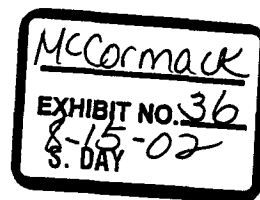


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Reverend Paul R. Shanley  
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Dear Father Shanley:

When I wrote to you earlier this month I indicated that I felt additional time was needed to work out the details you mentioned in your letter regarding the period when you will be away from an assignment.

I write now because I find that your help is needed again in working out these details. So that we can accomplish this with you and for you, I am asking that you be in touch with Father John McCormack immediately after Christmas so that he can address with you some of the details that we did not have an opportunity to look at closely enough in our conversations.

I have asked Father McCormack to see you as quickly as possible after you call as I know that these matters are important to you in regard to your plans for the days and weeks ahead.

With my warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Edward Cardinal Law*  
Archbishop of Boston

cc: Rev. John B. McCormack

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