

1 SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

4 JOHN DOE IV,

5 Plaintiff,

6 vs.

No. CV-92-08011

7 ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
8 OF SANTA FE, INC., a New Mexico corporation,
9 ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER,
10 MASSACHUSETTS, a corporation sole,
11 THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE, INC.,
12 a New Mexico corporation, CLARENCE GALLI,
13 and JAMES R. PORTER,

14 Defendants.

15 DEPOSITION OF JOHN A. SALAZAR, Ph.D.

16 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, the
17 10th day of March, 1993, at 9:05 a.m., this matter
18 came on for the taking of the deposition of JOHN A.
19 SALAZAR, Ph.D. on behalf of the Defendant Servants
20 of the Paraclete, at the offices of Miller,
21 Stratvert, Torgerson & Schlenker, 500 Marquette, NW,
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1 A. I think Fr. Feit kind of changed that a
2 little bit. My position was that if we were to deal
3 with the seriously disturbed in the psychosexual
4 sphere, this required an intense, he called it solid
5 therapeutic relationship, had to be established. It
6 would be a slow process, and it had to be dealt with
7 with utmost prudence. Those were -- "prudence" was
8 my word.

9 Q. These priests who were thinking about just
10 shipping these men off to a Caribbean island and
11 segregating them from residents in Via Coeli would
12 not disagree with the attitude of proceeding
13 cautiously and with prudence, correct?

14 A. They didn't agree or disagree. I thought
15 that I had given them my best advice and counseling
16 on how to manage a serious problem. They had
17 thought of resolving the problem by shipping them to
18 an island. I did not feel that that was called for
19 at that time, that some effort should be made to do
20 something about the problem rather than just setting
21 up a priest prison somewhere --

22 Q. A leper colony?

23 A. -- with Napoleon in one of the islands off
24 the coast of Greece.

25 Q. And this was a time when psychologists,

1 Q. There wasn't something going on that
2 scared the hell out of you. It was the possibility
3 that something might go on that scared the hell out
4 of you?

5 A. That is correct. That there was a danger
6 that individuals who have an inclination to
7 pedophilia, recalcitrant as the condition is, with
8 recidivism rate being very high, and unless we had
9 had extensive amount of opportunity to try to treat
10 the problem and try to condition that individual
11 away from that inclination, that the possibility of
12 it happening again was very high. That's what
13 scared me.

14 Q. Why didn't you agree with Fr. Gerald that
15 they ought to be sent to an island in the Carribean?

16 A. Because I don't think that that is the
17 answer. I believe that treatment is the answer. We
18 need to define and evolve and develop better and
19 more effective treatment procedures rather than have
20 a prison for priests on some exotic island in the
21 Pacific.

22 Q. Going back to this quote at the bottom of
23 page 26, the top of 27, it seems to come across that
24 you said to Fr. Fitzgerald and Archbishop Davis that
25 it scared the hell out of you. Right?

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1 records to be produced, and understanding that you
2 are going to object to that anyway --

3 A. Yes, I am.

4 Q. -- are your records still intact to the
5 extent that you have them?

6 A. They have not been altered or changed in
7 any way.

8 Q. I want to talk to you about the island.
9 Do you recall approximately what year the discussion
10 came up wherein Fr. Fitzgerald indicated, as I
11 understand it, that "We've got this island, and
12 we're considering sticking some people on the
13 island"?

14 A. I think it came up early in the discussion
15 of structuring a program that would be a substitute
16 for that, namely, what we called our graduated
17 rehabilitation program that we designed.

18 Q. Did you understand that they had actually
19 purchased the island?

20 A. I don't remember whether they had
21 purchased the island or were proposing to purchase
22 the island as a method for the management of that
23 kind of priest problem.

24 Q. In your discussions with Fr. Fitzgerald
25 and whoever else you discussed the island with at

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1 Q. Maybe I asked a real strange question.
 2 Why would you have to say anything to a group that
 3 wanted to send pedophiles or ephebophiles to an
 4 island in the Carribean or keep them segregated even
 5 from adults about not putting such people in
 6 parishes or high schools or grade schools?

7 THE WITNESS: Read me that question back.
 8 (Question read)

9 A. Because if there was a danger, as there
 10 would be if a pedophile priest were placed in a
 11 grade school or a parish, then it was my
 12 responsibility to warn the Paraclete that such
 13 assignments would not be proper.

14 Q. They are the ones who originally thought
 15 that, aren't they?

16 A. They thought that they were going to
 17 initially relegate all pedophile or ephebophile
 18 priests to the island.

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. We discussed that there would be better
 21 hope for recovery if they were not put on an island
 22 to rot for the rest of their life, but that a more
 23 humane treatment would be to assist them in
 24 overcoming their problems, but that did not mean
 25 leaving them open to an environment where they would

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