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Monsignor Roland Tancrede

MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Michael Bahan

RE: Monsignor ROLAND TANCREDE

DATE: May 2, 2002

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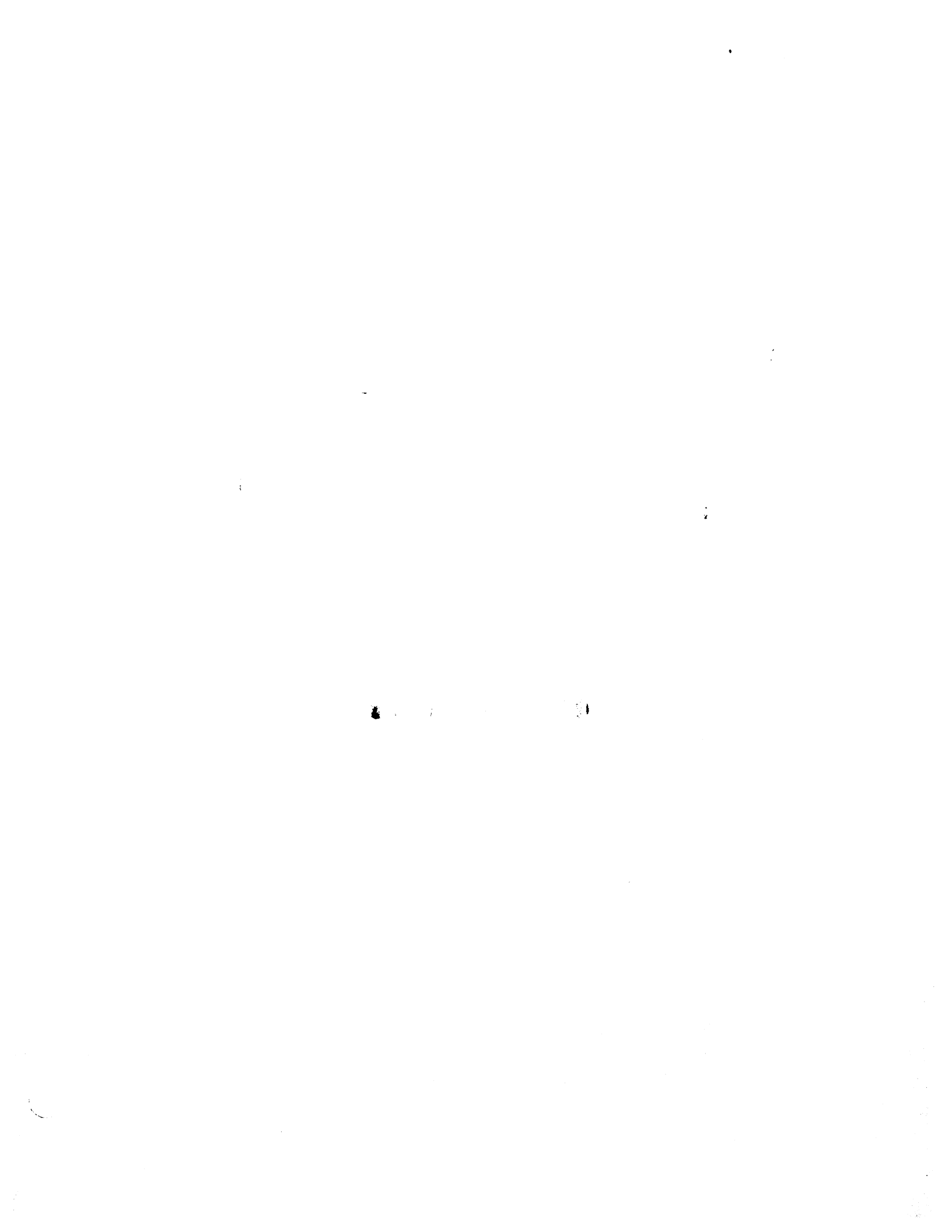
[REDACTED] called at 1:15 p.m. regarding an allegation of a sexual assault by Monsignor ROLAND TANCREDE when he was 10-12 yoa, in Manchester, NH.

TANCREDE was then assigned to St Augustine Church in Manchester. [REDACTED] recently spoke to Father EDWARD ARSENAULT at the Manchester diocese and is again meeting with him regarding this matter. [REDACTED] said that he understood that TANCREDE is currently retired in the Manchester area.

[REDACTED] wants to tell his story to the police, but does not want any notoriety or to be involved in a civil suit.

Records indicate ROLAND E. TANCREDE, Retired Mnsgr.
In residence St. John the Baptist Rectory
107 Alsace St., Manchester, NH 03102

[REDACTED]



August 29, 2002

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Dear Paul:

I am writing to inform you that I am representing a client who was abused by Roland Tancrede on approximately 25-50 occasions during the time span of 1956-1959. My client was informed by Father Arsenault that the Diocese would be reporting the case to the proper authorities. In the event the Dioceses did not report the incident, I wanted to bring the situation to your attention.

My client was provided alcoholic beverages and sexually abused by Roland Tancrede, a Roman Catholic Priest. At the time, Tancrede was serving at the Holy Rosary in Rochester, NH. The majority of the abuse took place at the Holy Rosary Rectory. My client was an altar boy and he spent a lot of weekends at the rectory and some nights during the week as well. Father Tancrede was the only priest at that parish. My client would sleep in the same bed as Father Tancrede. After my client would fall asleep, Father Tancrede would squeeze his penis to the point that the pain would wake my client up. The abuse also took place on family vacations, paid for by Tancrede, to Buffalo, NY, Lake George, NY, and Canada. My client also remembers taking trips to visit Tancrede's brothers in Connecticut, but does not recall any specific abuse happening there.

My client contacted Msgr. Tancrede in March of this year. He and his wife met with Msgr. Tancrede, at which time Msgr. Tancrede admitted to my client and his wife that he had sexually abused my client. He then made excuses saying he was young and foolish back then. He further tried to pressure my client into silence by telling my client that he had done a lot of good for the parish and for so many parishioners and, if his acts were revealed, he would be defrocked and my client would destroy all the good he had done and also destroy the parishioners along with him. Msgr. Tancrede then attempted to buy my client's silence with \$35,000. My client refused his bribe.



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Two weeks later, Msgr. Tancrede phoned my client and begged his wife not to turn him in. They arranged a meeting with Father Arsenault present on March 30, 2002. At that meeting, Msgr. Tancrede once again admitted the abuse took place. Father Arsenault offered my client and his wife counseling with Joseph Naff. They attended a few sessions with Mr. Naff and then switched to a private counselor.

Should you require any further information regarding this report of abuse, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,



Mark A. Abramson

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