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Most Rev Thomas A Connolly, DD, JCD
Archbishop of Seattle
907 Terry Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Your Excellency:

I have established a rural address at Fr Gandrau's cabin:

Star Rt 1 Box 444A
Chimacum, WA 98325 telephone 437-2389.

However, this week I will be leaving for the Panama Canal Zone for a visit with relatives:

Mr and Mrs John Ridge
Balboa, Canal Zone.

I expect to be in the Zone for about 6 weeks. I can always be contacted via St Charles Church. Mail is regularly forwarded to me by the parish secretary.

Please find enclosed the resignation forms, unsigned. It was my understanding that Your Excellency wished me to retain title of Pastor of St Charles, Burlington, during my leave from parochial duties. I had already explained, according to your directives, the set-up to the people of the parish. Accordingly, I feel that the face-to-face agreement holds. Perhaps this was overlooked by Your Excellency in the press of business. I have discussed this both with Fr Gandrau and Fr Perri, SJ.

Also, a six-month leave would end 1 May, rather than 1 April. Before the end of the time, I will again wish a personal interview with you to determine my assignment: whether to go into special work or remain in Burlington, or accept another pastorate.

So far, it is going quite well. I look forward to the dry season sun and trade winds of Panama. It beats Laguna Beach any day! While there, I hope to meet Archbishop McGrath. He is now having real difficulty with the local political situation, I hear.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,

Michael J. Cody
(Rev) Michael J. Cody
Pastor

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