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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 3/5/95

Re: Norbert Maday

On 3/3/95 I visited Norb at Columbia Correctional Facility. He is no longer in isolation and so our visit was much less strained than it was back in January.

They allowed us a little longer time, about an hour and a half, and we had a good conversation. I was able to talk to Norb more directly about why he is in the prison and what our perception of his history is.

Norb has been pressured by the people at the facility to get into a treatment program for sex abusers. He has some concern about generating information while he is awaiting his appeal. I told him that concern should be directly discussed with his attorney.

He also has some concern about whether you would want him to get into such a program. I told him that I am certain you would want him to get help. I also told him that, while he is able to write to you several times a week, you can only return his letters when you have the opportunity. He understood that and doesn't expect you to respond every time he writes.

All in all, he seemed to be in a better frame of mind. I spoke to Jerry Boyle, his attorney, last week.

Their request for a lessening of the sentence was dismissed. That is the first step in the appeal of the case. Now papers will be submitted and the usual legal point-counterpoint will take place. Boyle thinks that the case may go to the Appelate Court around July. The court then has 90 to 120 days normally to respond. So a decision on the appeal may not be forthcoming until well into the fall or early winter.

I'll keep you informed as we go along about the matter.

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