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Your Excellency:

Father Michael Cody has shown improvement in the past eight months and I feel that hospitalization is no longer necessary. In the past Father Cody had difficulty in controlling his temper particularly in dealing with his peers and superiors. At present Father Cody is aware that this difficulty had something to do with earlier experiences at school and with his family. In Father Cody's understanding of this emotional conflict, there has developed a better understanding of relating to other people.

While Father Cody, in my opinion, no longer needs hospitalization I do feel that he is in need of further outpatient psychiatric care. This has been discussed with Father Cody and he is also aware of this need. Since Father Cody's illness was a serious one he shares with me reservations regarding assuming the duties of an assistant in Parish work immediately upon discharge. There the stresses of handling other people's personal problems highlighted his own. My advice in this area, while a temporary consideration, is of concern to Father Cody and myself. Having known Father Cody over the past eight months I am aware of his assets, particularly in regard to organizational ability and adult educational ability, and feel that these can be utilized extensively. While here at the hospital, as you know, Father Cody has been saying daily mass at the convent and also saying mass in a neighborhood parish on Sundays.

I have talked to Father Cody with regard to the possibility of his discussing with you his future assignment and I wish I could have the opportunity to do this myself. Unfortunately the distance between Connecticut and Washington makes this difficult, but perhaps it would be possible to discuss this by phone or I could try to

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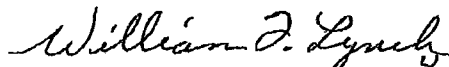
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answer any questions you have in mind by letter.

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