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TO: Bishop Hughes
FROM: Father McCormack
DATE: March 15, 1993
RE: Reverend Bernard Lane

The allegations made about Father Lane were dropped. At the time there was an investigation by both Father Melvin Surette and the District Attorney's office.

The results of the investigation were that the parent of the boy who made the allegations was satisfied with the outcome. It seems that the boy made these charges in a vindictive way. There is no substantiation for holding them to be credible.

Father Lane took a few months off and Cardinal Law agreed to reassign him. Father Lane, at the time, agreed to go into counseling. To my knowledge, he has never pursued this.

Recommendation:

That a conversation be held with Father Lane around this matter and to discuss how he perceives it, why it was recommended that he have counseling and why he hasn't done this.

My impression is that Father Lane must have been overextended and probably was not using good judgment at times. This is just an intuition.

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