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Diocese of Orange
Office of the Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia
MARYWOOD CENTER
2811 East Villa Real Drive
P.O. Box 14195
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Attn: Rev. Msgr. John Urell
Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Father Urell:

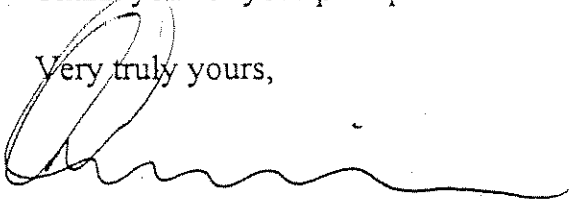
Please be advised that this office has been retained to represent the interests of [REDACTED] as it pertains to his allegations of molestation by Father Ramos and all related injuries and damages pertaining thereto.

In furtherance of the above, please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we can discuss the handling of this matter accordingly. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] has retained this office to represent him, he has requested that you direct any and all future communications concerning this matter to me as his attorney of record.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your prompt and courteous attention to this very serious matter.

Very truly yours,



WERNER R. MEISSNER
WRM:cj

cc: [REDACTED]

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Tuesday 4/9

Caller - [REDACTED] 3:46p.m.

[REDACTED] and Dr. Elliot are conferring with counsel and will be in touch asap.

4/27/96 called @ 12¹⁵ -
spoke w/ (?) (wife?) - "he's out golfing" -

4/28/96 called @ 3²⁵ pm - left message on tape
"asked him to call and let me know
what's what exp in re: counselling
issues ... what are his needs?"

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April 6, 1996

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

With the celebration of Easter being tomorrow, I wanted you to know that you will be in my prayers with best wishes for you and your family.

I left a message with Dr. Elliot's answering service on March 25th...he has not returned the call. I don't really know what it means that I haven't heard from either of you since your letter to me of March 4; I don't want to be a bother to you, but certainly do wish to be of help to you in your need. I hope that you had received my letter to you of March 16th, following the phone messages I left on your home machine.

Should you wish to contact me, I am available and would be quite happy to speak with you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Chancellor / Moderator of the Curia

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Monday 3/25/96

1:40pm

I placed a call into Dr. Alan Elliot PhD
992-0344

u: [REDACTED]

left a message w/ bus answering
service

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March 16, 1996

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am sorry that I haven't been able to reach you by phone since last you wrote to me; I have left messages on your phone machine [REDACTED] on both Tuesday, March 12 and earlier today, Saturday, March 16.

At any rate, kindly call me and let's make an appointment to speak in person about the counseling assistance you need for your work with Alan Elliot, PhD. I am glad that you have found someone with whom you can do this work of healing.

I will be out of my office until Wednesday, March 20th; I hesitate to call you at your work number and so I will await your call so we can discuss the practicalities involved.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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March 12, 1996

3:25 pm

I called [REDACTED] phone # [REDACTED]

left message on his tape to call
me back.

March 16, 1996

2:35 pm

I called [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

left message on his tape to call
me back.

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March 11, 1996

Veronica Thomas, Ph.D.
Clinical and Forensic Psychology
17662 Irvine Blvd., Suite 12
Tustin, California 92680

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Regarding the referral of [REDACTED] to you (made in a letter to you on February 23, 1996), I have been informed by [REDACTED] that he has chosen another psychologist to work with.

Thank you for being on the look out for his call; he obviously won't be making it!

With gratitude for your willingness to assist, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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March 4, 1996

Rev. Msgr. John Urell
Marywood Center
2811 E. VillaReal Drive
Orange, CA 92613-1595

Dear Fr. Urell,

I thank you for your letter regarding our conversation and the recommendation to Veronica Thomas.

When we spoke, I mentioned the marital problems that I was experiencing due to my situation. I have begun counseling on my own and at this time, wish to remain with Alan Elliott, Ph.D.

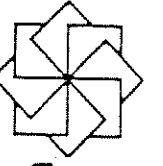
I have spoken with Dr. Elliott at length about my sexual abuse by Al Ramos. (Former Catholic Priest). Dr. Elliott welcomes your phone calls for assistance in establishing his credentials and fee's.

I realize that the church will work with me on a need basis when it comes to payment for treatment. At this time, I honestly expect that the Diocese of Orange will pay 100% of the costs. As you are aware, I am in no way responsible for what Al Ramos did to me & others while at St. Josephs.

Please call me [REDACTED] or Dr. Elliott 714-992-0344 with any questions.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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03/05/96 SANTA ANA 04:527 AM

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Ans'd.....

REV. WSGAR, JOHN URELL
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February 23, 1996

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to write down the name and phone number of the psychologist about whom we spoke by phone today:

Veronica Thomas, PhD.
Clinical and Forensic Psychology
17662 Irvine Blvd. Suite 12
Tustin, California 92689

phone: 730-7090

Kindly give her a call, let her know that I recommended you to her for evaluation and her ideas for further counseling, and see about an appointment with her.

May the Lord bless you during this time.

With kindest personal regards, and knowing that I will hear from you in the future, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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February 23, 1996

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Tustin, California 92680

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I am writing to inform you that I have referred a gentleman by the name of [REDACTED] to you for evaluation and your recommendation for treatment for the issues related to possible sexual molestation by one of our (former) priests.

I first spoke with [REDACTED] on June 27, 1994 when he called me in response to a bulletin announcement put in all parishes where (the former) Father Al Ramos had served as a priest. I am enclosing a copy of that announcement for your information.

At that time, [REDACTED] indicated to me (these are taken from my notes of that call) "things were proposed to me" "I knew of some others" "I have worked through things" "I have never had any emotional problems" "I didn't deserve this at all" and "I'm fine; no thank you for any counseling".

[REDACTED] called me this morning and indicated that he now has to deal with some issues from the past; that his marriage was experiencing some difficulties; that he wanted to know what the Diocese might do for him in his situation vis a vis what had happened with Fr. Ramos and himself. I told him first of all, he needed a competent psychological assistance in this area and that, once some evaluation had been made and course of treatment prescribed, that if he needed some financial assistance to help with the course of counseling, the Diocese is willing to work with him. I then recommended that he contact you for such an evaluation. [REDACTED] took your phone number and said he would be giving you a call.

I wanted to make you aware of this situation and I want to ask your professional assistance to [REDACTED] in his time of need.

Kindly keep me informed of the progress of the evaluation and any course of treatment you feel is necessary for him as a result of (any) sexual molestation by Father Ramos.

With kindest regards, I am,

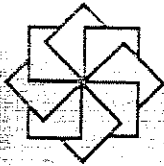
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bc: [REDACTED]

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- ⊕ dropped in on 7/22/96 regarding Al Ramos
⊕ I called back on 7/23/96 situation
- "It's time for me to deal w/ Fr Ramos and me"
 - ⊙ What will the Diocese help me with?
 - ⊙ Regarding counselling needs?
 - ⊙ I need to deal with all of this now... my marriage is crumbling and I need help

I told him

- #1. He needs a competent professional in this field to get to root issues (he agreed)
- #2. I suggested/gave him name/address/phone of Veronica Thomas Ph.D
- #3. I told him that the help the D of D would give is based on his \$ need for it - which we would discuss -

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He was appreciative - said he'd
call Dr. Thomas

He would get back to me.

(I remember him from the
Ramos announcement file
and will check on it)

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Phone call 6/27/94

[REDACTED]

- Things were "proposed" to me
- I knew of some others...
- I have worked through things -
- I have never had any emotional problems
- I didn't deserve it at all -
- I'm fine - no thank you for any counseling -

- Wanted to know where A.R. was?
- I have told my wife about it...
- I thought A. Ramos was dead...

- "My dad" saw it in the Bulletin @
St Joseph's Placentia and called
me -

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from announcement
file