

MEMO

Phone Conversation with  
Dr. Robert O'Connor  
November 28, 1988

1. REVEREND DAN CLARK:

Dr. O'Connor said that as we know, Father Clark has marked characterological problems which will be ongoing. He has made progress in understanding himself recently but any long-term prognosis is guarded. I asked Bob for his reaction concerning our approach to Dan after he serves his sentence, namely, considering him for a treatment facility for treatment of cross addiction. Bob said that "as long as it's not too evangelistic the treatment might be okay." Apparently by evangelistic he meant an approach would declare Dan saved and would be full of spirit but low on intellectual content. He said that Dan has a tendency to jump on bandwagons like that and refuses to deal with the underlying issues. Any cross addictive dependency is due to an underlying anger, low self-esteem and a self-destructive tendency. These are the underlying problems that will always have to be dealt with. Bob believes that "cross addiction" is one of the catch phrases that therapy has picked up on. In some ways he does not believe it is intellectually honest because it doesn't deal with the underlying issues.

Bob said that he would be willing to continue to see Dan after he returns from a treatment facility. He thinks he will be able to "help keep him honest."

2. REVEREND [REDACTED]:

I asked Bob if he knew of [REDACTED]'s death and [REDACTED]'s own recent illness. He said he did--he has spies everywhere. I asked him how recently [REDACTED] had seen Dr. O'Connor. Apparently, it has been some time. He said he had gotten [REDACTED] into a group but when the group started with [REDACTED]'s real issues he "ran away from it." [REDACTED]'s real problem center around needs for intimacy and forming good, intimate relationships. Once again, Bob believes that even after the weight program achieves its stated purpose that unless [REDACTED] deals with the underlying problems, the solution will not be permanent.

I asked Bob about future treatment of [REDACTED] after he completes the weight-reduction program. Bob said: "I'm not the one to treat him further." Bob did suggest that [REDACTED] needs additional psychotherapy and group work after his weight loss occurs. He said that we will want to make certain that follow-up in this area is accomplished.

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