

In re: Magaldi, Philip  
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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

To: Files  
From: Bishop Delaney  
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Father Robert Wilson and I met with Father Magaldi today to continue the conversation about his future ministry. When asked whether the second report on the polygraph had arrived (it had been sent from Providence on 2/7), he said it had not. In fact, he said, he got so frustrated that he called his attorney in Providence and went up to that city last Saturday and took another polygraph test on Sunday, given by a [redacted]. He gave me a copy of the results of that test which showed that he was telling the truth in denying the principal allegations made by [redacted].

Because I was puzzled as to why he had not got the report of the earlier polygraph, I called Bob McCarthy in Providence in PM's presence. McCarthy told me on the phone that the report had indeed been delivered to PM's residence and that someone had signed for it (the writing looked like [redacted]). He had difficulty reading the signature, but it was not PM's. I asked PM if he would allow McC to fax a copy of the report to us right then. He agreed and McC did. [PM called me later to say that he found the envelope with the report unopened in a pile of magazines in his mother's room, and that apparently one of her care givers had signed for it and forgot about it.]

The report of the first polygraph test shows that PM was not telling the truth in denying virtually the same questions that were asked on the second. Thus the two testers came to very different conclusions.

Since the second test was made in the presence of [redacted] PM's attorney, a professional with (according to McC in a later conversation) a reputation for being a very effective lawyer, and since the test was given by [redacted] a person whom McC says he has used in the past and had confidence in, it seemed to me to make the whole process moot, at least for the moment. Accordingly, I suggested to PM that we sit on all this for a while until I can think more about it.

McC asked me if I could send him a copy of [redacted] report. PM wanted to call [redacted] for advice. He called me back to say that it was fine to send it. Naturally, since it exculpates him, he would want it to be a part of the file in Providence. I faxed the report to McC this afternoon.

*Personal observation:* I realize that I am uncomfortable with making any decision on PM's future without further consultation, probably with RW, JS and the two members of the investigative committee, [redacted] and [redacted]. I need to pursue this.

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