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June 7, 1996

The Reverend John J. Geoghan  
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Dear Father Geoghan:

On May 24, 1996 you wrote to me, requesting the opportunity to have a total review of your records as well as full psychological testing by Doctor Mark Blais of the Massachusetts General Hospital. You ask to have this review before you consider your assignment to residential treatment.

In reviewing your situation and your records, I note that you have been assessed a number of times. I further note that the recommendations from these assessments and testings are that you be in a residential treatment program.

Having carefully considered your request and in light of my review I write now to tell you that I am assigning you to residential treatment either at Saint Luke Institute or at Southdown in Aurora, Ontario, Canada. I direct you to contact Father Flatley within fourteen days of receipt of this letter so that he may determine the effective date of this assignment.

It is my sincere hope that you will accept this assignment willingly in a spirit of obedience. However, I must inform you that this letter should be viewed as a second warning that if you do not accept this assignment, it will be necessary for me to invoke canonical penalties according to Canon 1371, 2.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend William Murphy, Moderator of the Curia, and to Reverend Brian M. Flatley, indicating that you have received this communication.

These are difficult matters, John. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With warm personal regards and asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston