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Rev. Joseph Janicki
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Dear Father Janicki,

In your last conversation with me a week or so ago, you were concerned about Lyn Becker's continued involvement with the boy from Fox Point. At that time I told you I was certain Lyn had not made any effort to contact him and I really thought that particular door was closed. I was wrong. As a result I decided to drop you a note to give you an update. Over the week-end I talked to the mother and she informed me that her son had received another letter from Lyn last week, ostensibly to congratulate him on his performance in his school's class play. If it had stopped at that, I'm sure the mother would not have objected. What irritated her was the fact that the letter was mostly a recitation of the 'good life' he is leading—Le Club, trip to Chicago to see 42nd Street, dinner invitations, etc. What most upset her, however, was that he expressed a real desire to get this boy together with his roommate and himself, as they all (to quote Lyn) share common interests. This mother (a widow) is trying desperately to get this son's value system straightened out through the help of the priests at Marquette High and through professional counseling. She does not feel that she, her son, or the rest of her family need any further contact with Lyn and/or Phil, his roommate, at this point.

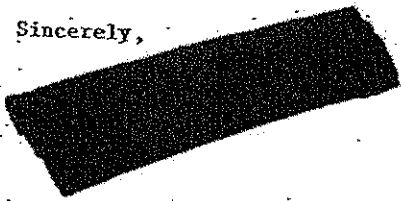
I decided to write you as I think this latest effort on Lyn's part to re-establish contact with this boy is most disturbing. It is just one more indication of his continued persistence in thumbing his nose at anyone who is going to get in his way at this point. Past history shows that, as his options become less and less and his maneuvering space smaller and smaller, he becomes more and more capable of some pretty devious, irrational acts. I hope it doesn't happen this time around.

In a brief conversation I had with him over the week-end, he said he was going to see a Dr. Zimmerman this week. He did not indicate to me any resentment or resistance to the idea. That's one optimistic note.

I would like to reiterate my concern for Lyn as a person and as a priest. There is much good there if it can ever be channeled properly. However, I, like you, am beginning to feel somewhat pessimistic over his future. There does not appear to be the faintest glimmer of any self-awareness of the position he's in right now. This is depressing. I wish there were some magic answers.

Peace...

Sincerely,



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