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Dear Tom, P.C.:

I intended to send this to you earlier; but this whole situation has been so muddy and troublesome I just wanted to get it out of my mind from time to time. Anyway, here it is, for the files and the record.

First, I am enclosing the two letters I have sent to Don, which I told you about over the phone. To the first I have received no reply whatsoever. This is all the stranger, since I know he is around, though I have literally not seen him for a week. (He lives directly across the hall from me. I don't know how it has been possible, physically, to avoid me so completely, but he has managed. I can't say it's deliberate...but it certainly is remarkable.)

To attempt to catalogue the circumstances of his life-style...as a faculty member and a member of the community...which are so much a source of irritation (and worse) to all who are associated with him in each of those relationships (and I literally mean all), would just be impossible. His presence here, in short, has become positively destructive and corrosive. There is little hope of effecting any change. He cannot be corrected. First of all, he does not accept that his manner of behaving is to be criticized in any way whatever: he will justify everything he does, with a litany of reasons. If you persist in suggesting that other interpretations can be and are put on them, he becomes enraged. He cannot discuss a problem. His first defense is a vicious attack in return, and a bad situation just becomes worse. Several persons have expressed the fear that he will attack them physically in such a situation; I have had the same expectation myself, on occasion.

If, from your point of view, it would be helpful to have the list of complaints, I can supply them. (I did not infer above that I could not list them, just that it would require several more sheets of paper.) I am anxious, as far as it can be accomplished, to have his departure seem perfectly normal and even a better thing, as far as any public awareness of its cause is necessary. That's why I have kept it in terms of a sabbatical, and in terms of completing the very valuable work he contemplates on Oedipus, and the obviously valuable pursuit of his degree. Whether he will accept this is, of course, a question mark. I think it is important not to let it hang in suspensivo as to when and where he is to leave here. I consider

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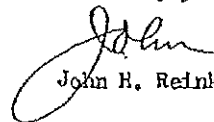
it absolutely essential that he be removed from this community before the start of the second semester. I should tell you, too, that the Consultors are in unanimous agreement in this, and have charged me to do all that I can to bring it about.

You will notice in my letter to him that I proposed several alternatives. I have not personally explored these. I know I should, but I received such unsatisfactory responses the last time I tried, that I anticipate no more success now. I think a word from you...a request, or even a mild direction...will succeed. Of the three, I think Loyola U. might be easiest. I was going to put in the suggestion that he move to the Provincial Residence (aren't you glad?) until Harv returned, at which time a more desirable arrangement could be worked out. I think it would be undesirable for him to go to Aurora or Madelain. (Frankly, if he gets a kind of ultimatum I think the situation may solve itself: he'll probably decide where he'll go.)

My hope would be, then, that you can direct a letter to him, which he will receive early in the week, setting a date on which he is expected to report to whatever other place you decide of those suggested. That date, from here, ought to be by the end of next week. I'm sorry to drop it in your lap this way, but I don't see anything further I can do that will be effective.

Thanks, Tom. I know how your days must have been, what with requests for papers, evictions, relocations and Portuguese librarians. You know that you, and everyone at the Power House, are in all our prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
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SUGGESTED LETTER TO FR. MCGUIRE

Dear Don, P.C.:

I have received from Fr. Reinke copies of the two letters he directed to you during the last two weeks. He also sent me a brief explanation of their background. While he has not discussed the entire situation with me in any detail, I do know that he has consulted about it at length with Fr. Harvanek on more than one occasion. My letter, then, must be read in that context.

It is Fr. Reinke's request, supported by his Consultors, that I make it clear that the sabbatical of which he made mention in one of the letters is not to be interpreted as a sabbatical in the usual sense. It does not carry with it the understanding that Loyola Academy will continue to be your residence, nor will it be the place to which you return upon its completion. He feels that it is most important that this be made clear to you at this point.

One of the key problems which Fr. Harvanek and Fr. Reinke faced at the beginning of the school year, when the matter of change in your status was under discussion, was ~~the~~ in finding an alternate residence for you, since you were out of the country and, hence, not available for consultation as to your preference in the matter. Even now, a definitive decision in the matter may have to be delayed until Fr. Harvanek's return on the 29th. I have the following possibilities to open to you at once, though, and I hope you will phone me tomorrow so that we can resolve the matter as quickly as possible. (Here...propose your alternatives.)

Fr. Reinke is most insistent that the separation must, for the good of all concerned, take place before the beginning of the second semester, and must be complete. His consultors concur.

Then, a closing paragraph, urging his quick assent to this direction, in the spirit of Ignatian obedience. Your own words will be excellent, Tom.

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