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Rev. Santiago Tamavo c/oREDACTED St. James Medical Clinic 42 Mauricio Castro St. Laoag City, Philippines

Dear Father Tamayo:



Thank you for your letters to me and to Archbishop Mahony. I understand from your letter that you would like to return to this Archdiocese. However, given all that has taken place, that does not seem advisable, and all the advisors to the Archdiocese counsel against it for the foreseeable future. Our lawyers also inform us that you are liable to personal suits arising out of your past actions. Therefore it is not advisable that you return at all to the United States. Such suits can only open old wounds and further hurt anyone concerned, including the Archdiocese.

After much consideration, it is the opinion of the Archdiocesan authorities that you should seek to settle elsewhere, and we encourage you to seek incardination in the Philippines. While you are pursuing this possibility, the Archdiocese would like to pay you a salary beginning as of December 1, 1987. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of your progress, so that both you and the Archdiocese can continue to assess your situation.

I do hope this will be of assistance to you, and that you will be able to find a suitable position there. Please be assured you have my prayers and best wishes during this transitional time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry Vicar for Clergy

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