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Very Reverend dear Father Gerald:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 and your gracious telegram of October 10. I have been away from Rome for the past few days or I would have acknowledged both sooner.

Your judgment that it is poor policy to keep men overseas when they show unwillingness to prolong their stay has been confirmed many times over by the experience of Superiors of religious men and women. And it is entirely in order if not imperative that the General Secretary come to Rome in view of the change of the Generalate from Santa Fe to this city. However I would not like to see Father Joseph McNamara changed from Via Coeli at this time. He has barely had a chance to get started with some urgently needed programming and reorganization and a change would definitely hurt the operation. Please do not interpret this in any way as a reflection on my good friend Father Joseph Moylan. As you know I have given permission for the setting up of a clinic for alcoholics in Albuquerque and in so doing have presumed the full cooperation of the Servants of the Paraclete. I would therefore ask that you do not change Father McNamara at this time and that you leave him at Via Coeli for at least a year. I regret that I cannot concur with your decision but must defend home base. This new project has done much to counteract the growing dissatisfaction of Bishops and Religious Superiors with Via Coeli and will make old friends of the Paracletes all the more interested in their great work and win new ones.

I have received from Card. Antonnuiti a copy of his letter of

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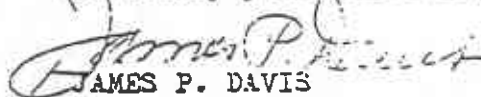
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October 7 addressed to you as Superior General. It makes clear that the Servants of the Paraclete will have a very particular and special relationship with the Congregation of Religious. This is certainly welcome and heartening. I discussed with Card. Antonniti somewhat in detail the action recently taken to provide accurate and standard accounting procedures in the business office and improved care of the guests through more consistent and conscientious use of proven therapeutic procedures in the treatment of alcoholics in addition to the indisputably needed program of spiritual renewal of priestly life. He was deeply interested and signified sincere appreciation of what has been initiated. Hence there is no need to undo what has been begun with so much promise, on the contrary there is need to follow through.

I trust that you will be able to find a suitable replacement for Father Bruce without disturbing the new set-up at Via Coeli and even presume to ask this favor as Ordinary of the birthplace of the Servants of the Paraclete and a long standing admirer of them, ~~and their~~ their work and their founder.

With prayerful best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Devotedly yours in Christ,


JAMES P. DAVIS

Archbishop of Santa Fe