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Philip R. Sullivan, M.D.
350 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Sullivan:

I am writing with regard to a priest from this diocese who has been a patient of yours for the past several months, the Reverend Albert L. Boulanger.

I would appreciate it very much if you would give a progress report on Father Boulanger. At this particular time, it is necessary for us to determine the availability of priest-personnel for assignments in the diocese.

However, before these assignments are finalized, I would want to know your recommendations with regard to the possibility of including Father Boulanger in these assignments.

You may be assured of my full cooperation with and gratitude for your professional advice.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Bishop of Manchester
October 27, 1982

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Joanne Holladay, CAC
Counselor
Guest House
Post Office Box 68
Lake Orion, Michigan 48035

Dear Joanne:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to Father Albert Boulanger, of this Diocese, who is currently treating with you at Guest House.

I am most pleased to learn of the progress he is making and of the favorable prognosis for his return to good health in the near future. I have written to Father Boulanger, asking him to meet with me during the time that he is on leave from Guest House. I look forward to being in touch with you after that meeting, and to be of any other assistance possible in enabling Father Boulanger to return to his priestly ministry in a fruitful fashion.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
April 16, 1987

Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director
St. Bernardine Clinic
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Valcour:

Thank you for your most complete report on Father Albert Boulanger, a priest of the Diocese of Manchester who recently went through evaluation at your facility. Obviously, Father Boulanger's problems are severe. I have already notified your in-take people that we wish him to take up resident treatment as soon as a place is available for him. Father Boulanger seems to be pleased with his experience with you and fairly well disposed to return for in-patient care.

In closing, let me thank you again for your assistance in helping Father Boulanger.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
September 2, 1987

Stephen F. Kopp, MS, CAS
Therapist
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Mr. Kopp:

Thank you for your recent report on the progress of Father Albert Boulanger, a priest of the Diocese of Manchester, who is currently undergoing treatment at Saint Luke's.

I am grateful to hear that he is continuing to make steady progress and addressing a number of critical issues. I am grateful to you and all the other members of the staff for what you are doing on his behalf. If there is any way in which I can be of assistance in his recovery, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
September 20, 1982

CONFIDENTIAL

James J. Stanton, CAC
Director, Guest House
1840 West Scripps Road
P. O. Box 68
Lake Orion, Michigan 48035

Dear Mr. Stanton:

I have received your letter of September 13th requesting information on Father Albert L. Boulanger, who you admitted to your facility on September 8th of this year. I am pleased to respond to your questions in the following manner.

1. Father Boulanger has recently been treated for a bleeding ulcer which did require some sort of minor surgery. I have asked his personal physician to forward to you his pertinent medical history. Dr. Perron, in a telephone conversation with me, indicated that he felt a large part of Father Boulanger's medical problem was the excessive use of alcohol.

2. To the best of my knowledge Father Boulanger has never received medical attention specifically for alcohol or drug abuse. He did indicate in a conversation with me that a number of years ago he had seen a psychologist in the Boston area for some period of time. While I do not know who this might have been, the treatment apparently centered around sexual problems with adolescent boys.

3. Father Boulanger has been admittedly a heavy drinker for at least twelve to fifteen years. He often drank heavily at one time with Father Leo Shea, who also has been treated by your facility and is currently at the Guest House in Rochester, Minnesota. Father Boulanger indicated to me that there were periods of time when he would consume as much as a half gallon of whiskey in a two day period of time. He claims that his drinking was always done at night, after his priestly work was finished, and that his drinking did not interfere with his ministry. While it may not have prevented him from functioning in a minimally acceptable way, e.g., daily Mass and other routine priestly services, it is clear from conversations with some of his parishioners that he was neglecting much of what
should have been done in the parish by way of the personal attention that people needed. In the last two months I personally met with him on several occasions during the day, once, at his rectory where I met with him unannounced. On all those occasions it was possible to smell alcohol on Father Boulanger's breath and to see that while not completely intoxicated his functioning and thinking and speech were impaired. Father Boulanger admitted to me that he was dependent on alcohol and had been in a toxic condition for a good number of years.

4. I am unaware of any relationships with relatives that might affect his lifestyle. He does have a very elderly mother who is cared for by a sister who is advanced in age. Whether this is a source of concern to him or not I am uncertain.

5. The incident of his bleeding ulcer and the doctor's information in regard to it are the immediate reasons why the Diocese decided to seek attention for Father Boulanger. This incident was very upsetting to a number of his parishioners who notified the Bishop's Office about his unwillingness to treat the ulcer and about his ill health. A good number of these callers indicated their awareness of his heavy drinking.

Trusting this information will be helpful to you, and assuring you of my willingness to be of any further assistance possible, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Francis J. Christian
Chancellor
September 20, 1982

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. L. Andre Perron
88 MacGregor Street
Manchester, N. H. 03102

Dear Dr. Perron:

Recently the Diocese of Manchester has sought treatment for Father Albert Boulanger for his alcoholism at Guest House in Lake Orion, Michigan. This facility specializes in providing therapy for priests suffering from this disease.

I have recently received from the Director of Guest House a request for further information regarding Father Boulanger. I include a copy of that letter for your information. As you can see, a medical history from the attending physician is requested. Would you be so good as to provide that information to Guest House as soon as it is convenient for you.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter and for your kindness to Father Boulanger, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Francis J. Christian
Chancellor

Enclosure
January 7, 1988

Mr. Stephen F. Kopp, MS, CAS
Therapist
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mr. Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter with its enclosed Aftercare Contract in regard to Father Albert Boulanger, who recently terminated treatment with you. Monsignor Christian will be meeting with Father Boulanger and Monsignor Gilles Simard, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester where Father Boulanger is stationed, to discuss the contract indepth.

Father Boulanger at this point appears very happy and appears to be making every effort to continue his recovery. I am most grateful to you for the fine work you have done with him, and pray that, as a result of your efforts, he will be able to maintain sobriety and refrain from his other addictive behavior in a way that will allow him to be happy and effective as a priest.

We will certainly be in touch with you in the future in his regard, and thank you again for your efforts.

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
En Al Boulanger

June 28, 1990

Dear Msgr. Christian:

I became acquainted with Father Albert Boulanger in mid or late October 1989, when he started attending meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous at the same Rice Corp. Industrial Relations Building on Tuesdays.

With the exception of one or two meetings, when inclement weather prevented travelling, and the period from mid December to the second week in January when he was away in Florida, he faithfully attended our noon meeting.

To the best of my knowledge, he is recovering very satisfactorily. I feel that Father Boulanger can be effective in the ministry with a recommendation that he continue to attend weekly meetings, both
for himself as well as helping others at meetings and in the course of his vocational duties.

Incidentally, his anonymity in this group is protected and is known to the others only as "Al, an alcoholic."

Sincerely,
April 21, 1971

Reverend Albert L. Boulanger  
St. Joseph Parish  
265 Lake Street  
Nashua, New Hampshire

Dear Father Boulanger:

Because of serious charges leveled against you, I am constrained to suspend your priestly faculties immediately.

Kindly call my office to arrange for a personal meeting on Friday morning, April 23.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Bishop's signature]

Bishop of Manchester
MEMORANDUM

On the 21st of April Mr. & Mrs [redacted] from St. Joseph in Nashua came to report that Father Boulanger of that parish had sexually [redacted] involved himself with their 11 year old son, [redacted] This has apparently been going on for some six months. I brought this to the Bishop's attention and he met with them. He suggested that they write him a letter indicating the facts, etc.
April 21, 1971

This is to state that we, [redacted], members of St. Joseph Parish, Nashua, New Hampshire have been informed by our son, [redacted], aged 11, that Rev. Albert Boulanger, assistant Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Nashua, New Hampshire has on several occasions sexually involved himself with our son, [redacted]. These actions have taken place over a period of time in the sacristy after Mass, in Father's car, his bedroom at the rectory and at Father's cottage. Our son related these facts on the evening of April 20, 1971.

On Monday April, 19, 1971 we were also informed that two of our older sons have been approached by Father Boulanger but nothing happened.

Father Boulanger was trusted by us and had become rather friendly with the family. We have no reason at all to doubt this story of our son as we have noticed a definite change come over him. When we questioned him some time ago he denied that anything was going on. Later we learned that Father Boulanger had told [redacted] to do these acts and that nothing was wrong in doing them.

Given and sworn to this the 21st day of April, 1971.

[Signature]

Rev. Msgr. R. Blair, witness
April 21, 1971

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Bishop of Manchester
April 21st, 1971

Rev. Monsignor:

I am directing to you two of my finest parishioners who have a deposition to make to you or to the Most Rev. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] have resided in this parish since its establishment, and are most trustworthy. This is a confidential matter.

Respectfully yours,

Msgr. Achille Lettre, pastor.
April 21, 1971

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Rev. Msgr. R. Blair, witness
To: Bishop Primeau

Re: Fr. Boulanger, St. Joseph, Nashua, N.H.

On April 22, 1971 at 8:30 a.m. [Redacted] mother of that 11 year old boy from St. Joseph, Nashua called. Apparently last night they questioned their son further about what happened between him and Fr. A. Boulanger. It was worse than they thought so they called their family doctor. The doctor advised that the man, whoever he might be, should be examined for possible v.d. Whatever Fr. B. did to the boy it was possible for the boy to contract v.d. if Fr. B. had it. Therefore, Mr. & Mrs. [Redacted] are very anxious to have this certificate from a doctor concerning Fr. B. The doctor stated that if Fr. B. has the disease the boy could be treated now and they could catch it in time.

Mrs. [Redacted] naturally was quite insistent upon obtaining this certificate immediately.

I told them we would take care of it.

I personally felt that Mrs. [Redacted] might cause trouble, legally, for Fr. B. if that certificate is not obtained immediately.

I swear and attest that the above information was given to me on the 22nd of April, 1971 by Mrs. [Redacted]

April 23, 1971

Raymond Blair
Assistant Chancellor
April 23, 1971

Rev. Msgr. Achille W. Lettre
St. Joseph Rectory
265 Lake Street
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Monsignor Lettre:

I wish to inform you that I have relieved the Reverend Albert L. Boulanger from his assignment as associate pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Nashua, New Hampshire, effective immediately.

I have directed Father Boulanger to leave the rectory of Saint Joseph and I have requested that he not reside in the Nashua deanery. In addition, I wish to inform you that Father Boulanger no longer has the faculties of the Diocese of Manchester.

Since I must leave this afternoon for Rome, I have asked Monsignor Hansberry to contact you concerning the need for assistance at Saint Joseph Parish.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
April 23, 1971

Reverend Albert L. Boulanger
St. Joseph Rectory
265 Lake Street
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Dear Father Boulanger:

This will confirm in writing the decision I made this morning during our conversation that you terminate your assignment to Saint Joseph Parish, Nashua, New Hampshire and that you leave the rectory of Saint Joseph, effective immediately.

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Please keep me or Monsignor Lapointe informed as to where you may be contacted.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
April 23, 1971

RESUME OF AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN BISHOP PRIMEAU AND THE REVEREND
ALBERT L. BOULANGER HELD THIS MORNING AT 10 o'clock IN THE
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TO MONSIGNOR LAPOINTE:

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against him by Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] with regard to
their son, [redacted] were true. Fr. Boulanger wanted to see
the parents and apologize but Bishop Primeau advised him
to keep away from the entire family.

2. Father Boulanger asked to remain at Saint Joseph in Nashua.
Bishop Primeau refused the request and told him that he had
to leave the rectory immediately. Furthermore, he advised
Father Boulanger not to remain in the Nashua-Hudson area.

3. Father Boulanger informed the Bishop that he would go
immediately to the Oblate House in Colebrook for a retreat.
He claims that he has no place to go since his mother lives
with another son and not in her own apartment.

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realizes that he needs help from a professional. He expressed
a willingness to speak with Father McCall, S.J. as an initial
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stating that he does not have venereal disease which he might
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give him the faculties of the Diocese in light of the above
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Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
July 1, 1971

Philip R. Sullivan, M.D.
350 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Doctor Sullivan:

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of June 8, 1971. The Personnel Board and the Vicar General have been trying to contact various parishes in the Diocese that could need weekend assistance and to which we could assign the Reverend Albert Boulanger. This is the reason I delayed answering your letter.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate a parish which could use the services of Father Boulanger on weekends. Monsignor Hansberry was in touch with Father Boulanger this morning and gave him this information. However, efforts will be made to provide him with weekend ministry.

In view of this, I would approve your suggestion that arrangements be made with Father Boulanger to undertake extended group psychotherapy according to a mutually convenient schedule.

Should you wish further information please do not hesitate to call on me.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Bishop of Manchester
September 27, 1971

Dr. Philip R. Sullivan
350 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Doctor Sullivan:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22, 1971 concerning the Reverend Albert L. Boulanger.

I am very grateful for your prompt reply to my request for a progress report and for your suggestion that a psychiatric opinion about Father Boulanger's returning to his regular work should be obtained from another psychiatrist because of his present relationship with you in group therapy.

I will contact Father Boulanger and discuss this matter with him at the earliest possible opportunity.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Bishop of Manchester
September 27, 1971

Rev. Albert L. Boulanger
115 Essex Street
Manchester, N.H. 03102

Dear Father Boulanger:

I would like an opportunity to discuss certain matters with you at your earliest convenience.

May I request that you contact Monsignor Lapointe and arrange for an appointment at a time which would be mutually agreeable. Perhaps this could coincide with a day when you are in Manchester or on your way to Boston.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester
September 7, 1989

Rev. Albert L. Boulanger
HCR 10 - Box 215
Errol, New Hampshire 03579

Dear Al:

Just a brief note to confirm the substance of our meeting today.

The Diocese is most anxious to make use of your priestly dedication and ministry. You certainly have a great deal to offer to the People of God. However, the Bishop does not feel that it is responsible for him to give you another assignment until such time as we have assurances that you are successfully coping with your alcoholism and the other problems which the alcoholism occasions. As a result, we are requesting that you immediately begin to attend at least one AA meeting a week, that you obtain a sponsor for yourself, and that you notify me as to who this person is and where you are going to meetings. It is also necessary for you to begin to attend, on a regular basis, SLAA meetings and obtain a sponsor in that regard as well. I require the same information in this regard as what you will provide me in reference to AA. It is our intention to be in touch with these sponsors at the end of six months to verify your attendance at these meetings and your success in coping with the problems involved. Upon receiving their evaluation and recommendations, the Diocese can then in the spring discuss with you the possibility of reassignment.

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I will look forward to hearing from you with the requested information in the near future. Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor
April 26, 2002

Re: Complaint against Father Albert L. Boulanger

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

This letter is to follow up our phone conversation of this date. As we discussed, I have determined that the sexual assault complaint you made against Father Albert L. Boulanger cannot be prosecuted because the crimes alleged took place in 1963-1964 and, thus, are outside the statute of limitations.

As we discussed, in addition to the standard statute of limitations analysis, I instructed Claremont Police Captain Colby Casey to double-check the information provided by the Diocese of Manchester to insure that the “continuously absent from the state” tolling provision in the statute of limitations did not apply in Father Boulanger’s case. It does not. Captain Casey’s investigation has independently verified the accuracy of the information provided by the Diocese of Manchester and establishes that Father Boulanger has continuously resided in New Hampshire since the assaults which are the basis of your complaint.
Mr. [Redacted], it was a pleasure meeting with you and if I can be of any additional help please call me.

Respectfully,

Marc Hathaway
Sullivan County Attorney

cc: Phillip McLaughlin, Attorney General
    Bishop John B. McCormick, Diocese of Manchester
    Captain Colby Casey, Claremont Police Department
    Father Albert L. Boulanger
From: [Redacted]
To: <bahag@doj.state.nh.us>
Date: 3/1/02 5:33PM
Subject: Follow-Up on Phone Call

Dear Michael Bahan:

I want to thank you for your time and being able to call after business hours to accommodate me in discussing what occurred to my brother & I during the period when Fr Boulanger was the assisting priest at St. Joseph's Church in Nashua, NH.

After your call I discussed with my parents our conversation. We request to be kept informed of the Attorney General's actions in these matters. Given the statute of limitations in our situation, we realize that our ability to seek justice is probably limited to civil court which is not our intentions.

In 1995 my mother attempted to meet face to face with Fr Boulanger after learning through my younger brother that he had been molested by him. She had discussed what happened with Deacon John Martin at St. Joseph's Hospital were she had worked. He gave her Auxiliary Bishop Christians telephone number to call. She called Bishop Christian anonymously, but it seemed he was more interested in active priests who where petafiles but was willing to set up a meeting with Fr Boulanger. For a number of reasons this meeting never took place.

My parents, [Redacted], do wish to face Fr Boulanger to confront him with what he did to both me & I. I do not know if this is something that she needs to pursue directly with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester or if within your considerations can be presented to the Diocese for those victims who's only interest as victims is to confront the individuals responsible for these horrible acts.

Again, thank you time.

Sincerely

[Redacted]

CC: <pmclaughlin@doj.state.nh.us>, [Redacted]
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [Blank]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Telephonic [Blank]

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 28, 2002

INTERVIEWED BY: Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator

[Redacted] was telephonically interviewed regarding Father ALBERT BOULANGER. [Redacted] provided the following information, in substance:

[Redacted] stated that he grew up at Nashua, NH, telephone [Redacted], where he lived with his parents, Mr. and Ms. [Redacted], and his three (3) brothers. [Redacted] stated that his father, is a retired, who ran a very devout Catholic family and was even the [Redacted] is a college graduate, works in the [Redacted] industry and is married with a [Redacted] year old girl.

[Redacted] said that his brothers were all altar boys in St. Joseph’s Parish in Nashua, New Hampshire and that he and his brother, [Redacted] were both sexually assaulted by BOULANGER. [Redacted] said frequently his parents invited Father BOULANGER to their house for dinner and that notification of this crime totally rocked his parent’s world.

[Redacted] indicated that the assault took place during February or March, between 1970 and 1972, when he was 14 years of age and his brother, [Redacted] was then 12 years of age.

The assault took place in an ice house on either Alton or Pagus Bay area of Lake Winnapseaki where BOULANGER had taken [Redacted] and his brother ice fishing. [Redacted] indicated that they fished a portion of that day and later while in a icehouse the assault occurred. [Redacted] said his brother, [Redacted] was sitting on one side of BOULANGER and he was on the other. At this point, BOULANGER reached into both of their pants and fondled them until both boys had an erection. [Redacted] stated that they both ran out of the icehouse.

BOULANGER was very friendly with Father SHEA, who was later convicted of sexual assault. At a later date, both BOULANGER and SHEA came to the parent’s house. [Redacted] thought they were going to confess for BOULANGER’S assault on the lake,
however, it was just business as usual. [Redacted] said that BOULANGER had a smile from ear to ear that would win you over. He was totally accepted by their parents and their family.

[Redacted] stated that he told his parents that this occurred when he was 33 years old, just prior to his marriage, and because of this revelation his parents almost didn’t want to come to his wedding. [Redacted] said that he was not psychologically harmed and he has gotten over this, but it certainly rocked his youth. [Redacted] said the ice incident was actually the second time that this had occurred. The first time he was at a log cabin in Wentworth Location, near the Ground Owl Grocery Store, when he was with Boy Scout from Nashua and BOULANGER touched his genitals.

[Redacted] said that his brother [Redacted] had a real problem when this incident occurred and never really talks about it. [Redacted] said he does not want anything from the Diocese, as there were some Priests like FATHER SIMARD, who was extremely pious and well respected and never bothered any of the children and others like BOULANGER and SHEA who are just predators.

[Redacted] believes the other priests knew of BOULANGER and SHEA’S activity, but would never come forward. [Redacted] also believes the Diocese knew about BOULANGER, but all they would ever do was move him from one Parish to another. [Redacted] said it was like moving him from one candy jar to another candy jar.

Due to this sexual assault and disenchantment with the church, [Redacted] stated that he left the Roman Catholic Church and now he and his wife and family attend Presbyterian services in [Redacted] never spoke to his brother, [Redacted], or [Redacted] as to whether or not they were assaulted.
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**Date and Nature of Complaint**

On April 22, 1971, a woman from Nashua called and complained that her son had been sexually abused by Albert Boulanger and the son had had medical treatment. This was reported to Bishop Ernest Primeau who met with Boulanger on April 23, 1971 and he was removed from ministry at that time by letter of April 21, 1971. The complaint alleged was reported to have taken place over a period of time in the sacristy at the
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<td>Albert Boulanger resigned as pastor in 1979 and was referred for psychological treatment. He saw Philip R. Sullivan, M.D., a psychiatrist in Boston and John H. Brennan, M.D. who reported to Bishop Primeau that he was making progress and he was ultimately returned to ministry. Subsequently, he was treated for alcoholism and there were additional treatments. He went to the St. Luke’s Institute in 1987, where he was discharged on December 22. Upon discharge, he agreed to several post-discharge activities.</td>
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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED:  

PLACE OF INTERVIEW:  

DATE OF INTERVIEW:  February 28, 2002  

INTERVIEWED BY:  Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator  

[Redacted text]

telephone[Redacted text] was telephonically interviewed regarding Father ALBERT BOULANGER. [Redacted text] provided the following information, in substance:

[Redacted text] stated that he grew up at [Redacted text] telephone[Redacted text] where he lived with his parents, Mr. and Ms. [Redacted text], and his three (3) brothers, [Redacted text] and [Redacted text] stated that his father, is a retired [Redacted text] who ran a very devout Catholic family and was even [Redacted text] is a college graduate, works in the [Redacted text] industry and is married with a [Redacted text] year old girl.

[Redacted text] said that his brothers were all altar boys in St. Joseph's Parish in Nashua, New Hampshire and that he and his brother, [Redacted text] were both sexually assaulted by BOULANGER. [Redacted text] said frequently his parents invited Father BOULANGER to their house for dinner and that notification of this crime totally rocked his parent's world.

[Redacted text] indicated that the assault took place during February or March, between 1970 and 1972, when he was 14 years of age and his brother, [Redacted text] was then 12 years of age.
The assault took place in an ice house on either Alton or Pagus Bay area of Lake Winnepauki where BOULANGER had taken [REDACTED] and his brother ice fishing. [REDACTED] indicated that they fished a portion of that day and later while in a icehouse the assault occurred. [REDACTED] said his brother, [REDACTED] was sitting on one side of BOULANGER and he was on the other. At this point, BOULANGER reached into both of their pants and fondled them until both boys had an erection. [REDACTED] stated that they both ran out of the icehouse.

BOULANGER was very friendly with Father SHEA, who was later convicted of sexual assault. At a later date, both BOULANGER and SHEA came to the parent’s house. [REDACTED] thought they were going to confess for BOULANGER’S assault on the lake, however, it was just business as usual. [REDACTED] said that BOULANGER had a smile from ear to ear that would win you over. He was totally accepted by their parents and their family.

[REDACTED] stated that he told his parents that this occurred when he was 33 years old, just prior to his marriage, and because of this revelation his parents almost didn’t want to come to his wedding. [REDACTED] said that he was not psychologically harmed and he has gotten over this, but it certainly rocked his youth. [REDACTED] said the ice incident was actually the second time that this had occurred. The first time he was at a log cabin in Wentworth Location, near the Ground Owl Grocery Store, when he was with Boy Scout [REDACTED] from Nashua and BOULANGER touched his genitals.

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: [Redacted]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Telephonic [Redacted]

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 20, 2002

INTERVIEWED BY: Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator

[Redacted] was telephonically interviewed regarding Father ALBERT L. BOULANGER. [Redacted] provided the following information, in substance:

[Redacted] indicated that he has been living in Massachusetts for over 20 years. He is only responding to this office because of the professional manner in which the Attorney General of New Hampshire is handling this uncomfortable issue. [Redacted] stated that he believed the Attorney General is not on a witch hunt and that he has gone through years of personal burden and has had serious problems with this since he was a kid. [Redacted] stated that he had a lot of trauma at the time and believed he was robbed of his youth and he has carried for years a burden of guilt. [Redacted] said years later in college he told his family and later he told his wife about the sexual assaults.

[Redacted] said that during 1963 or 1964, that he had been sexually assaulted by BOULANGER, who at that time was the Pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Claremont, New Hampshire. [Redacted] said he was an altar boy and came from a very religious family. He stated that the incident happened in Claremont at the church and also on a camping trip on the Connecticut lakes that BOULANGER had taken him along with some other altar boys.
said that FATHER ROMEO J. VALLIERE was another Priest who was friendly with BOULANGER and that he used to drive the other altar boys around. said that VALLIERE never assaulted him, but he thought that he was a pig as VALLIERE use to always talk about pornography and show it to the other boys. stated he kept this to himself for many years and it took him a long time to get over the incidents.

stated that he did not feel that he needed any counseling because he had lived through this for so long, however, he would be willing to provide any further information required of him regarding these issues.