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*In Causa*

Reverend Joseph Pavanivel JEYAPPAUL

The Most Reverend Pietro Sambì  
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States  
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Washington, DC 20008-3687

Your Excellency:

In December of last year you provided me with most excellent assistance by locating a current address for Reverend Joseph Pavanivel JEYAPPAUL, a priest of the Diocese of Ootacamund, India. As you may recall, Father Jeyapaul is facing charges in the United States resulting from his alleged sexual abuse of a teenage girl.

I am writing to you now to ask if you could verify that his present address is Bishop's House, PO Box No. 5, Ootacamund. The address that you provided in December of 2006 was at St. Joseph's Parish.

I make this request on the advice of my diocesan attorney, who has been contacted by Jeffrey Anderson, acting on behalf of the victim.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor H. Balke".

+Victor H. Balke  
Bishop of Crookston