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TESTIMONY OF ANTHONY JOSEPH CARDINAL BEVILACQUA

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MS. COX: [REDACTED]

ANTHONY JOSEPH CARDINAL BEVILACQUA,

having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

BY MS. COX:

Q. Good morning, your Eminence.

A. Good morning.

Q. Cardinal, would you please state your name for the record.

A. My name is Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua.

Q. And you're here with counsel.

MS. COX: If counsel could identify himself.

MR. HODGSON: Yes.

I am Clark Hodgson. I practice at the

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2 law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens and Young, and

3 I represent his Eminence.

4 BY MS. COX:

5 Q. Your Eminence, do you recall back in June of this  
6 year when you appeared in front of the Honorable Darnell  
7 Jones?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you recall at that time he advised you of  
10 your rights and obligations as a witness?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you understand your rights at that time,  
13 and do you understand them today?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And do you understand you have the right to consult  
16 with counsel before, during and after your testimony

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17 today?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are you ready to proceed?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Thank you.

22 Cardinal, you previously testified that in December  
23 of 1983 you became Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Diocese of  
24 Pittsburgh.

25 As a newly appointed bishop at that time, did you

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2 try to keep on top of current events nationally and  
3 locally?

4 A. I tried.

5 Q. And at that time, were you also a reader of the New  
6 York Times?

7 A. I don't recall that I did hit regularly at that  
8 time. I don't recall that. Certainly local papers.

9 Q. Would people on your staff bring articles to your  
10 attention that concerned the Catholic Church?

11 A. No. Not generally there.

12 Q. Did you try keep on top of articles that would  
13 affect issues affecting the Catholic Church?

14 A. I would try.

15 Q. And back in 1984, in the fall of 1984, did you  
16 become aware of the case of Reverend Gilbert Gauthé,

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17 G-A-U-T-H-E?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. And do you recall that Reverend Gauthé had been  
20 accused down in the Lafayette Diocese of Louisiana with  
21 molesting approximately seventy children?

22 A. I recall it was a number of children.

23 Q. Okay. And do you remember that when that story  
24 became national, it was rather a crisis for the Church at  
25 that time?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And in fact, it later became publicized in  
4 approximately 1985 that the bishop down in Louisiana knew  
5 about allegations regarding Father Gauthe and nevertheless  
6 transferred him; were you aware of that?

7 A. I don't know the specifics of it, but I knew there  
8 was a great deal of controversy.

9 Q. And would you agree that that would cause even  
10 greater scandal to the Church if people found out that the  
11 bishop transferred an individual who had been accused of  
12 sexually molesting children?

13 A. Knowingly, yes, it would cause scandal.

14 Q. And were you aware that -- did you know Bishop  
15 Frey, who was the bishop down there at the time?

16 A. No, I did not.

17 Q. You didn't know him through the National Catholic  
18 Conference of Bishops to see at least?

19 A. No, I did not know him very well.

20 Q. Okay. And were you aware that the children who  
21 were the victims of Father Gauthe were as young as seven  
22 years old?

23 A. I don't recall any ages.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. If there were, I just don't recollect that.

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2 Q. And do you recall that he was charged with  
3 basically raping, sodomizing and photographing children as  
4 young as seven and as old as thirteen?

5 A. I don't recall the ages. I knew it was sexual  
6 abuse of minors.

7 Q. And do you recall that the Vatican at that time was  
8 so concerned about this case that they asked Father Thomas  
9 Doyle to go down to Louisiana and to monitor the documents  
10 that were being filed in the case?

11 A. I do not know that.

12 Q. Did you know that the Vatican sent Bishop James  
13 Quinn to Louisiana to monitor the situation?

14 A. I did not know that.

15 Q. But you did know that it was in fact a rather large  
16 scandal for the Catholic Church?

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17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you tried to keep on top of the --

19 A. I tried.

20 Q. And did you also become aware that Father Gauthier  
21 was facing life imprisonment as a result of his --

22 A. I didn't know about that. I don't recollect.

23 Q. Sure. Sure, but you did know at the time that  
24 molesting a child was a crime?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. And at that point you had been a bishop for less  
3 than one year when the Gauthé story first broke; is that  
4 true?

5 A. I came in the latter part of '83.

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. So about that.

8 Q. Sure. And once the Gauthé story became national  
9 news, do you recall that it was somewhat of a watershed  
10 and numerous other complaints surfaced throughout the  
11 country very rapidly in 1985 accusing priests throughout  
12 the country of abusing children?

13 A. I don't recall how extensive it was, but there was  
14 a fallout.

15 Q. And the National Conference of Bishops immediately  
16 became concerned about the Gauthé case and tried to alert

17 the bishops in terms of these kinds of problems.

18 Do you recall that?

19 A. They began to alert us about it.

20 Q. Yes.

21 MS. COX: If I may, I would like to  
22 mark this exhibit nine seventy-five.

23 (GJ-975 was marked for identification.)

24 BY MS. COX:

25 Q. And, your Eminence, for the record -



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2 MR. HODGSON: Excuse me.

3 (Pause.)

4 BY MS. COX:

5 Q. I'm handing you a printout from the United States  
6 Catholic Conference of Bishops, Office of Communication,  
7 from their website, and it's entitled "Efforts to Combat  
8 Clergy Sexual Abuse Against Minors: A Chronology."

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Have you ever seen this document before?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Okay. And if I direct your attention to the first  
13 paragraph, it says in 1992, the National Conference of  
14 Bishops --

15 MR. HODGSON: Wait a minute. Wait a  
16 minute.

17 THE WITNESS: 1982.

18 MS. COX: I'm sorry. '82. I  
19 apologize.

20 BY MS. COX:

21 Q. Even before the Gauthé crisis in 1982, the National  
22 Conference was assisting two dioceses in dealing with  
23 these kinds of problems.

24 Do you recall that?

25 A. No.

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2 Q. Okay. And moving down to 1984, on the exhibit, it  
3 indicates that the National Conference began to consider  
4 these problems a result of the Gauthé case; is that  
5 correct?

6 A. I see that there.

7 Q. And in the same paragraph, towards the end, it  
8 says: "Additional claimants in other dioceses come  
9 forward.

10 Does that refresh your recollection in terms of --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- other claimants and other dioceses?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. And directing your attention down to 1985,  
15 it indicates that the National Conference of Bishops began  
16 to make uniform suggestions to the bishops in terms of

17 what they could do in their own diocese, and it  
18 indicates -- and if you could follow along with me to make  
19 sure I'm reading it correctly: "Number one, remove the  
20 alleged offender from assignment; two" --

21 A. Where are you? Forgive me.

22 Q. I'm at 1985?

23 A. June?

24 Q. No. Just 1985.

25 A. Oh, okay. Sorry.

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2 Q. Where it says "number one," it's about four lines  
3 up from the bottom.

4 Do you see that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. "Remove the alleged offender from  
7 assignment; two, refer the alleged offender for  
8 professional medical evaluation; three, deal promptly with  
9 the victim and his or her family to offer the solace and  
10 support of the Church; and four, make efforts to protect  
11 the confidential nature of the claim; and five, comply  
12 with the obligations of civil law and make appropriate  
13 notifications."

14 Do you recall that?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay.

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17 A. I -- I was not one of the individual dioceses.

18 Q. Oh, I understand, but do you recall the National  
19 Conference was trying to take some steps at that point?

20 A. With individual dioceses? No, I do not recall  
21 that.

22 Q. Do you recall they were trying to be a resource,  
23 provide resource materials for the bishops so the bishops  
24 could deal with this?

25 A. It was around that time they began.

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2 Q. And directing your attention down to June of 1985,  
3 do you recall that the National Conference held a  
4 conference in Collegeville, Minnesota?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And at that time presented a psychiatrist, a lawyer  
7 and a bishop to discuss various aspects of the problem?

8 A. I remember there were experts there.

9 Q. Yes. And did you attend that conference?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And experts talked about the nature of pedophilia  
12 and the issues the bishops should be concerned with?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And were you familiar that in 1985 the Washington  
15 Post had published an article indicating that there was a  
16 claim of sexual abuse in your diocese, the Pittsburgh

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17 diocese at the time?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you know that any of your cases had made the  
20 press at that time?

21 A. I recall -- I don't recall their making the --  
22 getting publicity in the press, but I presume it was  
23 because there were a few cases there in my time.

24 Q. And do you recall Time Magazine in 1985 ran a large  
25 article indicating that in the past fifteen months, at the

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2 time of the article, new -- excuse me -- in the past  
3 month, fifteen cases, new cases, throughout the country  
4 came forward regarding priests abusing children?

5 A. I don't recall them.

6 Q. Okay. As a result of the information you received  
7 both from the National Conference and from trying to keep  
8 abreast of this in your own diocese, what if any steps did  
9 you try to take in your diocese to prevent this kind of a  
10 problem from happening?

11 A. The only thing I can recall, just generally, was  
12 that when we learned about the abuse problem, which is all  
13 new to us, that I know we established some kind of a  
14 policy in Pittsburgh, not written, but a policy to guide  
15 us, to deal with the some of the cases that occurred then;  
16 and that was -- primarily, it involved, you know, sending  
17 them -- you know, listening to them, trying to ascertain  
18 what happened when the case was presented.

19 We also . . . we generally referred to our legal  
20 counsel. They would be sent away for medical evaluation  
21 and treatment and that they would -- they would --  
22 depended a great deal on the medical advice, whether or  
23 not they could be restored to ministry; and -- but I think  
24 at that time, and I can't be absolutely sure, that we did  
25 not -- certainly did not return them to any ministry that

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2 involved any kind of contact with young people.

3 Q. And was that because you were concerned that they  
4 might offend again?

5 A. We always had that concern, but even though it was  
6 not that certain at that time, the medical advice  
7 sometimes was not very strong about that.

8 In other words, we abided a great deal, or it was a  
9 major factor, was what did the -- what the facility that  
10 we sent the priest to would recommend.

11 But I -- I think at the time it was that we felt  
12 that we avoid any possibility by having any contact with  
13 young people, children or young people. That's my  
14 recollection.

15 Q. And you knew at that time that pedophilia was an  
16 addiction.

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17 A. That was pretty early. I did not -- I can't say I  
18 recollected that pedophilia was an addiction. It was only  
19 then we began to understand what pedophilia was, and  
20 that -- but I cannot recollect that we knew that it was  
21 something incurable at the time.

22 Q. I'm going to -- oh, I'm sorry.

23 A. I say, to repeat, that I don't know at that time I  
24 would have known that it was an addiction as you asked.

25 Q. Okay. I'm going to pass over to you what's going

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2 be marked grand jury exhibit nine seventy-six.

3 (GJ-976 was marked for identification.)

4 MS. COX: For the record, this is a  
5 reprint from Time Magazine, July 1, 1985. The  
6 third paragraph indicates that they mention that in  
7 the past month, which would be within one month of  
8 July of 1985, fifteen other cases had come forward,  
9 and they talked about the various charges against  
10 various clerics throughout the country.

11 BY MS. COX:

12 Q. And the last paragraph, if you direct your  
13 attention down there, it says: "Pederasty is a puzzling  
14 perversion."

15 MR. HODGSON: Where are you?

16 MS. COX: The very last paragraph.

17 THE WITNESS: Of the first page?

18 MS. COX: Of the first page.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't see . . .

20 MS. COX: Does the top of your --

21 THE WITNESS: It's not here.

22 MR. HODGSON: It's not here.

23 MS. COX: -- indicate or say Time

24 Magazine?

25 THE WITNESS: No. It's the Washington

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2 Post.

3 MS. COX: Oh, I'm sorry. Let me pass  
4 over this one.

5 MR. HODGSON: I have the Time Magazine.

6 BY MS. COX:

7 Q. I direct your attention to the last paragraph:  
8 "Pederasty is a puzzling perversion, which to many experts  
9 seems essentially incurable."

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Does that refresh your recollection in terms of  
12 what many experts were saying back then?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. And at that time, were you aware of the kind  
15 of harm that could be caused to a child if they were  
16 sexually abused?

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17 A. I felt it, but I cannot say I recollect that  
18 experts were, you know, saying this. I could see -- I  
19 could sense it myself, the great harm. I thought it was a  
20 horrendous thing. But there were also, say, experts at  
21 the time that I did not agree with them, that said it may  
22 not cause that much harm.

23 Kinsey himself I recall one time saying he didn't  
24 think it would cause that much harm, so it's here I notice  
25 it says, "to many experts seems essentially incurable,"



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2 though there are some who would probably -- according to  
3 that statement, there's some who did not think the same  
4 thing.

5 Q. But in terms of your own diocese, having seen what  
6 happened in the Louisiana Lafayette diocese and the crisis  
7 it caused the Church, was it your determination when you  
8 returned in Pittsburgh not to let the same kind of thing  
9 ever happen in your diocese?

10 A. That's right.

11 Q. And what if any lessons did you take away from the  
12 Gauthe case where he was allowed to abuse children in  
13 diocese after diocese when they knowingly transferred him?

14 A. Well, I would have been totally against that, and  
15 he -- I would -- I would -- if I had -- if I had been  
16 there and known this, this is knowingly, he would not have  
17 been associated in any kind of ministry.

18 Q. So you would agree that it would be a mistake to  
19 transfer someone to a new diocese -- excuse me -- a new  
20 parish if the person had been accused of sexually  
21 molesting a child?

22 A. Knowingly, it would be very wrong.

23 Q. When you say knowingly, you're referring to the  
24 person making the transfer decision?

25 A. That's right. That person knew that he had been

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2 guilty of this.

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THE WITNESS: Or credibly.

6 BY MS. COX:

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Q. Now, directing your attention again back to the  
8 bottom of what's been marked nine seventy-five, this is  
9 the National Catholic Conference exhibit?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And by the way, the National Catholic Conference of  
12 Bishops, which is now known as the United States Catholic  
13 Conference of Bishops, would that be equivalent to a trade  
14 group in a civil context?

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A. It's hard to compare it. What do you mean by that,  
16 a trade group?

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Q. Is it an organization that is there for the benefit  
18 of the bishops in terms of a support group providing  
19 information?

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A. It begins to approach that.

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Q. So directing your attention to the last paragraph  
22 on exhibit nine seventy-five, where it says "1985,  
23 continued," it indicates, and tell me if I'm reading this  
24 correctly, "The Reverend Michael Peterson, president of  
25 Saint Luke Institute, and the Reverend Thomas Doyle, canon

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2 lawyer on the staff of the Apostolic Nunciature, and  
3 Attorney Raymond Mouton, lawyer for Father Gauthe, draft a  
4 resource paper entitled "The Problem of Sexual Molestation  
5 by Roman Catholic Clergy: Meeting the Problem in a  
6 Comprehensive and Responsible Manner."

7 Do you recall that the authors of this document had  
8 been involved in the Gauthe case, that Reverend Mouton had  
9 been defense counsel for Gilbert Gauthe?

10 A. I do not recall that, but I -- those names are  
11 familiar.

12 Q. It would have been likely you would have known at  
13 the time, I take it?

14 A. At that time, possibly.

15 Q. And you previously testified that you recalled, you  
16 think you received a copy of that along --

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17 A. Yes, I think I did.

18 Q. -- along with the other bishops?

19 And given the crisis that had occurred with the  
20 Gauthe case, I take it you would have wanted to know as  
21 much as you possibly could about this problem?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And would you agree that the Gauthe case was  
24 probably the biggest scandal in the Catholic Church since  
25 you had been ordained in 1949?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. You wouldn't?

4 What would have been a bigger scandal?

5 A. We're dealing with two thousand years of history.

6 Q. So since you've been ordained in 19 --

7 A. Oh, that I had -- happened since I was ordained?

8 Q. Since you were ordained in 1949, would you agree  
9 that the Gauthé scandal was the biggest crisis in the  
10 Catholic Church in the United States? Since the time of  
11 your ordination, not in the history of the Church.

12 A. I guess it was. I'd have to say the most notorious  
13 at the time.

14 At the time -- you have to understand. I don't  
15 know whether it was -- I would have to say for myself, an  
16 enormous amount of publicity that has ever been received,

17 I would say yes, of something that would be notorious and  
18 evil.

19 Q. Now, this was not something that you would ever  
20 want to see happen in your diocese, I take it?

21 A. No. That is correct.

22 Q. Now, directing your attention to the second page of  
23 exhibit nine seventy-five, it indicates about eight lines  
24 down, if you can find that spot, "An NCCB/USCC staff  
25 review."

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2 A. Right.

3 Q. Have you found that spot?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. "Finds that, with few exceptions, issues identified  
6 in the report," and they're referring to the Doyle  
7 Peterson Mouton report here, "have already been analyzed  
8 for the bishops by the National Catholic Conference of  
9 Bishops' staff and other experts, especially at the  
10 Collegeville meeting. Major difference: The report's  
11 suggestion of a national intervention team."

12 Now, do you recall that the National Catholic  
13 Conference of Bishops basically had presented the bishops  
14 with the same kind of information that was contained in  
15 this Doyle manual so the bishops could respond in their  
16 ~~own diocese to this issue?~~

17 A. I do not recall that it was considered, you know,  
18 substantially the same as the Doyle. I do not recall  
19 that.

20 Q. Would you dispute the National Conference of  
21 Bishops' conclusion that it was substantially the same  
22 except for the intervention team?

23 A. No, I would not dispute that.

24 Q. Now, continuing down on the same exhibit, in 1986  
25 and 1987, the National Catholic Conference of Bishops in

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2 this statement, on their website, indicates how they were  
3 encouraging bishops in their own diocese to deal with  
4 personnel problems, and they were acknowledging the scope  
5 and extent of the crisis of priests abusing children.

6 Is that correct?

7 A. I see that.

8 Q. Now, by 1988, you were transferred and actually  
9 made Archbishop the of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; is  
10 that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And do you recall -- I'm going to hand you a copy  
13 of an exhibit that was previously marked nine fifty-six?

14 MS. COX: And for the record, this  
15 exhibit is captioned: "It's Your Call with Lynn  
16 Doyle.

17 "On CN8 TV.

18 "Questions for the Cardinal.

19 "Interview of Anthony Cardinal  
20 Bevilacqua.

21 "Taped June 24, 2002."

22 BY MS. COX:

23 Q. Do you recall that interview?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And directing your attention to page two of the

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2 transcript, the last paragraph, five lines down, beginning  
3 with the word "but," "but also," have you seen that?

4 A. No. The last paragraph on page two?

5 Q. The last paragraph on page two, the words "but also  
6 the impression that was given."

7 A. By the media?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. "But also the impression that was given by the  
11 media at times" -- excuse me.

12 A. I see that.

13 Q. "But also the impression that was given by the  
14 media at times was that the bishops never did anything  
15 about this. You know, we started -- when it was first  
~~16 highlighted in 1985, the bishops began to address this~~  
17 with workshops. We had many experts speak to us at our  
18 conferences."

19 And coming down a couple lines, "But a lot of  
20 reform did take place."

21 And directing your attention to page three, at the  
22 top, the question was posed by Lynn Doyle: "And that's  
23 because, in your opinion, of the reform that started as  
24 far back as 1985?" And your answer: "Most of the bishops  
25 I think cooperated with that."

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2 And did I read that correctly?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you would agree that you also cooperated with  
5 the reform and were interested in making sure that no  
6 child was ever placed at risk in any of your dioceses; is  
7 that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

10 Q. Good morning Cardinal.

11 You were actually appointed Archbishop of  
12 Philadelphia in June of 1987; is that correct?

13 A. No.

14 Q. When?

15 A. No. I -- I was appointed in December of '87.

16 Q. ~~And you took -- you were installed as Archbishop in~~  
17 February of '88; is that right?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. And during that period of time, between your  
20 appointment and your installation, were you the one that  
21 made the decisions in Philadelphia, or was that still  
22 Cardinal Krol's responsibility?

23 A. Cardinal Krol.

24 Q. Okay. During that period of time, the transitional  
25 period, you were trying to familiarize yourself with the



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2 Archdiocese of Philadelphia; is that fair to say?

3 A. Trying, but not strongly, because I had to still  
4 run the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

5 Q. Okay. And you were actually then installed in  
6 February of 1988, at which point in time you became the  
7 one that made the decisions with regard to the Archdiocese  
8 of Philadelphia --

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. -- correct?

11 And you've already testified previously that you  
12 were the ultimate decision maker with regard to any  
13 decision that occurred in the Archdiocese as it affected  
14 the Catholic Church; is that fair to say?

15 A. For the more important ones. I mean, not every  
16 ~~decision. Much of the administrative work I delegated to~~  
17 others.

18 Q. Okay. But in terms of transferring and assignments  
19 of priests --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- ultimately, all of those decisions were yours to  
22 make; is that right?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. Okay. And when you first became Archbishop of  
25 Philadelphia in 1988, you set up an advisory committee; is

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2 that right?

3 A. What do you mean by an advisory committee? On this  
4 issue or advisory committee to myself? What --

5 Q. An advisory committee to familiarize yourself with  
6 what was going on within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia?

7 A. I don't recall any advisory committee that I set up  
8 then as soon as I came in. I have -- by law there are  
9 advisory committees.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. One being the Priest Council, which I had to  
12 install, which I did several months after I came here.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I had a -- I had -- one or two of my top staff were  
15 kind of personal advisors to me, but I did not have a  
16 ~~formal advisory body outside of what's required, you know,~~  
17 allowed by the law itself.

18 Q. What about a transitional committee? Did you have  
19 any persons from Cardinal Krol's administration working in  
20 coordination with those that you were going to make  
21 important in your administration?

22 A. There was no committee set up in that way.

23 Q. And who were your closest advisors that you  
24 mentioned when you first came to Philadelphia?

25 A. When I first came here, it must have been at least

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2 six, about six or so months that I depended upon the ones  
3 that were already in place in the office, and that would  
4 have been Cardinal Krol's secretary. It would have been  
5 the Chancellor of the diocese. It would have been also  
6 the Vicar General of the diocese.

7 Those would be the top advisors that I would have  
8 consulted with for a while until I began to form my --  
9 make my own appointees.

10 Q. Now, you first came here in February, as we've  
11 already discussed, the fact that the NCCB was addressing  
12 this issue of clergy sexual abuse, and it was discussed at  
13 the various meetings that were held from the point in time  
14 of the Gauthe case forward through 1988; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. ~~And they had provided you, you as well as the other~~  
17 bishops, with a number of resource materials in terms of  
18 how to address this issue and what the medical opinions at  
19 the time were; is that right?

20 A. Yes, but you have to understand it wasn't -- there  
21 was a constant influx of resource materials.

22 Q. I understand that, but the conference themselves  
23 provided you with information --

24 A. Yes. At times.

25 Q. -- is that right?

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2 A. At times.

3 Q. And there was also obviously information that could  
4 have been obtained through sources over the NCCB on this  
5 issue; is that right?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. Individuals could have gone and done research by  
8 themselves or had set up committees to, you know, speak  
9 with experts and things like that; is that fair to say?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you do any of those things, Cardinal, either in  
12 Pittsburgh or in Philadelphia, from 1995 through 1988?

13 A. I tried to keep up with as much of the relevant  
14 resource materials that was available. I can't say I did  
15 read everything.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. But there was so much.

18 Q. So then you --

19 A. But I did try to say that I was, you know, current  
20 with what the situation was.

21 Q. So you, in addition to the information provided by  
22 the USCC, you supplemented that with your own research and  
23 investigation?

24 A. It was mainly -- not that I necessarily researched  
25 it, but that people would tell me about articles in the

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2 paper or in some magazine, and they might send me a copy.  
3 I don't recall all of the incidents of it, but I would  
4 keep up with it.

5 Q. And you were aware that the issue that was being  
6 addressed, clergy sexual abuse, that there were children  
7 that were affected by this crisis?

8 A. What I -- the information that I was reading seemed  
9 to indicate frequently that the number of -- when you say  
10 children, I'm presuming you mean below the age of puberty.

11 Q. When I say children, I'm talking about anywhere  
12 from toddler through the legal age of majority, which  
13 would be eighteen.

14 A. Oh, because we -- we learned, you know, after a  
15 while, that distinction between children and young people,  
16 ~~and so there were minors involved.~~

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you would agree that obviously one of your  
20 major concerns would be the protection of children or  
21 minors; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And so that was another reason why this issue was  
24 extremely important to you --

25 A. Yes, it was.

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2 Q. -- is that correct?

3 And when you came to Philadelphia, would it be fair  
4 to say that the protection of the children of the Diocese  
5 or the minors of the Diocese, that was one of your main  
6 concerns?

7 A. At the time it was always a concern, you know,  
8 wherever I was, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, but it -- to  
9 say that it was my major of concern, if I took action  
10 immediately, I cannot say that, but it was still a major  
11 priority for me.

12 Q. What concern would you say was of greater  
13 importance to you when you became Archbishop of  
14 Philadelphia in February of 1988 than the protection of  
15 children?

16 A. ~~Protection of children was always a very high~~  
17 priority.

18 When I first came to Philadelphia, one of the first  
19 things I had to do was to get a staff that could advise me  
20 and to fulfill my own style and policies.

21 I knew very few people in Philadelphia. Very few.  
22 And so it was very important to get people that I knew at  
23 that I would -- who were competent, in charge of various  
24 offices, because when I came here, I knew that I had to  
25 take a different approach to the administration of the

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2 Diocese; and it was an approach that I felt would allow me  
3 to be more of a shepherd, meaning that I could get out  
4 among the people, and I wanted to delegate more to  
5 administrators so that I would not have to be directly  
6 involved --excuse me -- with the day-to-day running of the  
7 Diocese.

8 That was very crucial to me from a practical point  
9 of view or organizational point of view. That does not  
10 diminish the priority of protection of children or many  
11 other priorities.

12 Q. Well, when you say you needed to take a different  
13 approach, that was different than the approach that had  
14 been taken by Cardinal Krol?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And --

17 A. It was an advancement of it.

18 Q. Okay. And when you came to Philadelphia, what did  
19 you do to educate yourself with regard to the policy of  
20 Cardinal Krol that Cardinal Krol had in place where there  
21 were allegations of clergy sexual abuse with minors?

22 A. I don't recall at that time that there was any  
23 prominent cases of sexual abuse of minors in Philadelphia

24 I depended upon the staff of Cardinal Krol, that  
25 was the in the Chancery, to alert me to any situations

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2 that required immediate attention, and my recollection is  
3 that they -- it seemed as if it was not a very -- there  
4 was nothing notorious at the time.

5 Q. Well, Cardinal, just so I'm clear, when you say  
6 nothing notorious, you're talking about nothing that had  
7 maybe made the newspapers in Philadelphia?

8 A. Right, or that there were recent allegations or  
9 cases.

10 Q. Was that an assumption that you made, or did you  
11 actually go to the people that were in charge of dealing  
12 with these issues under Cardinal Krol and -- I believe it  
13 would have been Monsignor Shoemaker at the time?

14 A. That's right.

15 Q. Did you go to Monsignor Shoemaker and say, you  
~~16 know, I need you to tell me what the situation here is in~~  
17 Philadelphia?

18 A. I don't recall doing that.

19 Q. Did you direct anybody on your staff to provide  
20 that information to you?

21 A. I don't recall that.

22 Q. So when you say that there were no cases that  
23 required immediate attention, that was just an assumption  
24 on your part?

25 You're not basing that on any firsthand knowledge



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2 that you had through any work that you did to discover  
3 that.

4 Is that fair to say?

5 A. It's because that if there had been an allegation,  
6 that would have been reported to me immediately.

7 Q. If there had been an allegation that occurred while  
8 you were --

9 A. While I was there.

10 Q. Okay. What about allegations -- and we can talk  
11 about that in a moment, but what about allegations that  
12 had occurred prior to your arrival where the individuals  
13 were reassigned or were still in treatment or had been,  
14 you know, put on administrative leave?

15 Did you familiarize yourself with any of those  
16 situations?

17 A. I don't recall doing that since I presumed that it  
18 was being adequately taken care of.

19 Q. And when you say you presumed that it was being  
20 adequately taken care of, on what facts were you making  
21 that assumption?

22 A. On the fact that Cardinal Krol was a very competen  
23 Archbishop, and I'm -- I presume again that he was  
24 concerned about the protection of children as much as  
25 anybody else.

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2 Q. Did you, Cardinal, given the fact that this was of  
3 such paramount concern to you, the protection of children,  
4 did you do anything besides just assume that these  
5 situations had been handled appropriately in the past?

6 A. I have to repeat that the staff that was in charge  
7 of the clergy at the time were very competent, and as I  
8 was trying to reorganize the Diocese, I was waiting to get  
9 people in that were the ones that would fulfill my goals  
10 and my vision; and at the time, those in charge of the  
11 clergy were very efficient, and I have to repeat that I  
12 presumed that they were taking care of all of this.

13 Q. And you're saying that you assumed that they were  
14 taking care of it because they were very competent; that's  
15 why you were making that assumption, part of the reason?

16 A. ~~I have to repeat that if there was anything, any~~  
17 danger there, I am presuming again that they would have  
18 brought it to my attention.

19 Q. Did you, Cardinal, at any point in time tell those  
20 individuals that this is an issue that you were extremely  
21 concerned about and I need to know about it and I need you  
22 to tell me what's going on in this archdiocese about this  
23 issue?

24 A. You're talking about immediately after I arrived?

25 Q. Yes.

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2 A. I do not recall that.

3 Q. Okay. At the time that you became Archbishop of  
4 Philadelphia, you were aware -- you're aware of the  
5 existence of secret archive files, is that right? By  
6 canon law, they have to be kept?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And you're aware that any allegation that  
9 occurred in a priest's life and that involved anything  
10 from alcohol abuse to stealing to allegations of sexual  
11 abuse, there would have to be reports that were generated  
12 in and placed in that individual's secret archive file; is  
13 that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you at any point in time when you first came to  
16 Philadelphia, did you ask that anybody go through the  
17 secret archive files so that you could be aware of those  
18 priests that had files, or did you do that yourself?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 Q. Can you tell me why?

21 A. (No response.)

22 Q. Why was that not done?

23 A. I didn't see any necessity at the time.

24 Things are brought to me when it requires my  
25 attention. That's why I have staff. And the clergy

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2 office at the time was the chancellor and the vice  
3 chancellor.

4 That was their responsibility, and they knew that.  
5 They always knew that it was a high priority for me,  
6 protection of children. Apparently, there was nothing  
7 urgent at the time to tell me.

8 Q. Cardinal, how would they know that was a high  
9 priority of yours and that you were to be kept abreast of  
10 all of this if you never had that conversation with them  
11 and that you're assuming they would know it?

12 A. Because they would know as it was high priority for  
13 Cardinal Krol, it would be a high priority for me; and if  
14 they had anything urgent that had to be taken care of,  
15 they would have brought it to my attention.

~~16 Q. The changes that occur within the Archdiocese,~~  
17 they're usually done in May or June of any particular  
18 year; is that correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And so, when you became Cardinal in 1988, in  
21 February, the first set of clergy changes that you were  
22 responsible for would have been in June of that year; is  
23 that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And those changes are done on the basis of

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2 needs of the Diocese and skills of each individual priest;  
3 is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So when you went to make the changes in June of  
6 1988, did you at that point in time, when you were  
7 possibly going to be making, you know, decisions with  
8 regard to moving one individual from one parish to  
9 another, did you at that point in time ask that any of the  
10 secret archive files be reviewed so that you could be  
11 familiar with these individuals because you were the one  
12 that was going to be making the decisions about where they  
13 were going to go?

14 A. I don't recall that, but it was policy, and I don't  
15 know when it began, whether that first time, certainly was  
16 after that, that any appointment that is made, that it's  
17 the responsibility of those in charge of the clergy to see  
18 if there's anything in the secret archives that would  
19 militate against an assignment. That is to be done  
20 automatically.

21 Q. Now, just so I'm clear on this Cardinal, any time a  
22 priest is changed from one assignment to the other, the  
23 Secretary for Clergy is to go through the secret archive  
24 files, find out whether a file exists on that individual,  
25 if it does, to determine what the contents of it are and

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2 then bring that information to your attention?

3 A. That is correct. If -- but after a while,  
4 naturally, he doesn't do it any time he becomes familiar  
5 with that file.

6 Q. But that information that he gathers from looking  
7 at the secret archive file is conveyed to you so that you  
8 can then have an informed discussion about what changes  
9 are made and how and what skills or deficiencies a  
10 particular priest has?

11 A. Yes. If it was something notorious in that secret  
12 archive file, then that would affect any kind of transfer;  
13 but what I say -- I was trying to say I don't know that  
14 first one because I set up a Personnel Board and I don't  
15 know if I had set it up by that time.

~~16 Q. You set up a Priest Personnel Board?~~

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. And that is composed of the vicars of the various  
19 counties, as well as some other individuals that are vote  
20 on by other priests?

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. You preside over every one of them?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And Monsignor Lynn is also a member that board; is  
25 that right?

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2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. But if not with the first set of changes that you  
4 were responsible for in 1988, every set of changes after  
5 that, this procedure that you've just indicated, was in  
6 place in terms of information from the secret archive  
7 files being gathered and presented to you for decision?

8 A. If -- he is supposed to check whether anyone --  
9 there's any record in the secret archives that would be a  
10 major factor in the appointment. If there is, he would  
11 generally let me know beforehand. In other words, it  
12 wouldn't be brought up at the personnel meeting itself.

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. But after all, he became familiar with that file.

15 Q. And he would let you know that either through a  
~~16 written memo or through sometimes just word of mouth of~~  
17 conveying that information?

18 A. That's right. Most of the time they would say it  
19 verbally, not that they were that frequent. It happened  
20 very, very rarely.

21 Q. But, Cardinal, you would agree with me that since  
22 your installation as Archbishop in 1988, there were  
23 priests that were reassigned that had allegations of  
24 sexual abuse in their secret archive files?

25 A. I can't say that. Wait a minute. That they

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2 reassigned to what?

3 Q. To different assignments throughout the Archdiocese  
4 of Philadelphia.

5 A. They -- those who had allegations against them,  
6 credible allegations, if they had gone for rehabilitation,  
7 they would -- it would depend upon what the doctors said,  
8 whether he could be reassigned, but I don't recall. I  
9 cannot recall ever assigning to any kind of ministry that  
10 would involve children.

11 Sometimes they would tell us this man can be  
12 reassigned but he is not to be involved with any  
13 responsibility involving young people, and so we -- it was  
14 not long after I arrived in Philadelphia, I don't know the  
15 precise time, that we had a policy that those involved in  
16 sexual abuse of minors would have restricted ministry.

17 But I don't recall ever knowingly assigning anyone  
18 to a parish or to any kind of apostolate or ministry  
19 involving children or young people.

20 Q. When you say -- you've used the phrase "credible  
21 allegation," that if it was a credible allegation, they  
22 wouldn't be reassigned to a ministry, a full ministry; is  
23 that right?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. How is credible allegation defined?



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2 A. One that where there's proof that he did commit a  
3 sexual abuse of a minor.

4 Q. And when you say proof, are you talking about --  
5 does it have to be an admission by the individual that's  
6 accused?

7 A. Practically. Most of the time when we did have  
8 allegations and we said that that person could not be  
9 reassigned, it was because the priest admitted it.

10 Q. And is that the only factor that is used or that  
11 goes into determining what is a credible allegation?

12 A. No. If it happened -- I don't recall any. If the  
13 priest did not admit it, there could be other ways of  
14 determining whether the allegation is credible.

15 Q. Like what, Cardinal?

16 A. Well, if there were any kind of evidence or if it  
17 was -- it could reach a point where a number of people  
18 made the allegation. I'm talking in general now. A  
19 number of people made similar allegations. It would build  
20 up a strong presumption of guilt.

21 Q. Well, with regard to the priests that were  
22 reassigned by you, who may have had secret archive files  
23 where allegations were made under Cardinal Krol, did you  
24 review those files personally?

25 A. No.

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2 Q. Well, how is it that there would have been able to  
3 be made a determination of whether or not the allegation  
4 was credible if the individual who was in charge of making  
5 the decision had never had the opportunity to speak with  
6 the accuser?

7 A. Because I depended upon my -- my people responsible  
8 for the clergy to do that.

9 Q. Well, you depended upon them, and they were clear  
10 that you were depending upon them in that regard; is that  
11 correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. If they didn't do what it is that you  
14 required them to do or expected that they would do,  
15 ultimately you're responsible for the decision that gets  
16 made; is that correct?

17 A. That's right. But I have to always presume that  
18 they were efficient and they did do what the policy said  
19 they should do.

20 Q. Did you ever personally -- did you ever check and  
21 go through any type of an evaluation process to determine  
22 whether or not these people that you've placed your  
23 confidence in were actually doing what it was that you  
24 expected them to do?

25 A. I'm not understanding how I'm supposed to do

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2 something like that, except that I trusted them. I mean,  
3 they have a conscience, and I have to presume all my  
4 priests follow their conscience, you know, that are my  
5 advisors or my staff, that they know their  
6 responsibilities and they know that they ought to carry it  
7 out.

8 Q. Were you aware at any point in time since when you  
9 took over as Cardinal in 1988 that the responsibility that  
10 you had vested into an individual was not being -- and  
11 when I say an individual, I'm talking about an individual  
12 involved in this issue of clergy sexual abuse, that they  
13 had not risen to the occasion, that they hadn't done the  
14 job that was required of them?

15 A. I never found in my experience in the Archdiocese  
16 ~~of Philadelphia that any of the priests involved in the~~  
17 clergy, in the clergy office, that they failed in their  
18 responsibility on this question of sexual abuse of minors

19 Q. So it's never been brought to your attention that  
20 one of the things that you wanted done on a particular  
21 case with this issue was not followed through on?

22 A. That was never brought to my attention.

23 Q. Now, Cardinal, when you became Archbishop in 2000,  
24 I mean, in February -- what was the exact date again?

25 A. February 11.

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2 Q. February 11.

3 After you became Archbishop of Philadelphia, within  
4 two weeks of your being installed, it became known to you  
5 that an allegation of sexual abuse had been brought  
6 against Monsignor David Walls; is that correct?

7 A. I don't recall it, but I know there was something  
8 there.

9 Q. I'm just ask you to look at what's been marked as  
10 grand jury six fifty-nine and just --

11 MR. HODGSON: Excuse me. What's the  
12 number again?

13 MS. MCCARTNEY: Six fifty-nine.

14 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

15 Q. Just for the record, Cardinal, this is the  
16 ~~Archdiocese of Philadelphia priest data profile; is that~~  
17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And it deals with Reverend Monsignor David E.  
20 Walls --

21 A. Right.

22 Q. -- is that right?

23 Now, if you look down, Cardinal, to the previous  
24 assignments, from June of 1987 through June of 1988,  
25 Monsignor Walls was the vicar in the Office of Catholic

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2 Education; is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that's a relatively high profile position  
5 within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Very important position?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Now, in February of 1988, there was an  
10 allegation that came in, and the allegation was made by a  
11 therapist, an [REDACTED]

12 Does that refresh your recollection at all?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And the therapist went and spoke with Monsignor  
15 Pepe, and what position did he hold in the Archdiocese at  
16 that time?

17 A. Forgive me. I . . . I think he -- I thought he was  
18 in the Tribunal, but I can't be positive, but it may have  
19 been in the Chancery.

20 Q. And also Samuel Shoemaker?

21 A. He was the Chancellor at the time.

22 Q. And Monsignor Shoemaker was the one that was in  
23 charge. His office was in charge of dealing with these  
24 issues of clergy sexual abuse when you took over. Is that  
25 right?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And just would it refresh your recollection,  
4 Cardinal, if I were to tell that Joseph Pepe was the Vice  
5 Chancellor from 1987 through 1991?

6 A. That could be.

7 Q. Okay. So he was Monsignor Shoemaker's assistant at  
8 that point?

9 A. (No response.)

10 Q. The therapist that came to speak with them told  
11 them that she was treating a client and that that client,  
12 who was nineteen at the time, alleged that two years  
13 previous, she had been sexually assaulted by Monsignor  
14 Walls after she had gone to him for counseling.

15 Does that refresh your recollection --

~~16 A. No.~~

17 Q. -- as regard to the allegations?

18 A. No. No.

19 Q. She also said that there was another allegation  
20 that she was familiar with where the girl's brother had  
21 been approached by Monsignor Walls in a sexual way.

22 Does that ring a bell with you, Cardinal?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And she told you that --

25 A. Wait.

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2 Q. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. She didn't tell you. I  
3 apologize, Cardinal.

4 And the allegations that had been brought to the  
5 attention of the Chancellor's office were that these  
6 incidents involving her had occurred at a point in time  
7 when she was seventeen years old, which would have made  
8 her a minor; is that correct?

9 A. This is the first time I hear that the allegations  
10 involved a minor.

11 Q. Well, Cardinal, am I correct in saying that just a  
12 couple minutes ago when we were talking about what the  
13 procedure was in Philadelphia after you took place that  
14 you had given instructions --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- informed your staff to come to you and tell you  
17 if there's any allegations of sexual abuse?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you made that very well clear to them, is that  
20 right, when you first --

21 A. They knew it.

22 Q. And they knew that because the protection of  
23 children was one of, if not your main, concerns as the  
24 spiritual, moral leader of the Diocese, correct?

25 A. Yes.

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Q. Are you saying that they never came to you and told you that the allegation involved a minor?

A. My memory of this has never linked him with abuse of a minor.

Q. Well, Cardinal, after these allegations became known, he was sent for an evaluation; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And the evaluation was done at Saint Luke's Institute?

A. I don't recall that, but . . .

Q. Okay. And obviously, because you were concerned about the allegations, you were concerned about the health and well-being of the priest and you were concerned about the potential for risk in the future, you were always clear that you wanted to see and read and know what was in the evaluations that had been conducted; is that right?

A. That's -- that is a . . .

[REDACTED]

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MS. MCCARTNEY: [REDACTED]

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THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

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MS. MCCARTNEY: [REDACTED]



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THE WITNESS: I agree.

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Could you kind of break it up into several questions? It went on quite a while, so I lost -- there are a lot of distinctions there.

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MS. MCCARTNEY: I'll do my best.

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BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

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Q. When an allegation about a priest in the

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Archdiocese came in and an evaluation was conducted, you

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were very interested in the results of that evaluation,

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correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And you were not only interested in the results of

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~~the evaluation, but you wanted to be familiar with what~~

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the evaluation had consisted of; is that correct?

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A. Generally if it involved particularly what the next

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step would be with that priest.

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Q. And as a result of your wanting to be aware of the

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and concerned about it, you were made aware of all of the

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evaluation reports that were done on a particular priest;

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is that correct?

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A. I don't know if I can say -- I say generally, yes.

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Q. Okay.

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2 A. But I can't be absolute about that.

3 Q. And when you say generally, that's because your  
4 staff would have been aware that they were your wishes and  
5 that you wanted that information; is that right?

6 A. That which was most relevant for any kind of  
7 appointment or decision about him.

8 Q. And you've already told us previously that a lot of  
9 the decisions that you made on individual priests that had  
10 been evaluated, part of what went into the decision was  
11 the results of the evaluation?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. So then your staff would have been aware of the  
14 fact and would have known that this was a very important  
15 thing that you wanted to be kept abreast on?

16 A. Yes. I have to say that.

17 Q. Now, Cardinal, when Monsignor Walls was evaluated  
18 after these allegations came up, he was sent for an  
19 evaluation at Saint Luke's.

20 Do you recall that?

21 A. I don't recall this specifically. Can you refresh  
22 the time he was sent there?

23 Q. He was admitted to Saint Luke's on March 14, 1988,  
24 which would have been a couple weeks after the allegation  
25 had first come in.

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2 MS. McCARTNEY: And I'm going to ask  
3 that this be marked as grand jury exhibit nine  
4 seventy-seven.

5 (GJ-977 was marked for identification.)

6 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

7 Q. Do you recognize that document, Cardinal?

8 A. I do not. I don't recall it.

9 Q. For the record, Cardinal, this is a document which  
10 is marked nine seventy-seven. It's Saint Luke's  
11 Institute. It is dated April 5, 1988, and it is addressed  
12 to Reverend Monsignor Samuel Shoemaker, Chancellor,  
13 Archdiocese of Philadelphia; is that correct?

14 A. Yes. That's what it states.

15 Q. And this evaluation refers to an evaluation that  
16 was conducted on ~~Father Walls, is that correct, based upo~~  
17 the information that's contained in that document?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Now, this would have been provided to you at some  
20 point in time by Monsignor Shoemaker given what you've  
21 already told us about how you expected things to be  
22 conducted?

23 A. I said that the information generally is given to  
24 me. Doesn't necessarily mean that the actual document i

25 Q. Well, Cardinal, correct me if I'm wrong, but this

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2    is two weeks after you became Cardinal or Archbishop of  
3    Philadelphia.

4                   This is an individual who had been excused of  
5    sexual abuse, who held a very high ranking, ranking  
6    position within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

7                   And am I correct in saying that this would have  
8    been an individual that would have been of great concern  
9    to you?

10    A.            It should have been, and perhaps I should have  
11    been -- the point should have been apprised of this, but I  
12    can't recollect it.

13    Q.            Well, if you could, Cardinal, go to page three of  
14    that document, and referring to the third paragraph down,  
15    this is the information that deals with Father Walls's  
16    sexual history and also deals with ~~information with regard~~  
17    to the allegations that brought him to Saint Luke's.

18                   MR. HODGSON:   Where is it?

19                   MS. MCCARTNEY:   It's the third  
20    paragraph down, and it begins with the sentence  
21    "more recently."

22                   THE WITNESS:   You said the third page?

23                   MR. HODGSON:   No.   No.   What page?   At  
24    the bottom?

25                   MS. MCCARTNEY:   It's 000946.

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2 THE WITNESS: And how does the  
3 paragraph begin? I'm not following your reading.

4 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

5 Q. The paragraph begins in addition?

6 A. Okay. "To these personalized."

7 Q. Right. And if you look down about half way through  
8 that paragraph, there's a sentence that begins "more  
9 recently."

10 Do you see that sentence there?

11 A. Yes. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. It says: "More recently in 1985 and May of  
13 1986, Father Walls noted that he did pursue a young woman,  
14 an adolescent, sexually and that he was also inappropriate  
15 in touching a young man. He is not aware of any abiding  
16 ~~attraction, abiding attraction of a sexual nature to young~~  
17 people. These individuals were adolescents, but were  
18 physically mature."

19 Is that what that document reads, Cardinal?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Does that refresh your recollection with regard to  
22 the allegations that were made against Monsignor Walls  
23 dealing with minors?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Okay. So just so I'm clear, Cardinal, are you

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2 saying that this information was not brought to your  
3 attention or that you just don't recall it?

4 A. I don't recollect it being brought to my attention.

5 Q. And after this evaluation process took place --  
6 well, what was brought to your attention? What do you  
7 recall about what the allegations were and what you knew  
8 about them?

9 A. I can't recall, except that I knew it was an  
10 involvement sexually with someone, but that's all I can  
11 recall.

12 Q. Well, Cardinal, let me ask you to just tell me.  
13 With regard to what your normal practice would have  
14 been, if someone comes to you and says: Cardinal or your  
15 Eminence, there's an allegation that incurs, that has been  
16 brought against a particular priest of a sexual nature,  
17 certainly you would ask follow-up questions to that,  
18 right?

19 A. You have to understand this is in April of '88 and  
20 the procedure was different, and it's possible that  
21 Monsignor Shoemaker may have followed a different system.

22 I was just getting -- I was getting kind of adapted  
23 to my role as Archbishop. I know what I did afterwards,  
24 but at this time, I cannot say that I received this  
25 document or that they felt what -- that they felt that

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2 they had to follow a certain policy of mine.

3 Q. But, Cardinal, you've already told us that you made  
4 it clear to the people that were part of Cardinal Krol's  
5 staff when you became Archbishop in February that you had  
6 certain expectations and that you wanted information  
7 brought to your attention immediately upon --

8 A. I don't think I said it that way. I said I  
9 presumed that they would know that as they did it with  
10 Cardinal Krol, they should be doing it with me also, but I  
11 don't recall sitting down with them and telling them what  
12 my practices were or priorities were in those first  
13 months.

14 Q. But, Cardinal, you came in to be Archbishop of  
15 Philadelphia. There was a staff that was working for  
16 ~~Cardinal Krol.~~

17 You're saying that you just assumed that they were  
18 going to deal with things effectively and that you never  
19 took any action yourself to ensure that that was, A,  
20 taking place; or B, that you were informed of extremely  
21 important --

22 A. Because I considered them competent. I figured  
23 they were doing their job well since there were a hundred  
24 other items that I had to deal with in those first few  
25 months.

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2 Q. But again, Cardinal, one of if not the most  
3 important item that you were dealing with then and now is  
4 the protection of children?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. So you don't -- you do recall being informed of the  
7 allegations against Monsignor Walls?

8 A. I was informed of something, but not necessarily --  
9 I don't have no link of memory with it being minors.

10 I mean, he was -- it would seem that the conclusion  
11 was mine. I mean, whatever this led to, he was given an  
12 administrative leave right after this.

13 Q. Well, we'll talk about that in a moment, Cardinal,  
14 but I just want to see whether or not we can be clear on  
15 the record that when you were informed of the allegations  
16 with regard to Monsignor Walls, you don't have any

17 recollection of their being told by Monsignor Shoemaker  
18 that the allegation involved an adolescent or a minor?

19 A. I have no recollection of that.

20 Q. All right. And you're saying you have no  
21 recollection of it, and you're clear that that information  
22 was never conveyed to you?

23 A. I didn't say that. I said I have no recollection.

24 Q. I'm asking you to clarify. Are you saying --

25 A. I am saying I do not recall it.



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2 Q. Okay. So it could have been?

3 A. I don't recall it.

4 Q. Okay. And the evaluation that took place at Saint  
5 Luke's, where it's discussed in there that the -- and  
6 there's an admission by Monsignor Walls as to the  
7 allegations and that they involved a minor, that doesn't  
8 refresh your recollection?

9 A. That does not.

10 Q. You asked Monsignor Walls or you suggested to him  
11 that he resign his position as Vicar for Catholic  
12 Education; is that correct?

13 A. It . . . my recollection was that we -- his office  
14 was terminated.

15 Q. Cardinal, if the allegation had involved Monsignor  
16 ~~Walls having, you know, sexual relationship with an adult,~~  
17 would that have required his resignation from the Office  
18 of Catholic Education?

19 A. When you say required --

20 Q. Well, would it have been something that you would  
21 have suggested that he do?

22 A. That's hard to say. That would depend on what  
23 the -- you know, what the doctor's report was, but there  
24 was a high likelihood I would have asked that.

25 Q. Now, at some point in time, Cardinal, you actually

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2 met with Monsignor Walls; is that right?

3 A. I don't know. I don't recall it.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I may have.

6 MS. McCARTNEY: I'm going to mark this  
7 grand jury exhibit nine seventy-eight.

8 (GJ-978 was marked for identification.)

9 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

10 Q. Could you just take a moment and review that  
11 document for me, Cardinal.

12 (Pause.)

13 A. I've read it.

14 Q. All right. Thank you, Cardinal.

15 Before we get to that, could I just ask you to  
16 refer back for one moment to the Saint Luke's Institute  
17 report. This is the evaluation that was done on Monsignor  
18 Walls, and I'm going to ask you to refer specifically to  
19 the back page of that document.

20 And if you could look at the second paragraph down  
21 when they make recommendations with regard to Monsignor  
22 Walls, it reads: "We recommend treatment at least two  
23 times weekly to explore psychosexual functioning."

24 Let me back up for a moment. It reads: "Number  
25 one, we recommend that he continue in AA, at least at the

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2 level of participation; two, outpatient treatment, at  
3 least two times weekly to explore psychosexual  
4 functioning; three, repeat the DST in two months, and if  
5 it is still elevated, obtain psychiatric consultation  
6 regarding tricyclic medication; and four, abstain from  
7 working with or mingling with youth or young adults in any  
8 unsupervised capacity."

9 Did I read that correctly?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Now, after, Monsignor Walls, when these  
12 allegations came in, was residing at Saint John Neumann;  
13 is that correct, Cardinal?

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16 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. It  
17 doesn't have -- it's not on this . . . it's not on  
18 the database.

19 MS. McCARTNEY: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS: Where he's residing. I  
21 don't recall.

22 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

23 Q. Well, if I were to tell you that he was residing at  
24 Saint John Neumann Rectory where Father Meehan was the  
25 pastor there, would that refresh your recollection as to

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2 what his residence was?

3 A. The reference in here, I think, to that . . . one  
4 moment, please.

5 (Pause.)

6 Yes, it says in my own memo he could remain at  
7 Saint John Neumann.

8 Q. Correct.

9 Now, Cardinal, Saint John Neumann, just so we're  
10 clear, that's a church that's located in Bryn Mawr,  
11 Pennsylvania?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And there's a school associated with that church;  
14 is that correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Now, Monsignor Walls went and lived at Saint John  
17 Neumann Rectory with Father Meehan; is that right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And based upon -- and now I'm going to ask you to  
20 look back at the document that had been marked nine  
21 seventy-eight.

22 This is the memo with regard to your meeting with  
23 Monsignor Walls; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And the date of this memo is May 4, 1988; is that

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2 right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And it's from Archbishop Bevilacqua to the file of  
5 Monsignor David E. Walls, and it's regarding an interview  
6 with Monsignor Walls; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Second paragraph of this memo says: "Today I told  
9 Monsignor Walls that returning him to the Office of Vicar  
10 for Catholic Education would not be possible. I explained  
11 the various reasons why this would not be prudent."

12 Is that what that paragraph says?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. It continues on with: "Among the more immediate  
15 reasons was the fear that the parents of the recent  
16 victims were not likely to take any action of a legal

17 nature as long as the Archdiocese had reacted strongly."

18 Is that what that sentence says?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So you told him that he had to resign from the  
21 Office of Vicar for Catholic Education or suggested it to  
22 him because you thought that that would be in the best  
23 interest of eliminating the possibility of legal action  
24 against the Archdiocese. Fair reading of that, Cardinal?

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(The witness conferred with his

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2 attorney.)

3 THE WITNESS: That's one of the  
4 reasons.

5 MS. McCARTNEY: Okay.

6 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

7 Q. And the last paragraph, the last sentence on that  
8 paragraph says: "It is to avoid any further action or  
9 publicity which would be harmful to the Church that it was  
10 not possible to return him to his original office."

11 Is that what that says?

12 A. It says that.

13 Q. Okay. Do any of these things that you've written  
14 in this document with regard to his having to leave his  
15 office and the possibility of legal action on the part of  
16 the parents of the victims, does that refresh your

17 recollection with regard to it being a minor victim?

18 A. It does not.

19 Q. Do you think that you would have written anything  
20 in a document about the parents of an adult victim?

21 A. Depends on how old the person was.

22 Q. Okay. Going to the next page of this document, it  
23 says: "I suggested to him that it would be more prudent  
24 if he would submit a letter of resignation requesting a  
25 leave of absence for health reasons."

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2 Is that --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- what that says?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And then the last paragraph, the third  
7 paragraph down: "I told him he could remain at Saint John  
8 Neumann and continue to assist Monsignor Meehan while he  
9 is on his leave of absence."

10 Is that correct?

11 A. That's what it says.

12 Q. Now, Cardinal, at the time that you told him he  
13 could stay at Saint John Neumann, you told him he could  
14 assist Monsignor Meehan, that would have been assist him  
15 with the duties of the parish; is that right?

16 A. I presume that.

17 Q. Okay. And that would have included saying Mass and  
18 hearing confessions and all the other things that go on at  
19 a particular parish; is that right?

20 A. I would presume that.

21 Q. And there's nothing --

22 A. But. But.

23 Q. I'm sorry?

24 A. I say as a resident. He would be a resident there

25 Q. I understand that, Cardinal.

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2 A. In other words, depending on generally residents  
3 just hear confessions and say Mass.

4 Q. They just hear confessions and say Mass?

5 A. That's their responsibility there. They are not --  
6 they're not assistants to the pastor.

7 Q. Okay. But you would agree with me, Cardinal, and  
8 if you don't, please tell me, that as a resident, someone  
9 who says Mass and hears confessions, that they are  
10 actually coming in contact with youth, particularly in a  
11 situation where there's a school associated with the  
12 parish?

13 A. (No response.)

14 Q. Is that a fair statement?

15 A. It would be rather remote since they're just a  
16 resident there. They should not be involved with any of  
17 the other activities of the parish.

18 Q. But youth are involved in the saying of Mass,  
19 correct? There's altar boys or altar girls that usually  
20 assist the priest?

21 A. At the time, it would have been only altar boys.

22 Q. Okay. So there's altar boys?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That assist in the saying of a Mass; is that right

25 A. Yes.



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2 Q. And children, I'm sure, my memory might fail me,  
3 but I think it's second grade that you receive the  
4 sacrament of penance?

5 A. Around that, second or third.

6 Q. So then children would be in confession that were  
7 from ten years and up; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So there would be contact. Even under the  
10 situation as you've described, as strictly a resident at  
11 the parish, there would be contact between Monsignor Walls  
12 and children, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that contact would take place under the as he's  
15 operating as a priest; is that right?

16 A. Yes, but I -- may I add anything?

17 ~~Q. Sure. Sure.~~

18 A. In looking at Saint Luke's Institute -- remember, I  
19 have no recollection that he was involved with minors, but  
20 even reading the report here, there's no indication here  
21 that he was in any way diagnosed as a pedophile.

22 Q. I don't want to make the record unclear with regard  
23 to that, Cardinal. That is true. There was no diagnosis  
24 of pedophilia with regard to Monsignor Walls, but just so  
25 we're clear for the record, one of the recommendations

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2 that Saint Luke's gave with regard to the evaluation  
3 process that Monsignor Walls went under was that he was to  
4 not have contact with youth in an unsupervised capacity?

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7 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

8 Q. Is that correct?

9 And I'm referring to recommendation number four.  
10 It says: "Abstain from working with or mingling with  
11 youth or young adults in any unsupervised capacity?"

12 A. That's very specific there, to abstain from working  
13 with; and as a resident, he wouldn't be working with any  
14 young people or mingling with them in any unsupervised  
15 capacity.

16 I mean, I don't see -- a resident could not be  
17 working with or mingling with young people.

18 Q. So you wouldn't consider an altar boy who is  
19 helping the priest during the saying of the Mass and also  
20 participating with the preparation of the Mass, you  
21 wouldn't consider that mingling with or working with  
22 youth?

23 A. I don't see that because it would be so temporary  
24 and so casual and so public.

25 Q. Cardinal, you're aware, are you not, that many of

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2 the allegations that involve sexual abuse of minors by  
3 clergy members have taken place in the sacristy and during  
4 the capacity of those individuals working at the rectory  
5 or as an altar boy?

6 A. I wouldn't --

7 Q. Are you aware of that?

8 A. I wouldn't say many.

9 Q. Some. Would you agree with some, Cardinal?

10 A. There might have been.

11 Q. So there is opportunity in those situations, based  
12 upon your knowledge of the situation, that things could  
13 happen under those limited circumstances?

14 A. You're talking about possibility?

15 Q. Yes. I am.

16 A. I have to say sure, there's that possibility, but  
17 it's not the usual.

18 Q. And even the possibility of a child being damaged  
19 is something that is a concern of yours; is that right?

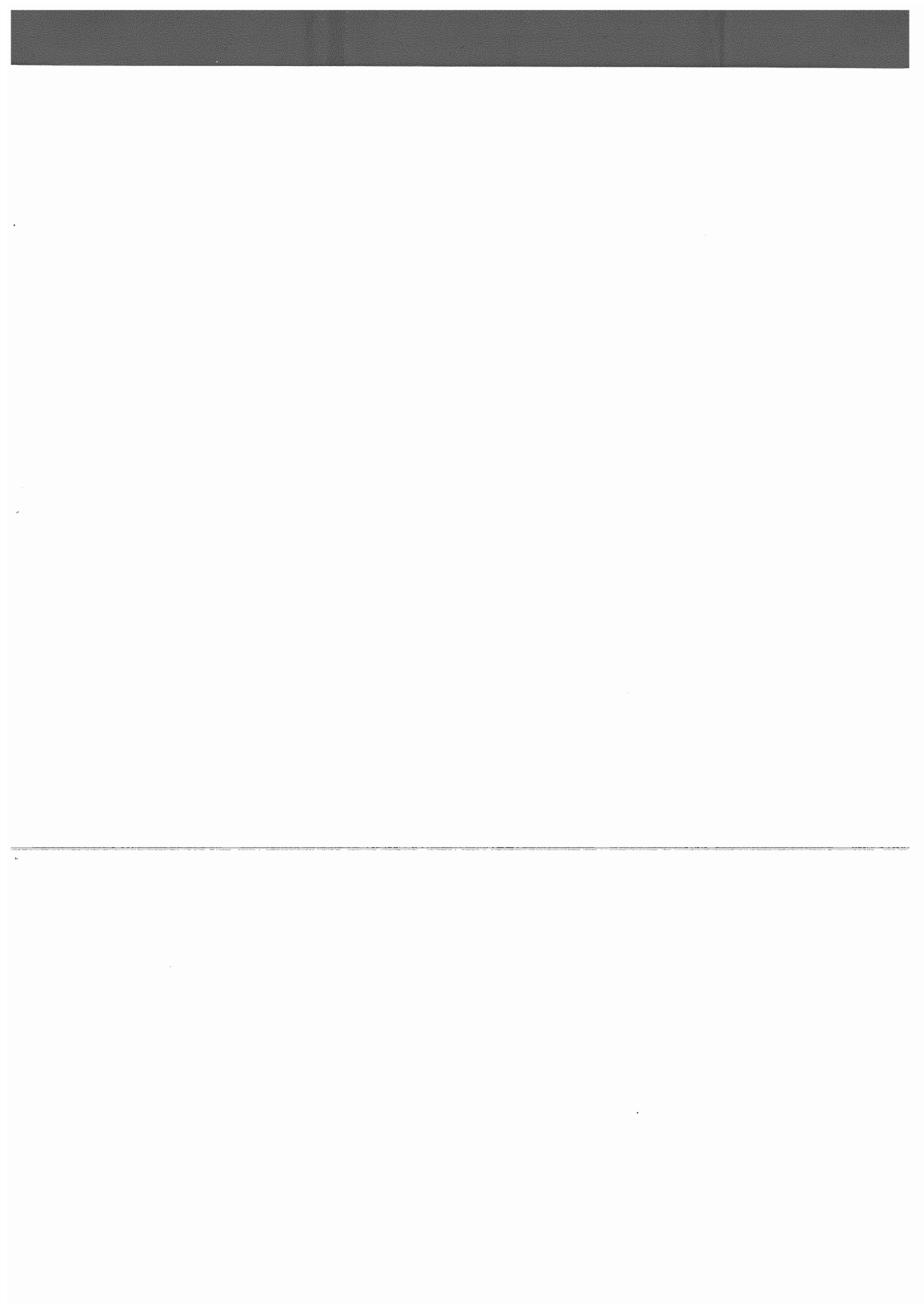
20 A. Very much so.

21 Q. Okay.

22 MS. McCARTNEY: Okay. Can we take a  
23 break at this point in time?

24 MR. HODGSON: Sure.

25 MS. McCARTNEY: It's now eleven



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2 forty-two. Could we be back at twelve.

3 (A recess was held.)

4 MS. McCARTNEY: Back on the record.

5 Good afternoon.

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13 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

14 Q. Cardinal, before we took our break, we were talking  
15 about the case of Monsignor Walls, and one of the  
16 questions which I had asked you earlier was whether or not  
17 you had any recollection of the allegations of sexual  
18 abuse with regard to Monsignor Walls which involved a  
19 minor, and you indicated that you had no knowledge of the  
20 fact; is that right?

21 A. I had no recollection of it. That's right.

22 Q. Would it be fair to say, Cardinal, that given all  
23 of the publicity and the crisis that occurred as a result  
24 of the Gauthé case, which was only three years before  
25 that, that one of the first questions that would have been

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2 on your mind and you would have conveyed to the individual  
3 giving you information about an allegation of sexual abuse  
4 was what the age of the victim was?

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THE WITNESS: I -- forgive me. It's  
convoluted, your question.

9 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

10 Q. Okay. You've told us earlier that you were aware  
11 of the Gauthe case --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- is that right?

14 You were aware of the fact that the allegations in  
15 the Gauthe case involved sexual abuse of children; is that  
16 right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You were aware of the ramifications that that case  
19 had on the Catholic Church in the United States; is that  
20 right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You were aware of the fact that it created somewha  
23 of a crisis and that there was a lot of media attention  
24 surrounding that case; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. And there was a lot of concern both on the part of  
3 the individual bishops and on the part of the NCCB as a  
4 body in addressing the issue of clergy sexual abuse of  
5 minors; is that right?

6 A. It was the beginning of concern.

7 Q. Okay. Given all of those factors, Cardinal, when,  
8 two weeks after you became Cardinal or Archbishop of  
9 Philadelphia, someone on your staff comes to you and says  
10 that there's an allegation made against Monsignor Walls,  
11 wouldn't it seem likely that your first question would be:  
12 What is the age of the victim, of the alleged victim?

13 A. I don't see that that would be something that would  
14 be my first concern, because it depends on what was said  
15 to me.

16 It could easily have been -- I don't recall how it  
17 was said to me, when it was said to me, anything, but it  
18 could easily have been presented to me that Monsignor  
19 Walls may have been involved with a woman.

20 Q. Do you --

21 A. Because that was -- that's my recollection --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- of it. So I wouldn't have asked an age.

24 Q. So if that were the situation, though, Cardinal,  
25 and I'm just trying to understand, and maybe you can help

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2 me, if that were the situation, that Monsignor Walls was  
3 involved with a woman, then we can only conclude from that  
4 that the person on the staff, of your staff,  
5 misrepresented information to you.

6 Is that something that you think was likely?

7 A. I don't know what. I don't know what information  
8 the interviewer had.

9 Q. Well, the interviewer had information provided to  
10 them that the girl in question was a minor.

11 If that information was available to them and they  
12 conveyed it to you, that Monsignor Walls was involved in a  
13 sexual situation with a woman, that would have been a  
14 misrepresentation that they would have given you?

15 A. I'm just supposing that I did not -- I don't recall  
16 asking that question about what the age was.

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17 Q. Okay. The memo which I referred to earlier, which  
18 references your meeting with Monsignor Walls, nine  
19 seventy-eight, do you have that document in front of you,  
20 Cardinal?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. Okay. In that document, one of the concerns which  
23 you lay out in suggesting to Monsignor Walls that he  
24 resign his position, is that the parents of the victim --  
25 you see where I'm referring in that document?



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- 2 A. I recall it.
- 3 Q. Would potentially bring suit or bring legal action?
- 4 A. Yes, I see it.
- 5 Q. You see what it says there?
- 6 Could you just read it for the record, just that
- 7 one sentence.
- 8 A. That third paragraph?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. "Among the more immediate reasons was the fear that
- 11 the parents of recent victims were not likely to take any
- 12 action of a legal nature as long as the Archdiocese has
- 13 acted strongly."
- 14 Q. And, Cardinal, I'm correct in saying that you are
- 15 in addition to being a Cardinal, you have a law degree; is
- 16 that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You have a degree in canon law and a degree in
- 19 civil law, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And as a civil lawyer, you're aware of the fact
- 22 that once someone reaches the age of majority, they're
- 23 eighteen, that if there was legal action to be taken, th
- 24 would take it on their own behalf and that they wouldn't
- 25 need their parents to initiate any action; is that

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2 correct? You were trained in that?

3 A. I studied law, and I still would ask about the way  
4 that was phrased there, that it could still be the parents  
5 involved in the legal action.

6 Q. So your background in civil law and your knowledge  
7 of who would be the moving party in a potential action if  
8 the person were a minor, that it would be the parents, and  
9 if the person were of the age of majority, it would be  
10 they as individuals, that doesn't help you refresh your  
11 recollection as to the age of the victim?

12 A. No, it does not.

13 Q. Okay. Now, Cardinal, after Monsignor Walls got the  
14 evaluation at Saint Luke's and one of the recommendations  
15 was that he refrain from contact with youth, he remained  
16 in residence at Saint John Neumann; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And as a resident at Saint John Neumann, he was  
19 saying Mass and hearing confessions; is that correct?

20 A. That's what he's allowed to do.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. But.

23 Q. I'm sorry?

24 A. I say I don't know specifically. I have no  
25 recollection. That's if a resident was at the parish,

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2 that's the most he could do.

3 But there are times that there are residents in a  
4 parish, could have taken on an assignment in some other --  
5 say Mass at another parish. That's possible. In other  
6 words, as a resident, I don't know what the arrangement  
7 was between him and Monsignor -- and Father Meehan.

8 It is possible that he could live in a place but  
9 have made arrangements to say Mass at some other church.  
10 That's possible. But I don't know specifically in this  
11 case.

12 Q. Wouldn't it, though, Cardinal, given the fact that  
13 there had been an allegation of sexual abuse, that there  
14 had been an evaluation completed, that part of the  
15 evaluation process was or part of the evaluation  
16 ~~recommendation was that he refrain from contact with~~  
17 youth, wouldn't it be your responsibility to determine  
18 what he was doing and in what capacity he was operating as  
19 a priest?

20 A. In this, remember, I have no recollection that he  
21 was involved with a minor. I always have to presume that  
22 the -- may I see this.

23 (Pause.)

24 The report here, that would have been given to the  
25 Monsignor Shoemaker. Whoever it was in the office would

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2 have seen this, that he was to abstain from working with  
3 or mingling with youth or young adults in any unsupervised  
4 capacity, and I'm presuming that the office -- Monsignor  
5 Shoemaker or anyone in his office would have seen that  
6 this was implemented and that is he was not to work with  
7 or mingle with youth or young adults and there be some  
8 kind of supervision.

9 I'm presuming that the pastor there where he  
10 remained was fully informed of all of this. I have to  
11 presume that.

12 Q. Okay. Well, let me ask you a couple questions with  
13 regard to that.

14 The pastor at Saint John's was Father Meehan; is  
15 that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you recall having a conversation with Father  
18 Meehan and during the course of that conversation he said  
19 to you, "I'm not sure what my responsibilities are here.  
20 I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing with Monsignor  
21 Walls"?

22 Do you recall any part that conversation?

23 A. No, I do not.

24 Q. Do you recall the fact that Monsignor Meehan wrote  
25 several letters to the Chancellor's office asking that hi

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2 position with regard to Monsignor Walls be clarified?

3 A. I don't recall that.

4 Q. Did anybody share with you that information?

5 A. I do not . . .

6 Q. Do you recall that?

7 A. I do not.

8 Q. Do you recall Monsignor Shoemaker sending you  
9 information and asking whether or not you had heard from  
10 Monsignor Walls?

11 A. I do not recall that.

12 Q. I'll ask that you take a look at what has been  
13 marked as grand jury nine eighty.

14 (GJ-980 was marked for identification.)

15 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

16 Q. Do you recognize that document?

17 A. No. Let me read it, please.

18 Q. Okay. I'm sorry.

19 (Pause.)

20 A. I don't recall it.

21 Q. Okay. For the record, this is a document which has  
22 a heading of Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Chancery Office,  
23 and it's to Archbishop Bevilacqua from Monsignor  
24 Shoemaker. The date on that document is August 22, 1988,  
25 and it is regarding Monsignor David E. Walls, Ph.D.

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2 Is that correct?

3 A. I see it.

4 Q. And on that document, it reads: "On June 20, 1988,  
5 you granted Monsignor Walls a leave of absence for health  
6 reasons and you asked him to keep in touch with you during  
7 his leave of absence.

8 "Two months have lapsed and I respectfully inquire  
9 if Monsignor Walls has been in touch with your Excellency?

10 "As you know, he is residing at Saint John Neumann  
11 Rectory, Bryn Mawr, telephone -525-3100."

12 And you actually responded on the bottom of that  
13 document, is that right, in your handwriting?

14 A. I don't have that.

15 Q. This must be a light copy. I'm sorry.

16 (Pause.)

17 Does that reflect the fact that you responded on  
18 the bottom of that document?

19 A. It does.

20 Q. And what does it say?

21 A. It says: "I have not heard from him."

22 Q. Okay. And they're your initials, AJB?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. And it's dated 9/2/88?

25 A. Correct.

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2 Q. At that point in time, Cardinal, were you concerned  
3 about the fact that Monsignor Walls -- apparently you had  
4 asked him to keep in touch with you about what his  
5 activities were and that you hadn't heard from him in two  
6 months?

7 A. I leave that up to those involved in the clergy  
8 office to remind them when I have given leaves of  
9 absences.

10 It's -- I'll be honest with you. This is other  
11 reasons. Very -- and I tell them please keep in touch.  
12 Very rarely do they.

13 Q. You're saying that the priests that you tell to  
14 keep in touch with you do not do so?

15 A. I'm saying a lot of them do not.

16 Q. And what mechanism do you have in place to ensure  
17 that that happens?

18 A. The Secretary of the Clergy is supposed to get in  
19 touch with them.

20 Q. But these are priests that you're indicating you  
21 had personal conversations with and you said: Father X, I  
22 need you to tell me what's going on, and you're telling me  
23 that they directly disregard an order that you've given  
24 them?

25 A. They do.

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2 Q. And are there --

3 A. But they don't have to be in touch necessarily with  
4 me personally. I mean with the Archdiocese.

5 Q. And are there consequences to priests who do that?

6 A. When it reaches a certain point where they've --  
7 whatever the leave of absence is, there are various kinds.  
8 If they delayed in not being in touch with us, then  
9 we remind them that their leave of absence is coming to an  
10 end. It could be six months leave. It could be a year's  
11 leave, and we remind them of that; and if they -- if they  
12 procrastinate, then we warn them that their leave of  
13 absence will be terminated.

14 Q. Now, Cardinal, with regard to Monsignor Walls, it  
15 was the responsibility of the Secretary for Clergy,  
16 ~~because you had changed the names of the office at that~~  
17 point in time -- or does that occur later?

18 A. It came later.

19 Q. Okay. But the Secretary at the time, the person in  
20 charge of that office, would have been John Jagodzinski;  
21 is that right?

22 He takes over in 1989; is that right?

23 A. I don't recall the exact date.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. But the next one was Monsignor Jagodzinski.



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2 Q. Did you order anybody in the Chancellor's office to  
3 find out what was going on with Monsignor Walls since he  
4 hadn't been in touch with you?

5 A. I do not recall.

6 Q. At any point in time, do you recall doing that?

7 A. You know, I may have, but I don't recall it.

8 Q. Now, at some point in time, Monsignor Jagodzinski  
9 becomes Secretary of the Clergy; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And if I were to tell you that that was from 1989  
12 through 1993, would that --

13 A. That's proximate. Yes.

14 Q. And I'm going to show you a document which has  
15 previously been marked as grand jury six seventy-three.

16 A. You wish me to read this?

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17 Q. If you would, please, Cardinal.

18 (Pause.)

19 A. Okay. I'm finished reading it.

20 Q. You are. Thank you.

21 (GJ-979, previously a part of exhibit  
22 GJ-675, was marked for identification.)

23 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

24 Q. I'm going to show you two additional documents, and  
25 I'm going to ask you questions with regard to all three.

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2 I'm going to show you what's marked grand jury six  
3 seventy-four and grand jury nine seven nine.

4 A. Okay.

5 MS. MCCARTNEY: There should be three,  
6 six seventy-three, six seven four and nine seven  
7 nine.

8 (Pause.)

9 (The witness conferred with his  
10 attorney.)

11 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

12 Q. Are you ready?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Have you had the opportunity to review those  
15 documents, Cardinal?

16 A. I read them all.

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17 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you first to refer to  
18 what's been marked as grand jury six seventy-four, and  
19 that has a heading that says Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
20 Office of Secretary of the Clergy, and it's to Reverend  
21 Monsignor Edward P. Cullen.

22 At this point in time, Cardinal, Monsignor Cullen  
23 was your Vicar General?

24 A. Vicar for Administration.

25 Q. Vicar for Administration. That would have been

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2 the -- he would have held the position directly below  
3 yours; is that right?

4 A. That's right. Correct.

5 Q. And the memo is from Reverend John J. Jagodzinski,  
6 and the date is September 26, 1990; and on September 26,  
7 1990, Father Jagodzinski was Secretary for Clergy.

8 Is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And the reference is to Reverend Monsignor  
11 David E. Walls, resident of Saint John Neumann Church,  
12 Bryn Mawr; is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And the first part of that memo reads: "For  
15 information of the Archbishop"; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And this would have been a memo that would  
18 have been given to you by Monsignor Cullen; is that right?

19 A. Not necessarily.

20 Q. Well, Monsignor Cullen would have shared with you  
21 the information contained within that memo; is that right?

22 A. No. He may have, but I don't recall it.

23 Q. The memo deals with Monsignor Walls, and it says  
24 that the information provided in it is an update, and that  
25 word is in quotes, of the situation of Reverend Monsignor

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2 David E. Walls, which is marked by several difficult and  
3 complicated factors; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And there's a listing of the factors that make  
6 Monsignor Walls's situation difficult and complicated, the  
7 first of which is the high profile nature of Monsignor  
8 Walls's earlier position in the Archdiocese. The second  
9 is the extremely sensitive nature of the earlier  
10 accusations against him. The third is the continuing  
11 explosive potential for future acting out, and the fourth  
12 is the uncertainty as to what particular future ministries  
13 most advisable for Monsignor Walls.

14 That's how that document reads, Cardinal?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Now, if you go to the last paragraph on that  
17 document, on the first page of that document, and it  
18 reads: "In the intervening months, Monsignor James  
19 Meehan, Pastor, Saint John Neumann Church, Bryn Mawr,  
20 where Monsignor Walls resides, has several times raised  
21 the question of the need to have his own position defined  
22 as to his responsibility toward Monsignor Walls, since no  
23 official communication from the Chancery Office occurred  
24 in 1987."

25 "Monsignor Meehan has addressed this question very

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2 recently in a letter to me dated August 22, 1990," and in  
3 parentheses it says: "Copy enclosed."

4 Is that how that document reads?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And if you look at what has been marked as grand  
7 jury six seventy-three, that is a letter with the heading  
8 on it from Saint John Neumann Church, dated August 22,  
9 1990, and on the right-hand side of that, it says:  
10 "Monsignor James H. Meehan, Pastor"; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And it is addressed to Dear John, and it is signed  
13 by Jim; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Based upon your review of GJ-674, the letter that  
16 Monsignor Jagodzinski or Father Jagodzinski is referring

17 to is this, which is marked grand jury six seventy-three;  
18 is that right?

19 A. I presume that, yes.

20 Q. Okay. Now, in the letter that Father Meehan write  
21 to Father Jagodzinski, I want you to refer specifically to  
22 the third paragraph of the first page, and the paragraph  
23 reads as follows: "All of this leads up to the point of  
24 this letter. Recently, you asked me to try to get some  
25 idea of what Dave Walls does with his time. He did tell

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2 me he would give me a written description, but he has not  
3 done that. Though his presence here is a very gracious  
4 one and his willingness to be of help a substantial asset,  
5 nevertheless, I have almost zero contact with him. I  
6 think he is here over three years and I don't think he has  
7 eaten more than two meals here, at the most three. He  
8 leaves early in the morning and comes in around ten or  
9 eleven at night. He rarely stops in my room and never to  
10 sit down and talk. So, it is practically impossible to  
11 know what his lifestyle is like."

12 Is that what that reads, Cardinal?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And if you look to the second page of that  
15 document, and I'm going to refer to the second paragraph  
16 there, it says: "However, I do not have in any written  
17 file, through an authoritative source, a letter or  
18 statement regarding my own responsibilities and, perhaps  
19 more importantly, my liabilities. To my knowledge, I was  
20 never informed of any of his problems when he came, excep  
21 what he told me and, later on, on occasions when I  
22 initiated the contact with the Chancery Office."

23 Is that how that reads there, Cardinal?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. Now, was that information -- that

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2 information surely would have been brought to your  
3 attention; is that right?

4 A. Not necessarily.

5 Q. You don't think that Monsignor Cullen would have  
6 provided you the information that was provided to him by  
7 Father Jagodzinski about Monsignor Walls, the fact that  
8 the pastor of the parish where he was in residence had no  
9 idea when he came and went and what he did with his time?  
10 You don't think Monsignor Cullen would have provided you  
11 with that information?

12 A. I don't recollect it.

13 Q. Would you consider Monsignor Cullen to have been  
14 derelict in his duties if he did not provide you that  
15 information?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Would you have wanted to know about that  
18 information?

19 A. Not necessarily if I thought that he was handling  
20 this. Reason why he's Vicar for Administration is that he  
21 is to administer. You know, I don't -- I can't say that  
22 this was that of a high level that it should have been  
23 reported to me necessarily.

24 Q. Cardinal, are you -- and if I'm incorrect, I want  
25 you to please correct me, but when we first began here

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2 today, one of the things that I believe that you said was  
3 that your paramount concern was for the safety of children  
4 and that you wanted to be aware of every allegation that  
5 came into the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to  
6 this issue?

7 A. When I first came, I have to say that I -- that was  
8 to be presumed that they tell -- they would tell me this.

9 Q. So you just left it to their desires whether or not  
10 to give you that information?

11 A. I had to leave it up to their judgment. You know,  
12 when any allegation was made, this is after establishing  
13 the Secretary for the Clergy, it was to be brought to my  
14 attention.

15 As far as memos to Monsignor Cullen or information  
16 like this, how a policy was enacted with a pastor, their  
17 judgment may have been that it wasn't necessary to inform  
18 me of this. I don't recollect their telling me.

19 Q. Do you think, Cardinal, that Monsignor Meehan, who  
20 was the pastor, had a right to know what the background of  
21 Monsignor Walls was?

22 A. Looking back, yes.

23 Q. Do you think at that Monsignor Walls should have  
24 had some restrictions or some monitoring of his behavior?

25 A. In accordance with the report of Saint Luke, he



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2 should have.

3 Q. And given the letter which was received in 1990, it  
4 appears to have been that neither of those things had been  
5 done, that Monsignor Meehan hadn't been informed of what  
6 his history was and that he was having no restrictions  
7 placed on his activities?

8 (The witness conferred with his  
9 attorney.)

10 THE WITNESS: One could argue from  
11 this -- from this that he was not informed. He  
12 says, "To my knowledge, I was not informed."

13 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

14 Q. So it appears that information was never conveyed  
15 to him?

16 A. It appears that.

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17 Q. It appears that way, and I mean, in fact, the  
18 letter also indicates that he has sought clarification of  
19 what his position was?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And that that hadn't been acted on by the  
22 Chancellor's office or the Secretary for Clergy's office?

23 A. It seemed that.

24 Q. And, Cardinal, would you agree that if during this  
25 period of time where Monsignor Walls is in a parish and no

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2 one is monitoring his behavior and no one knows what it is  
3 that they're supposed to be monitoring, because they don't  
4 know what his past is, that if there were harm caused to a  
5 child during that period of time, that the responsibility  
6 for that would ultimately fall on your shoulders?

7 A. If it was dereliction of duties there, I would have  
8 to say I am the one responsible. Yes.

9 Q. And, Cardinal, you would agree that as the  
10 Secretary for Clergy or as your Vicar General, given the  
11 past that we are aware of Monsignor Walls, that his  
12 activities should have been monitored and the pastor  
13 should have been informed?

14 A. From what the report from Saint Luke says, it would  
15 seem that he should have been told.

16 Q. Now, referring to grand jury nine seventy-nine,  
17 ~~that's the letter that was written by Monsignor Walls to~~  
18 Reverend Jagodzinski, the date of that letter is September  
19 24, 1990.

20 You see where I'm referring to, Cardinal?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And I'm talking about the second paragraph  
23 there, and it reads: "It might be useful for me to begin  
24 this response with the description of the parish  
25 involvement I do maintain: I offer a parish Mass daily



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2 A. It talks here -- it talks here about "sometimes  
3 individual parishioners approached me for individual  
4 counseling and spiritual direction."

5 He doesn't mention any age there. Doesn't say he's  
6 dealing with young people or children.

7 Q. You're talking about the original allegation?

8 A. No. The letter that he --

9 Q. I understand that. Do you think that -- oh, okay.

10 Do you think, Cardinal, that given that, that  
11 somebody should have gone and said: This counseling that  
12 you're doing, Monsignor Walls, who are you doing it with?  
13 What are the ages of the people that you're counseling?

14 Given the nature of the allegation that had  
15 occurred in which Monsignor Walls admitted his guilt in,  
16 do you think that should have been followed up on?

17 A. Well, what should have been followed on is what was  
18 said in Saint Luke's, that he should not be working with  
19 or mingling with young people, with teenagers.

20 Q. Now, this is known -- I'm sorry.

21 A. I was going to say, if I may, that what he  
22 describes here seems to be a little bit different from  
23 what Monsignor Meehan describes in his letter, that he  
24 hardly sees him.

25 I mean, this gives a different impression, as

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2 The date is May 3, 1988, and it's regarding a telephone  
3 conversation with Monsignor James Meehan.

4 Is that how the heading that memo reads?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And in this memo, this references a letter  
7 that Monsignor -- it says that you spoke with him by phone  
8 and it is regarding a letter that he sent to you on April  
9 11, 1988, where he wrote to you with some concerns about  
10 Monsignor David Walls; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And it says: "Monsignor Meehan told me that he is  
13 concerned for several reasons. First of all, he feels  
14 that there are reports about Monsignor Walls that are  
15 becoming more and more public."

16 ~~It says: "Several women have stated that he has~~  
17 ~~been involved in pedophilia."~~

18 Is that what that says?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Now, Cardinal, just so we're clear, pedophilia is  
21 sexual disorder that involves adults with children,  
22 correct?

23 A. (No response.)

24 Q. That's your understanding, and you had that  
25 understanding of pedophilia back in 1988?

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2 A. Yes. I don't know.

3 Q. You don't know whether you had that?

4 A. No. I think at the beginning. I know what it is  
5 now.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I think when it first came out, there was a period  
8 of time when that was a general term used and the  
9 distinction was not made between pedophilia and  
10 ephebophilia, and I knew that we -- it was a learning  
11 process then to see the distinction.

12 That was rather early in the -- in the notoriety of  
13 such cases, so I cannot say at that time when I use the  
14 word "pedophilia," that it meant children below the age of  
15 puberty, but that did develop later on.

16 Q. Your understanding may have been that it was a  
17 disease that affected children from toddler age all the  
18 way up to eighteen?

19 A. At that time.

20 Q. At that time in 1988?

21 A. It could have been, yes, a diagnosis of up to  
22 eighteen.

23 Q. Does the fact that there were people talking in the  
24 parish and that that information was conveyed to you, does  
25 that refresh your recollection as to the fact that the

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2 minor -- that the victim that Monsignor Walls assaulted  
3 was a minor?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. Now, it goes on to say that he had a second  
6 major concern, and that was he had been told by Monsignor  
7 Shoemaker not to allow Monsignor Walls to say a public  
8 Mass.

9 Was that the information that Monsignor Walls had,  
10 that he wasn't allowed to say Mass?

11 A. I don't know, but this is what it says here.

12 Q. Okay. You at the end of this document say: "I  
13 told Monsignor Meehan that I would look into the matter";  
14 is that correct?

15 A. At that time, that's what it says.

16 Q. Now, can we assume, Cardinal, that you did do that,  
17 that you looked into it?

18 A. Well, that I would have called up, probably. I  
19 don't -- I'm just assuming now.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. That if I received this, I would have been in touch  
22 at least with Father Jagodzinski.

23 Excuse me, whoever was -- it may have been still  
24 Monsignor Shoemaker at the time.

25 Q. Well --

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2 A. It was at that time because that was the first few  
3 months after my arrival.

4 Q. Cardinal, given the fact that this memo is written  
5 by you on May 3, 1988, and then the information which I  
6 showed you, the three documents, all deal with a time in  
7 August and September of 1990, and there still seems to be  
8 a tremendous amount of confusion with regard to what  
9 Monsignor Walls's responsibilities at the parish are, what  
10 his restrictions, if any, are, does that refresh your  
11 recollection that this situation was --

12 (The witness conferred with his  
13 attorney.)

14 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

15 Q. That this was the situation that needed to be  
16 looked into in?

17 A. Forgive me again.

18 Q. Sure.

19 A. Could you break it down.

20 Q. Sure. The memo that you wrote in 1988, you tell  
21 Monsignor Meehan that you will look into the questions  
22 that he has?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Which is what is the situation with Monsignor  
25 Walls?



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2 A. Right.

3 Q. Okay. The other documents which I showed you,  
4 which are all dated in 1990, either August or September of  
5 1990, reflect the fact that Monsignor Meehan still has no  
6 idea what his responsibilities towards Monsignor Walls  
7 are.

8 Is that a fair statement with regard to the letter  
9 that Monsignor Walls made?

10 A. It seems --

11 Q. Wrote?

12 Do you know whether anything was done to clear up  
13 that situation?

14 A. I don't recall. A memo like this, what would -- my  
15 usual practice, when I get a memo like this and it's  
16 addressed to the file, it means it goes to whoever is  
17 responsible for the clergy.

18 So they would have had to have seen this, and  
19 there's a possibility, a good possibility that I called,  
20 spoke to him, but I don't recall any of this.

21 Q. Cardinal, with regard to Monsignor Cullen, who  
22 became your Vicar for Administration?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And given the fact that that was the second highest  
25 position in the Archdiocese, directly under you -- and you

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2 handpicked Monsignor Cullen for that position; is that  
3 right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You handpicked Monsignor Cullen because you had  
6 confidence in his abilities; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you knew he was a good administrator, and you  
9 knew that he was -- he provided you the information that  
10 was important in the Archdiocese; is that right?

11 A. Yes. Yes.

12 Q. Information that came to him, he conveyed to you;  
13 is that right?

14 A. Not all of it. What he thought was important to  
15 bring to my attention.

16 Q. Cardinal, and you knew Monsignor Cullen -- you know  
17 Monsignor Cullen very well. He's now bishop out in  
18 Allentown, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And Monsignor Cullen was obviously greatly  
21 concerned about the issue of clergy sexual abuse with  
22 minors, is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And he knew that that was a huge concern of yours  
25 as well?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I just want to make sure, Cardinal. You're  
4 saying that Monsignor Cullen, who this memo was directed  
5 to, and the specific purpose of the memo was for  
6 information of the Archbishop, you're saying that you  
7 don't recall getting any of the information that's  
8 contained in that memo?

9 A. I don't recall it.

10 Q. Okay. Now, Cardinal, would it surprise you to know  
11 that Monsignor Walls remained in residence at Saint John  
12 Neumann for fourteen years, from 1988 through 2002?

13 A. I can't say that I always knew that, but if that's  
14 what it is, then . . . remember, I never linked him with  
15 abuse of a minor.

16 Q. I'm sorry?

17 A. In my memory, never linked him with abuse of a  
18 minor.

19 Q. When you say you never linked in your mind --

20 A. My recollection doesn't --

21 Q. Well, you were aware on a yearly basis who the  
22 staff was at Saint John's, right?

23 A. Not necessarily. I mean, we have -- we have so  
24 many parishes. I don't keep up on each one of them.

25 Q. Well, clearly at some point in time in those

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2 fourteen years, that had to have been an assignment made  
3 by you or authorized by you for a change in an assistant  
4 pastor at Saint John Neumann. Would that be likely,  
5 Cardinal?

6 A. I don't recall all of these assignments that I  
7 make. There are hundreds and hundreds of them over the  
8 years.

9 Q. And you don't have any recollection? It wasn't in  
10 your mind about Monsignor Walls?

11 Even though you yourself authored a memo in 1988  
12 which says that Monsignor Meehan had said that several  
13 women have stated that he had been involved in pedophilia,  
14 that's not something that was in your mind?

15 A. No. No. I have no recollection of that.

16 Q. But, Cardinal, if in fact Monsignor Walls remained  
17 at Saint John for fourteen years with no restrictions on  
18 him, continuing to say Mass and hear confessions, included  
19 within that, interaction with altar boys and hearing  
20 confessions of students, that ultimately would have been  
21 your responsibility; is that right?

22 A. (No response.)

23 Q. His remaining there?

24 (The witness conferred with his  
25 attorney.)

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THE WITNESS: Could you repeat.

MS. McCARTNEY: Could I repeat it?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MS. McCARTNEY: Absolutely, Cardinal.

BY MS. McCARTNEY:

Q. If in fact Monsignor Walls remained at Saint John Neumann for fourteen years and during that time he continued to say Mass, hear confessions, he would have been there with your authority; is that right?

A. I am the ultimate authority.

Q. Now, with regard to Monsignor Walls, on March 15, 2002, do you recall getting a memo that dealt with the fact that Monsignor Lynn and Father Welsh, both in the Secretary of Clergy's office, had met with <sup>Colleen</sup> [REDACTED] and that <sup>Colleen</sup> [REDACTED] identified herself as being the

individual that was involved, that had been sexually abused by Father Walls back in 1988?

A. I have no recollection of that.

Q. I'll show you what I'll mark as grand jury nine eight two.

(GJ-982 was marked for identification.)

(Pause.)

THE WITNESS: Okay. I have read this.

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2 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

3 Q. Okay. Now, Cardinal, that memo, again, that is  
4 headed "Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Secretary of the  
5 Clergy." It's to Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. It's from  
6 Monsignor William Lynn. The date on that is March 26, and  
7 it's regarding Monsignor David Walls; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And in this memo, it says, and I'm summarizing,  
10 that <sup>Colleen</sup> [REDACTED] and her mother met with Monsignor Lynn  
11 and Father Welsh on March 15, 2002. She came forward  
12 based upon the recent media publicity surrounding this  
13 issue, and she says basically that she was the one that  
14 the therapist was referring to when the therapist made the  
15 allegation or made the complaints against Father Walls in  
16 1988.

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17 Is that right?

18 A. Excuse me. Could you tell me where that says that  
19 again.

20 Q. Well, I'll read it directly. I'm looking at the  
21 second paragraph.

22 "When allegations were brought forth against  
23 Monsignor Walls in 1988, a therapist was interviewed by  
24 the Chancery, who informed them that Monsignor Walls had  
25 made sexual advances two years previous against a sixteen

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2 year old girl. The therapist also stated that the brother  
3 of her client had been approached by Monsignor Walls. At  
4 the time, Monsignor Walls was sent for evaluation and  
5 therapy. Monsignor Walls was in residence at Saint  
6 Matthias Parish, Bala Cynwyd, at the time. The file  
7 indicates that he was never given a new assignment,  
8 although at one point permission was given for him to work  
9 in Catholic Social Services. It appears this never  
10 happened. He was given permission to live in residence at  
11 Saint John Neumann Parish, Bryn Mawr. In fact, his  
12 current status is still listed as administrative leave."

13 A. Right.

14 (The witness conferred with his  
15 attorney.)

16 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

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17 Q. And in the fourth paragraph, and this is the  
18 information that's provided by <sup>Colleen</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ it says: "In  
19 our meeting, she provided more detail than what was in the  
20 file previously. Besides the incident reported by her  
21 therapist, she stated that he had picked her up in his car  
22 one evening. It was apparent he had been drinking. She  
23 claimed he kissed her and fondled her breasts."

24 You see where I'm reading from, Cardinal?

25 A. Yes. Yes.

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2 Q. Okay. Now, after this comes forward, after ~~██████████~~ <sup>Colleen</sup>  
3 ~~██████████~~ comes forward in 2002, Monsignor Walls is spoken  
4 to, is that right?

5 And it's discussed with him --

6 A. Wait.

7 Q. -- that maybe he should have to move from the  
8 parish at that time, and there's a recommendation which is  
9 given to you, and that recommendation is that Monsignor  
10 Walls remain on administrative leave, he be asked to leave  
11 his residence at Saint John Neumann Rectory and restrict  
12 his faculties to saying Mass privately and continue to be  
13 provided with stipends and benefits, that discussion  
14 concerning retirement be taken up at a later date.

15 That's what it says, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And ultimately on 4/1 of '02, you write -- this is  
18 your handwriting: "After clarification from Monsignor  
19 Lynn, above recommendations are approved," and it's your  
20 initials, "AJB"; is that right?

21 MR. HODGSON: No, that's not what it  
22 says.

23 MS. McCARTNEY: I'm sorry?

24 THE WITNESS: That's not what it says.

25 MR. HODGSON: That's not what that



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2 says.

3 MS. McCARTNEY: What does it say?

4 (Pause.)

5 MS. McCARTNEY: You have a bad copy.

6 MR. SPADE: Yes.

7 (Pause.)

8 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

9 Q. Do you see where I was referring to, Cardinal?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I'm sorry. You had a copy that didn't come through  
12 on that.

13 Ultimately, that is what happened, what happens  
14 with Monsignor Walls; is that right? He continues on  
15 administrative leave?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. He left Saint John Neumann Rectory?

18 A. He had to leave there.

19 Q. Yes. Is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, Cardinal, can you explain to us why it is that  
22 for fourteen years Monsignor Meehan was able to function  
23 as a priest in the parish, saying Mass, hearing  
24 confessions, and then in 2002 he was no longer permitted  
25 to do that?

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2 A. Not Monsignor Meehan.

3 Q. Walls. I'm sorry. I apologize. Monsignor Walls?

4 A. Can I discuss this? May I discuss.

5 Q. Sure.

6 A. I need some clarification.

7 (The witness conferred with his  
8 attorney.)

9 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

10 Q. Are you ready, Cardinal?

11 A. Yes. Could you repeat the question, please.

12 Q. Yes.

13 MS. McCARTNEY: Let the record reflect  
14 that there has been time provided for counsel to  
15 consult with the Cardinal.

16 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

17 Q. I believe that the question was, Cardinal: In  
18 2002, Monsignor Walls was asked to leave Saint John  
19 Neumann, a place where he had been for fourteen years,  
20 functioning as a priest in that parish.

21 Can you explain to us why in 2002 he was no longer  
22 able to do that, or I should say no longer permitted to do  
23 that?

24 (The witness conferred with his  
25 attorney.)

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2 THE WITNESS: This is the first time  
3 that Monsignor Lynn actually spoke to the victim,  
4 the alleged victim, <sup>Colleen</sup> [REDACTED]. Up until then,  
5 everything was from the therapist.

6 In those fourteen years, I don't know  
7 of any kind of incident involving Monsignor Walls,  
8 so something must have been told to Monsignor Lynn  
9 and that he felt that it was no longer appropriate  
10 for him to remain in the parish.

11 I don't recall if there was something  
12 like that, but it must have been good. He must  
13 have had good reason for recommending that he be  
14 removed from the parish.

15 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

16 Q. Cardinal, if you recall, the evaluation that was  
17 conducted at Saint John's or, I'm sorry, Saint Luke's,  
18 they took a history from Monsignor Walls at that time.

19 In that history, Monsignor Walls acknowledged and  
20 admitted that he had in fact inappropriately touched an  
21 adolescent male and had pursued an adolescent female.

22 So there's acknowledgments on his part with regard  
23 to the allegations that had been lodged against him in the  
24 report from 1988.

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. What more is needed? I mean, you have a guy that's  
3 accused of sexual misconduct involving a minor. He  
4 acknowledges it. He admits it occurred in 1988. He's  
5 allowed to remain in a parish for fourteen years. And  
6 then all of a sudden, when a victim comes forward, based  
7 upon the publicity that had been going on nationally, then  
8 he's told to pack up. He can no longer live at the  
9 parish.

10 Can you tell us --

11 A. Well, the report from Saint Luke's Institute  
12 actually says that he is allowed to go back to a ministry.  
13 They tell you how, you know, to conduct the -- that he can  
14 go back to ministry, abstain from working with --  
15 conditions, abstain from working with or mingling with  
16 youth or young adults.

17 Q. I understand that's what the evaluation says,  
18 Cardinal, and we've already discussed it, and I think that  
19 you've already acknowledged the fact that even though that  
20 was a restriction that was recommended by Saint Luke's,  
21 that he wasn't being monitored.

22 My question remains that what has changed between  
23 1988 and 2002?

24 A. Whatever was reported -- all I can say, whatever  
25 was reported by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Colleagues</sup> must have influenced Monsignor

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2 Walls was not credible?

3 A. No.

4 (The witness conferred with his  
5 attorney.)

6 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

7 Q. Is that right? You're saying it was, or it was not  
8 credible?

9 (The witness conferred with his  
10 attorney.)

11 THE WITNESS: It was credible.

12 BY MS. MCCARTNEY:

13 Q. And given the fact that there was a credible  
14 allegation against Monsignor Walls, can you explain why  
15 there were no restrictions on him in terms of what he was  
16 able to do?

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17 A. There were restrictions. We -- at the time, in  
18 1988, remember, we were still at the beginning of an  
19 appreciation of all of these problems, and we have the  
20 medical report saying he can go back to some kind of  
21 ministry with certain restrictions.

22 Q. But, Cardinal, those restrictions, those  
23 restrictions were not actually imposed on Monsignor Walls  
24 based upon the information that you have in front of you  
25 today, correct?

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2 A. Well . . .

3 Q. He was able to work?

4 A. I had to presume again that the Office of the  
5 Clergy, at the time it was 1988, was Monsignor Shoemaker,  
6 was supposed to implement those restrictions.

7 Q. But you had personal information in 1988, in May,  
8 when you had your conversation with Monsignor Meehan, you  
9 had personal information that he was concerned about  
10 whether or not Monsignor Walls could be saying Mass, and  
11 you said that you would look into it?

12 A. Which I must have, because I -- the memo would go  
13 down to Monsignor Shoemaker. It was up to him to follow  
14 up on that.

15 Q. But since you said you would look into it,  
16 Cardinal, and the letter came to you and the conversation  
17 with Monsignor Meehan happened with you, didn't you have  
18 an obligation to follow through on that personally and to  
19 make sure that Monsignor Shoemaker was --

20 A. What my practice would have been, that memo would  
21 have gone down to him.

22 I may have spoken to Monsignor Shoemaker, but I  
23 have no recollection back in 1988.

24 Q. And in 1990, there's information that comes in that  
25 there is confusion as to what Monsignor Walls is doing and

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2 what he's able to do and --

3 (The witness conferred with his  
4 attorney.)

5 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

6 Q. And that was not pursued either, to your knowledge  
7 or you don't know?

8 A. As far as I know, none of that was reporting that,  
9 anything, involvement with children.

10 (The witness conferred with his  
11 attorney.)

12 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

13 Q. Okay. Cardinal, just one further question and then  
14 I think we're going to take a break.

15 When you -- this has already been previously marked  
16 as grand jury nine fifty-six. ~~This is the interview that~~  
17 was done with Lynn Doyle, and the date of that was -- it  
18 was taped on June 24, and it was broadcast on June 25.

19 Do you have that exhibit in front of you?

20 MR. HODGSON: Here it is.

21 BY MS. McCARTNEY:

22 Q. And could you refer specifically to page six of  
23 that document, Cardinal, and if you look at the top  
24 paragraph on page six, I'm going to start reading the last  
25 sentence on that paragraph, and it says: "And one thing I

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2 would like to point out, so many times when I've done this  
3 topic on the show, we talk about the Catholic Church, and  
4 we talked about it, people assume that it's Philadelphia,  
5 but really Philadelphia has really not been touched  
6 by . . ."

7 And you respond: "Very little."

8 And Lynn Doyle asks: ". . . very few accusations  
9 of sexual misconduct because of programs that you've put  
10 into place a long time ago,"

11 And you respond to that, "Yes."

12 And then you go on and you say: "I don't know how  
13 to explain that. We've had some problems, but nowhere  
14 near what some of the other dioceses and archdioceses. As  
15 soon as I came in, I started it, you know, before when, as  
16 soon as I came into Philadelphia I wanted to know what the  
17 policies were and the procedures in this, and so I did  
18 right from the very beginning say, 'we have to take a very  
19 firm stand here.'"

20 Do you remember saying that on the Lynn Doyle show?

21 A. No, I don't recall my interviews.

22 Q. Is that consistent with how you view your --

23 A. Yes, but --

24 Q. -- leadership in the Archdiocese?

25 A. Yes. Taken in context, what it means, from the



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2 very beginning.

3 Q. From the very beginning of your taking over in the  
4 Archdiocese?

5 A. Doesn't mean necessarily the first day.

6 Q. No, I --

7 A. You know, it means that I have to take a period of  
8 time to assemble my leaders of various departments, to  
9 reorganize, and that's what I start talking about, a very  
10 beginning, once I had my various staff around me.

11 Q. Do you think, Cardinal, leaving a person who  
12 acknowledged sexual misconduct with a minor in a parish  
13 for fourteen years with, as we've already discussed, few  
14 if any restrictions on their abilities, would you consider  
15 that taking a very firm stand?

16 A. I said that I had no recollection that he was  
17 involved with a minor.

18 ~~Q. Well, your recollection notwithstanding, Cardinal,~~  
19 the documents supported --

20 A. I know that.

21 Q. -- that it was a minor, and so I'll ask you: With  
22 regard to what the documents show and with Monsignor  
23 Walls's own admission of his participation in the assault  
24 with minors, do you think it's a very firm stand to allow  
25 him to remain in a parish for fourteen years?

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2 A. If it had been brought to my attention, you know --  
3 you know, as it was recently, we would have -- we still  
4 would have gone by -- at the beginning, by what the Saint  
5 Luke's Institute recommended.

6 (The witness conferred with his  
7 attorney.)

8 MS. COX: Would everyone be able to  
9 come back after an hour and fifteen-minute lunch  
10 break?

11 MR. HODGSON: Oh, I can't. I can't. I  
12 thought it was -- I understood this was ten to one.

13 MS. COX: Okay. Well, then we'll  
14 resume tomorrow at nine thirty.

15 Would you be able to continue later  
16 tomorrow?

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17 MR. HODGSON: Yes. I'll talk to his  
18 Eminence. Yes.

19 MS. COX: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. HODGSON: Okay.

21 MS. COX: After you leave the room,  
22 we'll find out from the jurors what their schedule  
23 is like tomorrow.

24 MR. HODGSON: All right.


25 MS. COX: And for the record, it is

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