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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reverend William J. Lynn
Secretary for Clergy

FROM: Reverend Joseph R. Cistone *JRC*
Assistant Vicar for Administration

DATE: January 9, 1998

ITEM: Your memorandum to me dated November 26, 1997

RE: Reverend Stanley M. Gana

Please note that Cardinal Bevilacqua reviewed the above referenced memorandum. At the Issues Meeting of January 8, 1998, His Eminence raised the concern that this memorandum states:

" also asked if Cardinal Bevilacqua was informed of the situation. I told him that the Cardinal was informed. said that he did not believe this and he requested that he be able to meet with Cardinal Bevilacqua himself. I explained that the Cardinal is in Rome until the middle of December. said that he would like to see Cardinal Bevilacqua when he returns. Before making any recommendation regarding this request, I would like to see if cooperates with Catholic Social Services."

His Eminence noted that, in essence, was calling you a liar. Nonetheless, your memorandum seems to suggest that you may consider a recommendation that His Eminence meet with sometime in the future. This would be setting a precedent, i.e. for the Cardinal to meet with such individuals. His Eminence cautioned about such a recommendation and noted that there must be other means of letting know that His Eminence was informed, other than for His Eminence to meet with him personally.

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Memo from Msgr. Joseph Cistone, Assistant Vicar for Administration, to Secretary for Clergy William Lynn. The memo explains Cardinal Bevilacqua's reluctance to meet with the abuse victim. GJ-105

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