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Dear Father McNamara:

Thank you very much for your call this morning. I have written a letter to Father Gerald of which I enclose a copy for your information. I hope that he understands our position as well as his own and cooperates. As I told you he has misunderstood what Cardinal Inconmuiti wrote to him. Fortunately His Eminence sent me a copy of the letter and asked me for suggestions and observations. I shall answer His Eminence today and urge that the new programs for accounting and business management as well as those for improved therapy be made an integral part of operations. I have no doubt that His Eminence will agree. He was Apostolic Delegate to Canada for several years and Nuncio to Spain after that. He is a very clear thinking and cool-headed executive and quite direct in his approach to problems. I mention this because he is the one who will ^{most} to say about the Paracletes - the Vicar of Rome is ecclesiastical superior only to satisfy the requirement of Canon Law because of the fact that the Paracletes are still of Diocesan Jurisdiction.

You will please proceed with the organization of the alcoholic clinic as a separate unity. In order not to lose valuable time ~~please arrange~~ to set it up at Villa Pius XII. Father Patrick Mulcahy wrote to me to present his objections but I am convinced that the clinic must take precedence at this time. Later on Pius XII might very well revert to the present status. May I correct what I have just said in the preceding sentence. Upon reading again your letter of October 1, I see that the present status of Pius XII might very well continue with the clinic program.

From Father Patrick Mulcahy's letter I judge that he is not sold on a lay director - this I take to be his main objection. His ~~own~~ ideas of handling alcoholic priests needs updating too.

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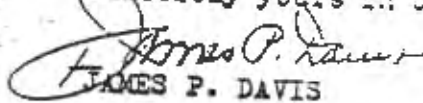
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Father Mulcahy is also under the impression that Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will live at Pius XII. I would not think that is indicated nor advisable. They can find an apartment in Albuquerque without difficulty. I approve a contract with Mr. John Kelly on the basis of \$10,000.00 salary for one year plus housing and health and hospitalization insurance.

The thought occurs to me that at the end of one year it is possible that ^aParaclete priest might well have learned enough to take over as Director. This is only a thought - I am almost opposed on principle to priest-psychiatrists and priest-M.Ds. They should be exceptions and not the rule, to my mind. We priests belong to another order of service to fallen humanity to which we should give ourselves wholly as indispensable collaborators with the others professionally prepared to assist the more needy by reason of ill health which is always of a psycho-somatic dimension. I hope that I have stated my thought clearly without presuming to be an authority in the matter of any special merit. These thoughts derive from personal experience as well as from some rather fundamental theological teaching about the relative roles of the priest and the professional layman in the fields of medicine and ~~law~~ civil law.

With prayerful best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


JAMES P. DAVIS

Archbishop of Santa Fe