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DATE: JULY 1, 1991

RE: ROBERT MAYER

1. The Cardinal, Bishop Jakubowski and I met with Bob Mayer from 4:30 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. The Cardinal began the meeting by paraphrasing the statement that had been drafted for this purpose. He made it very clear to Bob that he was expecting him to resign and that if Bob refused to resign, he would institute the canonical process for removal. The Cardinal was very firm in this and made it clear to Bob that the issue was non-negotiable.
2. After the Cardinal concluded his statement, he asked Bob for his response, reaction, etc. Bob was very upset and felt that this was a terrible injustice. He insisted that he had done nothing wrong and that he has done his very best to be a good priest, etc. When Bob continued to press the issue that unknown persons were making unknown charges, the Cardinal then told Bob the name of the accuser and turned it over to me to spell out the details of the charges. Once Bob realized who it was that was making the accusations, he seemed to back down and not protest his innocence as strongly as he had initially. Eventually, the Cardinal asked Bob again for his resignation and Bob signed it.
3. Bob then asked about his future and whether there was any hope for him. The Cardinal indicated that the future depends on Bob and that if [redacted] is successful, he would be able to receive another assignment. When Bob asked if he could ever be made a pastor again, the Cardinal said: "It depends on the outcome of the treatment. I don't rule out the possibility, but neither do I make any promises."
4. Bob said that we are going to have to help him to handle the political fallout and the Cardinal responded that he was willing to do whatever he could to protect Bob's reputation. On the other hand, if Bob had refused to resign, the Cardinal said that he would have to spell out the reasons for his dismissal, etc.
5. The Cardinal told Bob that his faculties were withdrawn as of that moment and that he could no longer exercise the office of pastor. He further stated that Bob would have to move everything out of the premises by Wednesday evening. He also stated that Bob would have to report to [redacted] on Wednesday, July 10. Bob said that he wanted some time to think about this and to consult with his friends, etc. He agreed to call me on the next day. He was going to be up at his cottage with his priest friends and would have a chance to discuss it with them.
6. After the meeting concluded, the Cardinal, Bishop Jakubowski and I continued to discuss the situation. We agreed that if the priests ask us why Bob was treated in this fashion, we would tell the truth. In a sense, Bob has forfeited his right to privacy and we will not let the church or any of us take the heat.

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for his behavior. On the other hand, we will do our best to protect him as far as his parishioners and others are concerned.

7. After the meeting, I then put in a call to [REDACTED] in order to see if Joyce Brothers could do the moving and [REDACTED] agreed. They will be at St. Odilo's on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

8. I also called [REDACTED] to let him know what had happened. He will try to take over on Friday.

9. Jake indicated that he may be tied up at the time of some of the Masses, so I or someone else will share it with him.

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1. Bob Mayer called [REDACTED]. I then called [REDACTED] to let her know and gave Bob her name and number and asked him to call her on Wednesday to get whatever information he needed.

2. I told Bob that I would purchase the plane tickets. I also asked him to draft [REDACTED]

3. I tried to reach [REDACTED] at 4:45 but she was not home. I then reached [REDACTED] at his place of work and told him what had transpired. [REDACTED] said that his parents were out of town but would be back that evening. I said that I would try and call them later tonight.

3. I also called St. Odilo's to talk to Dave Mulvihill, but he was not home yet. I put in a call at the Tribunal but there was no answer.

4. I will have to verify with Bob just exactly what the Mass schedule is. According to our directory, the Saturday evening Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday Masses are at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30. Bob will be staying at the cottage and his number there is (708) 587-0215.