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Mr. Kelly and I talked with a pathologist in Minneapolis, on October 1, 1965, who informed us that the apostolic team is very far along with the alcohol problem.

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Sister in the proposed program requires that the institution, the hospital or for our part, make arrangements with your Excellency and James P. Davis D.D., the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, who will provide the opportunity for the Collegio della SS. Trinità to visit which will be the address on Viale Africo 33 in Rome, Italy, continuing to the International and Foreign Missions, Italia, into Benedictine monasteries. Your Excellency may choose the appropriate destination if Father Petrucci arrives considerably as a base for supply. Your Excellency like an ideal place for this alcohol clinic. The present supply committee could be fulfilled. I said Father Petrucci to be too busy during the past few weeks. I have spent considerable time visiting institutions which specialize in the treatment of alcoholics. Among them have been a hospital here in New Mexico where he has been very successful in the rehabilitation of alcoholics' priests. I spent an afternoon at the Alton Brothers alcohol clinic in Chicago and three days at Gulf Breeze, Florida, where we proposed program with many laboratories and facilities especially licensed laymen. I have come to three conclusions. One, you like your permission to try to find such a place where conditions exist as starting. The alcoholics clinic should be entirely separate unit.

We are preparing a program report and in preparation for the proposed plan, the Director of this clinic will be appointed, available immediately affording the program every chance of success.

c. We should use the Fall Alcoholism Fair Informational talk which I gave. I feel that program, we go about the program in the following manner. It is recommended to be accompanied by my son, John Kelly, who would like your approval to be the Director of this unit. His name is John Kelly. He was born November 10, 1916, until about 1 month ago. He was with Bishop Ripley for about 10 years and one half. He only remains for learning with personality and faith Mr. Ripley the Director's attitude of this time period should not be changed. Mr. Ripley gave Mr. Kelly a strong recommendation verbally. I met Mr. Kelly quite by accident while I was at Great Lakes Naval Hospital July 1965. He is about 50 years old. He is close to fifty years of age, married man for about 30 years. His life is a lawyer, a college graduate, an engineer, an architect, is well known expert on alcoholism. He presents a good appearance and is articulate on the subject of alcoholism. I know that he has a good rapport for and regard for people and many friends around him. He would be capable of developing, implementing and maintaining a complete and adequate program for the alcoholics clinic. Mr. Kelly and his wife visited the Convent on our invitation and were most cordial. In fairness to him, I briefed him as fully as possible on the whole picture here. Also, in fairness to him, I would like your explicit permission to offer him a contract for services, including of housing and hospitalization. Superior of 114

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Mr. Kelly and I talked with a psychologist in Albuquerque, John Salazar Ph.D., who promised us the therapeutic hours to care for ten priests with the alcohol problem.

Because the proposed program will require that the priests see the psychologist for two hours each week, attend two A.A. meetings each week, have lectures twice weekly by personnel from the University and the hospitals in Albuquerque, Mr. Kelly is convinced that we need a house in the City. An Albuquerque location would also provide the opportunity for the priests to do some "supply work" which would be the ideal way of rebuilding their confidence, regaining their identities and putting this therapy into immediate practice. Villa Pines XIII under the capable direction of Father Pat Maloney serves admirably as a base for supply work. It looks like an ideal place for this alcohol unit. The present supply commitments could be fulfilled. I asked Father Pat what he thought of the idea of using Pines XIII for this purpose. He was opposed to it. I can appreciate his point of view. Villa Pines XIII is serving both the parishes and our own Redemptorist house so well at the moment that it might be better not be disturbed there.

Father Clarke and I located the possibility of finding a place in Albuquerque for this purpose. Such places are hard to find especially on short notice and this would add to very heavy cost. You should like your permission to try to find such a place which could be taken on a short-term lease. This would be for ten or twelve priests.

We are preparing a progress report and a prospectus for the proposed program. I am sure that you will find the information sensible and practical affording the program every chance of success.

This brings us up to date on our program and beyond this point I feel that we should not go without the permissions from Your Excellency which I have requested. As an emergency measure and for a period of a few weeks, we could ask Mr. Kelly to come to the City Center from Albuquerque. We could transport the Fathers to and from the city. This would be expensive and tiring on all concerned. While these things are possible and we are willing to do them, the chances of the program would be enhanced by getting completely out of the University and about. We would like to start by November 1.

I am sure I am quite streaky. Your kind understanding of these things are important for success: (1) A permanent location for the program, (2) use of the full A.A. program and (3) a place such as Pines XIII.

I hope that your stay in the hospital has been a relatively painless part of rehabilitation. I have been in touch with Mr. Kelly and found his progress excellent. I do not keep him away from the hospital for too long. I have visited him in the hospital on several occasions. In October 1961, Rev. Joseph J. Kelly, Superior of the Redemptorists, was admitted to the hospital for a heart attack. He has been home, in recovery, since October 1961. He is now back to his normal activities.