

01:52:15 1 BY MR. MANLY:

2 Q Okay. Bishop, did you ever consider  
3 making -- you know, given that you've asserted your  
4 innocence and given that you say that Baker-- -- or

01:52:24 5 Fresno did an investigation, did you ever consider  
6 simply making this allegation public a la Cardinal  
7 Mahoney so if it ever came out, you wouldn't look like  
8 you were trying to hide something?

9 A No, I never made a decision to divulge the  
01:52:43 10 allegation.

11 Q Why?

12 A Because it was very embarrassing, and very  
13 painful. And to be very honest, I think that kind of an  
14 allegation is difficult to deal with regardless of how  
01:52:59 15 innocent a person may be.

16 Q Can you see where in 2004 you settled a bunch  
17 of cases and met with 90 victims, at least many of them,  
18 and you wrote letters of apology to them. Were you at  
19 all concerned when you did that that if this allegation  
01:53:17 20 came out, it might do tremendous harm to them?

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Objection, Your Honor. It calls  
22 for speculation.

23 JUDGE JAMESON: Sustained.

24 BY MR. MANLY:

01:53:33 25 Q Did you ever discuss with your closest