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Dear Bishop Grady:

I am writing to you with reference to one of our priests, Father Michael J. Cody. Father Cody is a priest who has been on medical disability retirement for some years. He has recently moved to your diocese.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of certain items in Father Cody's past which have only now been discovered in the Secret Archives. This discovery was the result of communications between Father Bendixen in your office and Father Espen in mine. Father Bendixen is familiar with the situation.

I am enclosing a report made by Dr. A.M. Hurley to Archbishop Thomas Connolly on 19 March 1962. I believe you will find this report self-explanatory. Later that same year, Archbishop Connolly sent Father Cody to the Institute of Living in Hartford for several months of treatment.

Father Cody returned to the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1963 and received a number of assignments over the following years. Finally, in the late 1970's, Father Cody went on "disability retirement." During this time, while he enjoyed no assignment, he did "help out" at various times.

Lest there be any misunderstanding, I do wish to state that, since Father Cody's treatment, the Seattle chancery office has never received any complaints regarding pedophilia. The priests in general, and I myself, were under the impression that Father Cody had been treated for a manic depressive disorder, which in earlier days manifested itself by outbreaks of temper and hostility.

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In conclusion, I want to be able to assist Father Cody in his request to do some pastoral work in your diocese. At the same time, I want to share with you this report from Father Cody's file. It is possible that retired Archbishop Power of Portland, who was Chancellor at the time Father Cody was sent for treatment, would be able to fill in some details.

If either my staff or I can help you further in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Faternally in Christ,



Raymond G. Hunthausen
Archbishop of Seattle

Enclosure

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