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Dear Ms. Moses,

I am in receipt of your letter, with attached billing, regarding your on going work with [REDACTED]. I will be processing your billing for payment by the Diocese; you can look for the check to be coming in the next week or so.

I do have some concerns about the ongoing therapy with [REDACTED]. They are:

- Meeting on a weekly basis for two hours at a time, without a documented treatment program and prognosis, is of concern, as you have not indicated any time limit set for the end of weekly two-hour sessions, nor the actual goal(s) of such therapy.
- The diagnosis of [REDACTED] and your treatment approach of "behavioral therapy" could be at odds with the Catholic Church moral teachings in the way you might suggest that [REDACTED] deal with this issue (which, in itself, if experienced outside of the marriage bond, is contrary to our Church teaching). You also suggest that [REDACTED] "will have to participate in such therapy"; this causes me further concern on the same moral grounds.
- We haven't discussed the testing that you have done in the past to determine the diagnosis of "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder". I note that you have tried to get the materials from Veronica Thomas, Ph.D., for her work with [REDACTED] and are having a difficult time getting it. I am interested in the testing that you have done that has led you to such a conclusion.

There is no doubt in my mind that sexual molestation can and does cause great harm in a victim, and that the issues that must be confronted can take time, sensitivity, and professional assistance. It is the position of the Diocese of Orange that we assist [REDACTED] in coming to resolution and healing for any hurt caused him by (Rev.) Al Ramos.

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At the same time, I must be diligent in my stewardship of Church teachings and morals, as well as the financial resources that are put to the service of those in need. For these reasons, I write my concerns to you.

As of today, the Diocese has paid \$3,920.00 to you for counseling for [REDACTED] we currently owe you a total of \$5,600.00 more for counseling through January 1, 2001. As I stated earlier, I will process those bills for payment.

I am only able to authorize continued counseling assistance in this manner through February 10, 2001. Before I can authorize more financial assistance, an evaluation must be made by the psychological expert used by the Diocese of Orange with regards to your test results, your diagnosis, your treatment plan and your prognosis for [REDACTED] I am certain that you can understand the need for this process at this time.

I request that you send these materials to me and to Kenneth R. Fineman, Ph.D., 17822 Beach Blvd., Suite 437, Huntington Beach, California 92647. Dr. Fineman's phone number is 714 842 9377. Please get [REDACTED] authorization to send the materials to Dr. Fineman.

I am available to speak with you about this matter by phone should you wish. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience in this matter. I am also available to speak with [REDACTED] should he wish to call me. Finally, you wrote that [REDACTED] lives in Los Angeles; however, the address on the forms you sent me have him living in Brea. I would like to have this point clarified for our files.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Reverend Monsignor John Urell, V.G.
Vicar General / Moderator of the Curia

C: Kenneth R. Fineman, Ph.D.

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