went on to become the membership chairman of that group. Dr. Lindsay was also involved in a group called the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP.) Dr. Jerry Kirk, (Reverend Jerry Kirk out of Cincinnati) and most of the mainline religions were involved in that group, including Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, from Chicago.

They went to various places to hold their conferences, including the Philippines and elsewhere. During my service they went to Rome and to the Vatican. We actually had meetings with the Pope during that period of time. Cardinal Bernardin told us how to address the Pope when we were around his colleagues, versus when we were just with him. It was an interesting time for the Church and for us to be part of that. We found out behind the scenes that they were busy finding out what the protocol was for Mormons, because they hadn't entertained Mormons before that they knew of in the Vatican.

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When I first came in 1989, the position was Managing Director of Public Communications and Special Affairs. Richard Lindsay had been the Managing Director of Special Affairs and there was a Public Affairs Committee. It was all put together with the Missionary Department for a period of time. When it was seen that that didn't work too well, they brought Brother Lindsay from Special Affairs into Public Communications and Special Affairs, and put that together as one department. It was a long, long title for a department, and so after I was here for a while, I told the Brethren that we really ought