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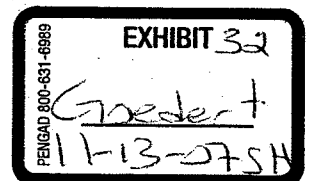
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TO: File ([REDACTED])

DATE: Feb. 8, 1991

RE: Vincent McCaffrey

1. [REDACTED] the pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, called at 9:50 A.M. [REDACTED] said that he wanted to get advice on a situation involving Vince. [REDACTED] is getting very uneasy about Vince's behavior. Vince has been at Our Lady of Good Counsel almost two years. [REDACTED] has observed that Vince continues to associate with high school boys. They are parishioners, but not those who work in the rectory. [REDACTED] is not suggesting that there is anything sexual in the relationship, but he feels uneasy about it and has discussed this with Vince. Vince will help some of these boys with their homework. One time he told [REDACTED] that he was going to take some of the kids to ski and they would stay at his cottage in Twin Lakes. [REDACTED] did not think that that was a wise thing for him to do and [REDACTED] was relieved when Vince decided not to.
2. What really upset [REDACTED] was the fact that Vince did take one kid overnight this past weekend. It was clear to [REDACTED] that Vince didn't want [REDACTED] to know about it. [REDACTED] said that a group of kids from the parish was going to Wilmot that day and [REDACTED] invited Vince to come along. Vince declined, but didn't say anything to [REDACTED] about why he was not interested in going. [REDACTED] found out what actually happened purely by accident. He said that when he and the rest of the group got to Wilmot, one of the parishioners, who had driven up, just made a comment to [REDACTED] that he saw Vince McCaffrey. He passed him on the highway and Vince was in the car together with [REDACTED], a high school freshman. This is the boy that [REDACTED] is most concerned about, as the relationships seems to be very close. Vince and the boy went up to Vince's cottage on Feb. 1 in the afternoon and stayed through Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3. [REDACTED] also mentioned that two nights before the ski trip, [REDACTED] father called around 11:30 P.M. This would have been Thursday, Jan. 31. He asked if [REDACTED] was at the rectory. [REDACTED] wasn't, but he was out with Vince. [REDACTED] told Vince that he was upset about this and didn't want parents to be calling all hours of the night looking for their sons.
3. I asked [REDACTED] whether or not any other adults were present at Vince's cottage and he said that others were there. Whether or not they were, [REDACTED] doesn't really know. Vince assured [REDACTED] that nothing inappropriate happened.



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5. I told [REDACTED] that all of this seems to be signs that Vince is in serious trouble. I commended [REDACTED] for his courage in bringing this to our attention, as that is precisely what his role as parish supervisor requires. I asked [REDACTED] if he would be willing to meet with [REDACTED] and myself, together with Vince, and confront Vince with all of this. [REDACTED] said that while he would not look forward to such a meeting, nevertheless he would do it. I told him that I would call [REDACTED] and set up something and get back to [REDACTED].