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Dear

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to write to you. Some of that has been the press of other things. Most of it has been my desire to be thorough in my look at Fr. Kevin's life. I talked to several who knew him, including his brother and those others who were with him in his last days. I'm afraid that I have not come up with much that might be of help to you in your process.

Fr. Kevin was a man who struggled throughout his life. At the end, he seems to have found peace. He made a general confession of all the things he had done in his life. The provincial was with him shortly before he died and Fr. Kevin told him that he hoped that the people whom he (Fr. Kevin) had hurt would be able to forgive him. At the end, in addition to his spiritual and psychological pain, Fr. Kevin suffered a great deal of physical pain.

I know that you were interested in knowing if he said anything about you. I could not discover that he had. I suspect, however, that he included you among those whom he hoped might forgive him. I don't know if that is possible yet or ever. In his name, I ask you for that forgiveness and in his name and that of the Franciscans I ask your pardon that somehow Fr. Kevin's sickness has so invaded your life. You are joined to us in the pain that has been caused. You are always in our prayer. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you.

My best to your mother and sister.

Sincerely, W. AUM Fr. Adam Bunnell, O.F.M.Conv. Vigar Provincial

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