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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Reverend John B. McCormack *JBM*

DATE: August 30, 1994

RE: Reverend Paul Shanley

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Recently, I consulted with Dr. Ned Cassem about Father Shanley's continued presence in California and the advisability of his return to the Archdiocese of Boston.

After reviewing the letter of Dr. Shanley that was sent in October 1991 and the summary of the diagnostic report sent in March 1994, the following were the observations of Dr. Cassem:

1. Father Shanley is so personally damaged that his pathology is beyond repair. It cannot be reversed.
2. Father Shanley cannot do any kind of ministry.
3. How do we protect others from him. Could he be laicized? What is important is that he does not practice as a priest.
4. If he lived in California, could he do part-time work? This would be helpful for him.

✓ The conclusion was that it seems okay to let him live in California at Palm Springs. However, the Bishop should be informed about his presence and his inability to carry out any priestly ministry. The Bishop should be asked if it is permissible to allow him to live there.

✓ Would the Bishop know of anyone who could keep in contact with Father Shanley on a regular basis to insure that he is doing okay and not carrying out ministry.

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