

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. ©

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
FATHER PAUL AUBE

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2002

Received paperwork from victim [REDACTED]
is a sexual abuse victim of PAUL AUBE. The paperwork outlines [REDACTED]
correspondence to the DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER dated MAY 9, 2002 disclosing
the sexual abuse and also includes responses from the DIOCESE. Refer to
correspondence for further details.

May 9, 2002
Most Rev. John B McCormack
Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, NH 03105

Dear Most Rev. John B McCormack,

I am not sure where to begin or what has finally brought me to this point. One thing I have finally come to realize is that I need to be heard and recorded for the benefit of others and for the healing of myself. I you assure that the contents of this letter are true although the minor details are difficult to recall.

I grew up in Claremont NH. My family and I attended St. Mary's Church. I attended St. Mary's Catholic school through my freshmen year of high school. I would have continued further had it not closed. My parents are still parishioners of St. Mary's. Like my parents I was very active in parish activities. I think it was in the sixth grade that I became an alter boy and seem to recall that it was a year or two later that Father Paul Aube came to St. Mary's. We all knew him as Fr. Paul. It was during my early teens that this all occurred because I clearly remember attending CYO meetings where he was present. I also recall that it was several years before I had my driver's license, which I got 2 months after I turned sixteen. It was during these years that Paul Aube lured in a lot of us young teenagers for alterboy services and other parish activities. I have no idea if I was one of many or the the only one he made his sexual advances to---I assume I was one of many. I clearly recall that these were the most difficult times of my life and thank God I had the strength to endure them. These encounters went on for several years and its only since all this has happened in the catholic church that more and more anger has surfaced. This man gained the total trust of 13 and 14-year-old kids before he made his move. I remember many trips with Paul Aube to his his parents house in Berlin NH where he took his special friends for weekends.

I am now 46 years old. I would say this all occurred about 1969 1970 1971 or thereabouts. I graduated high school in 1974. I don't recall what year it all ended---I don't need to. However I do think it's important you are informed and know of another child that Paul Aube sexually abused.

If you or anyone need to contact me you may reach me at the above address or call me at [REDACTED]

Sincere,
[REDACTED]

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Diocese of Manchester

Reverend Edward J. Arsenault
 Chancellor
 Secretary for Administration

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May 23, 2002

Dear [REDACTED]

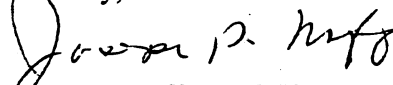
I am writing in response to your letter of May 9, 2002 to Bishop McCormack. Thank you for sharing your painful and difficult experiences that took place with Fr. Paul Aube. I am deeply sorry for what you experienced as a teenager at that time.

Understanding the devastating impact that sexual misconduct has on individuals, the Diocese of Manchester is committed to preventing and eliminating such behavior. Thank you for taking the time to share your painful experiences. Each person from whom we hear helps to guide us towards a direction of making the Church a safer place for all, and especially for children.

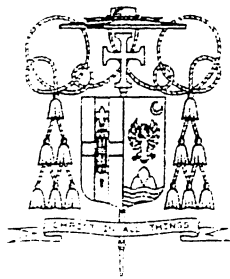
In addition to promoting safety in the Church, the Diocese of Manchester is committed to assisting individuals in healing from their emotional pain. I am available to talk with you, to discuss the pastoral response of the church to your report about Fr. Aube. Recently one of my staff attempted contacted you by phone, but was unable to reach you. If you would like to talk further about your complaint regarding Fr. Aube, you may contact me Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at (603) 668-0014. Please let me know if you would like me to call you and the time frame that you would be available.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,


 Joseph P. Naff, LICSW
 Assistant to Delegate of the Bishop

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

May 30, 2002

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2002 in which you share the painful reality of being harmed by a priest. I am mindful that to reveal such an issue and to begin the healing process can be painful as well. I would like to help you by suggesting that you be in contact with Mr. Joseph P. Naff, a clinical social worker who assists people who have been harmed by priests, in beginning the healing process. I am asking Mr. Naff, who can be reached at 800-475-5585, to telephone you within the next few days.

I am sorry for the terrible experience you had and have endured these many years. I will keep you in prayer and am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Naff to facilitate your contact with him.

Sincerely in our Lord,

John McCarroll
Bishop of Manchester

cc: Joseph P. Naff

*P.S. If I can be of help in any way,
please do not hesitate to contact me.*

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September 11, 2002

Dear 

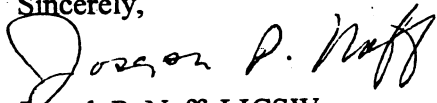
I am writing to you as a follow-up to my letter dated May 23, 2002.

I would like you to know that I am available to talk with you further at any time in order to assist you in your healing. If you feel that would be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Also, if you have not already done so, we encourage you to report this incident to the NH Attorney General or to the office of the Sullivan County Attorney. If you need assistance or have questions about that process, I am available to help you. I can be contacted at the above address, or by telephone at 1-800-475-5585, Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Naff, LICSW

Assistant to the Delegate of the Bishop

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV (4)

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
FATHER PAUL AUBE
CAPTAIN ARMAND ROUSSELL DEATH

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2002

CHIEF INV. BAHAN had spoken to DEPUTY CHIEF TIM HEFFREN of the NASHUA PD and learned that CAPTAIN ARMAND ROUSSELL was shot in the line of duty on 10/15/71 and died on 10/27/71.

Based on that information called retired NPD Officer BILL BURNS back and asked whom the desk Captain might have been who informed officers not to bother with the AUBE incident due to the teen's age. Explained that CAPTAIN ROUSSELL had been deceased for four years. BURNS did not recall who the Captain might have been and thought it was ROUSSELL.

Called LIONEL LEBLANC and asked if he recalled who the Desk Captain might have been the night of the AUBE incident or shortly after. LEBLANC did not have specific recollection as to whom it may have been. Stated that CAPTAIN ZAPINAS was still working, although close to retirement, but did not believe it was him. He recalled ROLAND ANCTIL as a Desk Captain (now deceased) who may have been working then, and CAPTAIN BRUNO BOUDREAU (unknown if still alive or his whereabouts).

I also asked LEBLANC if he recalled making a report on the AUBE incident with the kid, and LEBLANC stated to me "I did a report".

After speaking to LEBLANC, left a message for DET. BROOK LEMOINE at the NPD to please check again for an old report on the incident. Asked that he also check old Call for Service cards and log sheets for any record of this incident. Also asked DET. LEMOINE to check microfiche records, as LEBLANC believed these old files were transferred to microfiche.

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GEORGE HAM INTERVIEW

JR: I guess the best thing to do is go around and introduce everybody in the room. Ah, thank you for coming here today. We appreciate your taking the time to talk with us. We know that these are um difficult circumstances for um all parties involved and ah, your cooperation is something we um do appreciate. Um, my name is Jim Rosenberg. I'm an Assistant Attorney General um to my left is:

MB: Michael Bahan. I'm Chief Investigator with the Attorney General's Office.

WD: I'm Will Delker. I'm Chief of the Criminal Bureau here at the AG's office.

JR: And would you guys mind introducing yourselves.

BT: Oh, sure. I'm Brian Tucker. I'm counsel for Father Ham.

GH: And I'm Father George Ham.

JR: Okay. Thank you very much. Um, what we'd like to do and I don't think it's going to take too long to have this discussion, but we'd like to talk about um sort of your background ah personally with the church and um, some of the incidents we're aware of where you might have had some involvement or knowledge of a priest who was accused of a sexual offense with a minor and ah, we're going to see how it goes from there. If there's any confusion about the questions we ask as we go along ah, please just stop us, ask us to repeat the question and we can rephrase it. I have a tendency to um ask obtuse questions sometimes. Um, Father Ham, could you just tell us a little bit about yourself. Ah, when were you ordained?

GH: I was ordained in May of 1967. May 6, 1967.

JR: And were you ordained here in New Hampshire?

GH: Yes. St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.

JR: Are you from New Hampshire originally?

GH: Portsmouth yes.

JR: Okay, great. Um, and after your ordainment in '67, could you just tell us a little bit about your first assignments. Were you assigned to parish ministries?

- GH: My first assignment was as a parish priest at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. I was there from 1967 to 1972, June of '72.
- JR: And after June of '72, did ah you continue in parish ministry or did you go to Diocesan Administration?
- GH: I was involved in both to some extent. I was assigned to work at the Chancery Office in June of 1972, but at my request I wanted to still be involved in parish ministry so I took up residence at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Bedford and I was involved in parish ministry there evenings and weekends until 1977.
- JR: In '72 when you first started working for the Chancery what was your position with the Diocese?
- GH: I was Assistant Chancellor.
- JR: And could you just tell us some of the responsibilities you had as Assistant Chancellor?
- GH: Basically the first year was pretty much ah becoming familiar with some of the procedures in the Chancery Office and ah I was working with two other priests at the time.
- JR: And what does the Chancery Office do?
- GH: It's basically the record keeping of the Diocese. Real estate, personnel files ah that type of thing.
- JR: Um.
- GH: We handled marriage dispensations and that type of thing.
- JR: And when you did the record keeping, would that include the record keeping with regard to the secret archive at the Diocese?
- GH: No.
- JR: No. Um, would it include any records of um, ah maintained um in dealing with the priests that had sexual allegations of, of child sexual abuse against them?
- GH: I never heard of an allegation of that nature in my years at the Chancery Office. Not one.

- JR: Okay. Um, and you said you started at the Chancery Office and also doing parish work at St. Elizabeth's in '72 through '79. Is that right?
- GH: Of '77.
- JR: '77, I'm sorry. Thank you. Um, what happened after that?
- GH: I remained in the Chancery Office until ah December 1st of 1980. In '77 I changed residences to another parish.
- JR: Okay.
- GH: I moved to St. Hedwig's in Manchester and on weekends I went to St. Catherine's in Portsmouth for weekend ministry.
- JR: Um, and in 1980 did you continue to have an administrative position as well with the Diocese?
- GH: The only um, let me think for one minute. I continued in the Chancery Office one day a week for part of 1981, but I was phasing out and I was just in, basically I think as I recall it was to cover the day off of one of the other priests.
- JR: Okay.
- GH: But I was not in the Chancery after at some point in '81. I would say probably about half way through 1981 I was out of there completely.
- WD: Could you just um, I think you said a few minutes ago that ah when you first started as the Assistant Chancellor there were two other priests that worked with you.
- GH: Yes.
- WD: In the Chancery Office. Um, could you tell us who they were and how the responsibilities were divided up?
- GH: Monsignor Mulvee was the Chancellor at that time and the Vice Chancellor was Monsignor Lapointe, who is deceased.
- WD: And were
- GH: I was with Monsignor Lapointe for a very short time because I went in there in June of '72 and he died in October of '72. When he died I moved into his position, which was secretary to Bishop Primeau.

WD: And did, did there continue to be three people after he died?

GH: Not immediately. Later ah, Monsignor Christian, Bishop Christian ah joined. I believe that was 1973. Could have been '74 I'm not sure.

WD: Um, how were the responsibilities divided up between ah yourself and um now Bishop Mulvee and um either Father Lapointe or later Bishop Christian?

GH: As the Bishop's secretary my responsibilities were basically to handle the Bishop's correspondence, to make appointments for him. At time to prepare talks, that sort of thing. Bishop Christian was the master of ceremonies to the Bishop, which meant that he had accompanied him to parishes for confirmations and other ceremonies. I specifically requested not to do that so that I could work in a parish. It was never my choice to work in the Chancery Office.

WD: Did um Bishop Mulvee or then Chancellor Mulvee um was he there for the whole time you were in the Chancery Office?

GH: Yes he was. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Manchester in 1977 and he left New Hampshire and went as Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware in 1984 so from I left in '81. He was still there until '84. Could have been '85, but I'm almost positive it's '84.

WD: How did the Chancellor's job differ from your job as the secretary to the Bishop?

GH: In some respects we had similar responsibilities. For example when marriage dispensations came into the office he would handle them one day. I would handle them another day. That sort of thing, but Bishop Mulvee was also involved in personnel matters and I was not.

WD: Okay. Um, personnel matters with priests and lay employees or what sort of personnel matters?

GH: I was referring primarily to clergy personnel matters, but as I recall he was also involved in um handling the personnel in the building. Hiring of secretaries and that type of thing so there were some lay people as well.

WD: Um, now you said that um, Father Lapointe died in October of '72.

GH: Yes.

WD: And um was it then you and um Chancellor Mulvee at the time?

GH: Yes.

WD: And then ah.

GH: There were two other priests who were in the administration building in the Chancery department, but they were Monsignor Olkovikas whose primary responsibility was finances of the Diocese and the other was Monsignor Hansberry who was the Vicar General. In other words second in command to the Bishop and he was also in charge of all building and real estate throughout New Hampshire. They're both deceased.

WD: Um, okay. How does, how does the job of Vicar General differ from that of Auxiliary Bishop?

GH: The Auxiliary Bishop is the Vicar General now.

WD: Okay. To the same.

GH: There was not an Auxiliary Bishop when Monsignor Hansberry was Vicar General.

WD: Okay. Okay. Now um, at you said in '73, now Bishop Christian came into the Chancery Office, was it um for that period of time you and um Monsignor Mulvee to get working on these issues and then Bishop Christian was added to that?

GH: Yes.

WD: Do I understand that correctly?

GH: Yes that's correct.

WD: Okay. And um, who replaced when um Hansberry died who replaced him in that position? Did he die while you were still in the Chancery Office?

GH: He died in 1982.

WD: Oh, okay.

GH: I was out of the Chancery Office, but I know he died in June of '82.

WD: Okay. That doesn't matter. I was just curious _____

GH: To answer the question, Monsignor Molan was later appointed Vicar General, but I'm not sure that it was right after Monsignor Hansberry _____. Monsignor Olkovikas also had the title of Vicar General so he could function in that capacity if he were needed so there may have been a time when it was only Olkovikas and then Monsignor Molan came along and as I recall Molan was dealing in building and real estate. He took over that area after Monsignor Hansberry died.

WD: Okay. Now just let me see if I can just follow up on this a little bit further. Um, the role of the Vicar General vs. the role of the Chancellor. Can you explain the difference between those positions while you were in the Chancery Office?

GH: The Vicar General basically is second in command to the Bishop. So for example if the Bishop were to die suddenly and there was only one Bishop and if you didn't have an Auxiliary Bishop

WD: Huh, huh.

GH: The Vicar General would assume the administration of the Diocese until the appointment of a Bishop.

WD: Okay. Did the Vicar General um while the Bishop was there and, and ah alive and well and present, did the Vicar General, what were the Vicar General's responsibilities in that situation?

GH: I'm sure it would vary depending who the Vicar General was. For example we had two Vicar's General. Monsignor Olkovikas primary responsibility was financial affairs of the Diocese. Monsignor Hansberry's primary responsibility was building and real estate of the acquisition of land, the selling of land, overseeing the construction of a new church. Those kinds of things so in other words they had the title Vicar General should the need arise, but the Bishop ran the Diocese.

WD: Did, did the Vicar General and in particular well I guess either of them, but Hansberry or Olkovikas have responsibility for personnel matters while you were in the Chancery Office?

GH: I know that Monsignor Olkovikas definitely did not. I am not sure about Monsignor Hansberry.

WD: I think I've exhausted that one question. Sorry to interrupt.

JR: No not at all. Appreciate it. Um, and when you were there ah did you ever or in general did you ever get to know a priest named Father Paul Aube?

GH: I, I know him, but I didn't really know him specifically because of my position in the Chancery Office. He a priest of the Diocese.

JR: Sure.

GH: You know I know every priest at the Diocese or I did at that time because they had to see me at one time or another.

JR: Um, how did you first meet ah Father Aube?

GH: I presume it must have been when he was ordained because ah he was ordained a couple of years after I was and I always went to the ordinations. It must have been the ordination when I first met him.

JR: Um, and did you ever become aware of a sexual incident involving Father Aube?

GH: No I did not.

JR: You never became aware of a sexual incident involving Aube?

GH: Not that I recall.

JR: Um, okay. I'd like to show you a letter for just purposes of the tape. It's been numbered by us as page 11 of discovery. Why don't you take just a minute to review that. I have another copy, but I. Here we go. Have you had a chance to review the letter?

GH: Yes I have.

JR: Okay. It's okay. Thanks Will. Um, and ah do you recall drafting this letter?

GH: I do not recall that at all.

JR: Ah, is there any reason to believe ah that you didn't draft this letter?

GH: No.

JR: No. Um, and does this letter bear your name?

GH: Yes it does.

JR: Um, as well as your title at the time, Vice Chancellor?

GH: Yes.

JR: Um, and the letter is dated December 29, 1975. Um, did you serve in the position as Vice Chancellor around that time?

GH: Yes I did.

JR: Okay. Um, just a general question. This letter ah not signed. Do you recall how copies were kept at the Diocese of letters that went out, if you will back in 1975?

GH: To the best of my recollection at that time the letters were typed on an IBM typewriter and they used carbons and the main, the original was signed and the others were not signed.

JR: So was it, was it typical at the time that copies of letters kept by the Diocese were unsigned because of the carbon paper process?

GH: I believe so.

JR: Okay. Um, so is it unusual that this particular letter doesn't bear your signature?

GH: No it is not.

JR: Um, does this letter jog your memory at all with regard to a conversation you had with Father Aube in 1975?

GH: No I have no recollection of it at all.

JR: Um, do you recall Father Aube calling you on the telephone in late December of '75?

GH: I do not.

JR: Do you recall whether he request the name of a psychologist or psychiatrist to?

GH: I don't remember that at all.

JR: Um, do you recall um speaking with well who was the Bishop at this time?

GH: I'm not sure because Bishop Primeau resigned, retired I should say sometime in 1974 and there was a period of time when we had no Bishop and Monsignor Hansberry was the administrator and then Bishop Gendron became Bishop,

but I don't recall the exact date. It was around 1975 so Bishop Gendron may have been the Bishop, but I'm not sure.

JR: Okay. Understood. Um, whether it was um ah Father Hansberry or Bishop Gendron do you recall discussing with the Bishop matter relating to Father Aube in late December of 1975?

GH: I have no recollection of it whatever.

JR: Um, do you know a doctor Edward Connors?

GH: No.

JR: And are you familiar with his work at all?

GH: I've never heard of the man that I can recall.

JR: Um, are you, do you recall um an incident in December of 1975 where Father Aube was confronted by the Nashua Police Department when he had a boy name [REDACTED] in his car in Nashua?

GH: No I know nothing about that.

JR: Do you have any knowledge of, of that incident at all?

GH: None whatever.

JR: Um, do you have any knowledge about the Diocese communicated with the Nashua Police Department about Father Aube's um ah involvement with [REDACTED] in Nashua in 1975?

GH: I have no knowledge of that whatever.

JR: Okay. So is it safe to say as you sit here today that um are you certain at all what this um letter, which indicates that Father Aube was, was seeking the name of a mental health provider. Do you know what it relates to at all?

GH: No I do not know.

JR: And do you know whether it um relates to the fact that, relates to an incident that may or may not have occurred in December of 1975 involving Father Aube, [REDACTED] and the Nashua Police Department?

GH: I have no idea.

MB: Was anyone authorized to sign your signature or in your absence?

GH: No.

JR: Um, this letter ah does this letter offer um Father Aube the name of a consulting psychologist?

GH: It certainly appears to, but I do not remember this.

JR: Okay. Um, also, this letter in the second paragraph says I mentioned your call to the Bishop and he agreed with what I told you about the policy of the person involved making his own appointment with a psychologist or psychiatrist. Um, do you know what the policy was at time?

GH: I have no recollection of that at all. I do not remember any policy of that nature.

JR: Would it have been frowned on for um an individual priest to make his own appointment with a mental health provider?

GH: Not that I'm aware of.

JR: Um, typically in any circumstance if a priest needed um psychological or psychiatric attention would he um work through the Diocese to get the name of a treatment provider?

BT: Do you want to know if he knows of that happening or do you want to know what he thinks what happened?

JR: In general is that the, is that the approach taken by the Diocese and its priests?

GH: I really don't know. There was a counseling center for the clergy. It was on Concord Street in Manchester. The name of the psychologist or if it was it escapes me at this moment, but that was established to be of service to clergy religious and so on who needed counseling, but I don't believe that they were limited to going to that one. I don't know.

JR: Okay.

GH: I never had any involvement in any of those cases. I really don't know.

JR: And um, you just referenced um a facility in Manchester. Um, what was the purpose of that of establishing a facility like that? Was it to treat priests um exclusively or did they treat people from ah regular citizens as well?

- GH: As far as I know it was clergy and religious. In other words it could be religious sisters, religious brothers, priests and it could be for any number of reasons. It could be they were suffering depression or crises about their vocation or whatever. If they needed some kind of psychological counseling that was available.
- JR: And do you know when that that was established? Um, and do you know how many mental health care providers worked on site there at Concord Street? Um, okay. Are you familiar at all with um, Father Aube's ah are you familiar at all with any allegations of sexual misconduct involving Father Aube?
- GH: No I am not.
- JR: And did you have any contact with the Nashua Police Department involving Father Aube?
- GH: Never.
- JR: Um, I think these questions are probably now all moot, but did you have any contact with Father Desjardins, who was I believe Father Aube's pastor in Nashua at the time with regards to Father Aube?
- GH: No I did not. I know Father Desjardins. He's a retired priest of the Diocese. To be honest I don't even remember Father Aube being in Nashua. I remember him being in Rochester, but I don't remember him being in Nashua. I have no recollection of it whatever.
- JR: Okay. Well it's clear I'm barking up the wrong tree then. Are you familiar with a priest named Phil Petit, here I can take that.
- GH: Yes I am.
- JR: Okay. And ah when did you first meet Father Petit?
- GH: I met him before he was a priest. When he was in the Seminary and um was approaching the time when he was, when his class was eligible to be ordained.
- JR: And what were the circumstances surrounding your meeting him when he was in the Seminary?
- GH: I was a member of the Vocation Board at the time and ah the members of the Vocation Board shared various responsibilities pertaining to the Seminarians. Because I was in the Chancery Office my job was to handle correspondence with the Seminary.

JR: And um, in that capacity were you ever aware of any concerns about Father Petit from his time at the Seminary?

GH: I was aware of many concerns about Father Petit, but not pertaining to sexuality. I recall that he was ah held up from ordination because of other concerns. Things like being um overbearing and abrasive, ah in the way that he dealt with people, but there was never any mention of sexual problems at that time.

JR: Um, were there ever any mention of difficulties more generally dealing with young people or teenagers when he was at the Seminary?

GH: No, not that I can recall.

JR: So it sounds like when he was at the Seminary his concerns were, were personality traits if you will for lack of a better term.

GH: I would say yes that's correct.

JR: Um, when did concerns for Father Petit um and sexual misconduct first come to your attention?

GH: I remember distinctly because he was stationed in Portsmouth, which is my home town and ah he was at Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth and I read about it in the newspaper.

JR: Do you remember when that was?

GH: Yes because ah my mother was in the hospital for twelve weeks. She went in in August of '85 so it was in late 1985 or possibly very early '86, but it was in that area.

JR: Was it the first time that you had any knowledge of sexual improprieties by um Father Petit?

GH: Yes it was the very first time.

JR: Okay. I want to show you what's been marked by us um, no significance other than so we can keep them in order as pages 717 and 718. Um, this is a letter to Father Petit from um at the time the Bishop of Manchester. It's dated March of 1981. If you wouldn't mind taking a moment to review that letter.

GH: I wouldn't have seen it if it was March of '81 because I was out of there.

JR: Understood. Um, nevertheless, if you wouldn't mind just reviewing the letter.

GH: I don't have any recollection of that.

JR: Okay.

GH: The only thing I can think of when I see this when it says ah summarize the substance of the conversations, which I Bishop Mulvee and Father Ham had with you. He might have said something to me about it because he had been ordained a fairly short time and I was Vocation Director then, but I have no recollection of that incident in Dover.

JR: Okay. Um, the first paragraph the letter says for the sake of the record I would like in this letter to summarize in substance the conversations which I, Bishop Mulvee and Father Ham have had with you concerning the event which took place on November 1, 1980. Do you recall having a conversation with Father Petit about an incident on November 1, 1980?

GH: No I do not recall that and I don't believe I ever had that conversation.

JR: Um, so when, when the Bishop wrote in this letter um that you had a conversation with Father Petit about a November 1, 1980 incident that's incorrect?

GH: I believe so.

JR: Um, it also indicates that the police were involved. Were you aware at all that police were involved with a matter relating to Father Petit in 1980?

GH: No I was not.

JR: Um, and as you sit here right now do you have any idea what the November 1, 1980 incident related to?

GH: No I do not.

JR: Um, the Bishop's letter um, March of 1981, first of all, March 6, 1981 is the date of this letter. Who is Bishop at this time?

GH: It was Gendron.

JR: Okay. Um, Bishop Gendron's letter also states um we're particularly concerned about the circumstances surrounding this entire episode. The person involved the use of the rectory, the failure to have any priest with whom you could share difficulty, the rather surprising manner in which you went to the police, your reaction in general to what we all consider to be an

extremely flagrant and serious incident and the potential for grave scandal that cannot be minimized. Um, it says at the beginning of that paragraph we are particularly concerned and it referenced you and Bishop Mulvee early in the letter. Still not ringing any bells in regard to what this incident?

GH: I would presume we must have been Bishop Gendron and Bishop Mulvee because I wasn't in the office even at that point as far as I can recall.

JR: Um, were you ever aware at all of a sexual incident in 1980 involving Father Petit and the rectory where he was stationed in I guess Dover at the time at St. Joseph's?

GH: I don't recall that.

JR: And do you recall any discussion you might have had with Father Petit around that time about an incident?

GH: The only discussions I ever had with Father Petit to the best of my knowledge were many discussions before he was ordained when we were trying to address his abrasiveness with people and his pomposity and all those kinds of things. Ah, but once he was ordained I had no meetings with him.

JR: You had no meetings with him whatsoever?

GH: Not that I can recall. Not once he was ordained.

JR: So the only discussions, the only substantive discussions if you will you had with Father Petit were when he was in the Seminary?

GH: Correct.

JR: And.

GH: Or when he was a Deacon, which would mean he was actually he had left the Seminary, he had been ordained a Deacon. He was serving, I remember visiting St. John the Baptist Parish in Manchester

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GH: Lesmerise was the pastor and he was there as a Deacon and there were questions about his suitability to be ordained because of his hotty attitude and ah the way that he dealt with people.

JR: Um, and those discussions didn't relate to sexual matters?

GH: They did not. There was never even a question raised in that area to the best of my knowledge at that time.

JR: And it sounds like those discussions would have taken place well before March of 1981?

GH: Yes because he was ordained in 1980 and the ordination is either May or June so ah.

JR: Before he was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Manchester?

GH: Correct.

JR: Um, sir, are you familiar with any police involvement at this time regarding Father Petit?

GH: No I am not.

JR: And ah if he didn't communicate with you at all he wouldn't have had a chance to admit anything to you at that time it sounds like. Um, are you aware if talking with either Bishop Mulvee or um Bishop Gendron at the time about a sexual incident involving Father Petit?

GH: I don't recall any.

JR: Um, the letter indicates that this event and I understand as you sit here right now you don't have a memory of what it relates to, but the Bishop's letter states that the event was discussed with Dr. Desjardin at the time. Do you recall Dr. Desjardin?

GH: Dr. Desjardin use to do the psychological screening for the candidates for the Seminary for us.

JR: And

GH: He was one of a number of different doctors that did it.

JR: Was he, could you explain his relationship with um the Diocese?

GH: He had no official relationship with the Diocese. He was um a clinical psychologist in private practice in Portsmouth and ah he was hired by the Diocese to do the psychological evaluation of men who were applying for acceptance for the Seminary. He was the successor to Dr. St. Clair who died. He did it for a number of years. When Dr. St. Clair died um Dr. Desjardin began doing it.

JR: Did Dr. Desjardin ever work for the consultation office for the clergy and religious? I think that's the office you were referring to in Manchester before?

GH: That's correct. No Dr. Desjardin did not work for them. In private practice in Portsmouth. As far as I know he never worked with them. He was always in Portsmouth.

JR: Um, this letter also references several conditions that were apparently placed on um Father Petit in light of a 1981 incident and one of the conditions is it is understood that you will also meet monthly with Father Ham. Um, do you recall being informed by the Bishop that there were to be monthly meetings with you?

GH: I met with him monthly before he was ordained, but I never met with him monthly subsequent to his ordination.

JR: And subsequent to an event in November, 1981, did you ever meet with him monthly?

GH: No I did not.

JR: So when

GH: I don't recall that I was ever asked to do that.

JR: Okay.

GH: I'm sure if I had been asked to I would have done it.

JR: So.

GH: Had to do it.

JR: So did Bishop Gendron at the time communicate with you a requirement that you meet with ah Father Petit monthly following a November 1981, pardon me, a November 1, 1980 incident?

GH: I don't believe that was ever communicated to me by Bishop Gendron.

JR: And or was it communicated to you by um Bishop Mulvee?

GH: No.

JR: Was it communicated to you by Father Petit himself?

GH: Not by anyone.

JR: So Father Petit never called up and said, "Hey Father Ham, time to sit down for our monthly meeting."

GH: Oh no. If I had been told to do that I wouldn't wait for him to call me. I would have called him and I had to meet monthly with many of the Seminarians when they were in parish assignments in the summer I was all over the state meeting monthly with them, but I was never um instructed to meet with him after he was ordained a priest.

JR: Okay. I'd like to show you another letter, which has been for the record marked page 721. It's a letter to Father Petit again from Bishop, the Bishop of Manchester Bishop Gendron and it's dated June 22, 1981. Um, just ask that you review this letter again so we can talk about it briefly as well.

GH: I have no recollection of that and I'm very confident that he never contacted me as it says there.

JR: Okay. So we got the first letter we looked at was March 6th of 1981. This is a couple months later June 22, 1981. Um, and ah does this letter also relate to Father Petit and I understand you just reviewed it.

GH: Yes it does.

JR: Um, the first paragraph states subsequent to our recent meeting I felt it important to summarize the conclusion of our conversation for the sake of clarity on both our parts. First of all I wish to remind you that any reoccurrence of the activities we discuss which take place in your rectory or in any rectory will ipso facto, pardon my pronunciation, result in suspension divinis. Again pardon my pronunciation. Um, secondly I wish to further remind you that any such activity no matter where it takes place is a serious failure to live up to the demands of celibacy, which all of us as priests must strive to live in fidelity. Um, does, do you know of any what this language drafted in the Bishop's letter relates to?

GH: No I don't.

JR: And again, are you aware in um 1980 and 1981 of any sexual concerns with regard to Father Petit?

GH: No I am not aware of any.

- JR: Um, towards the end of the letter it says I also request that you be in touch with Father George Ham on a frequent basis who is charged with your supervision and that you join a support group to which you will be faithful. Um, were you ever informed that you were in charge of Father Petit's supervision?
- GH: I was never informed that I was in charge of the supervision of any man once he was ordained a priest, Father Petit or anybody else. I was, I was involved in their supervision when they were in the Seminary or when they were Deacons up to priesthood ordination.
- JR: Okay. Um, I'm just a little confused. It says here Father Ham is charged with your supervision. Were you ever told?
- GH: No.
- JR: That you were in charge?
- GH: I was never told I was in charge of his supervision.
- JR: Um, did the Bishop of Manchester ever discuss with you supervising Father Petit?
- GH: Not that I can recall.
- JR: Did Father Petit ever come to you and say.
- GH: Definitely not.
- JR: The Bishop told me that you're in charge of me?
- GH: No he did not.
- JR: Um, following this June 22, 1981 letter did you make any special efforts to supervise Father Petit?
- GH: No I did not.
- JR: And ah were you in frequent touch with Father Petit as it suggests you were to be in the letter?
- GH: No. I had no frequent contact with him after he was ordained.

JR: Um, you said at the outset of our conversation about Father Petit that the first time you heard of a sexual concern with regard to him was through the newspaper in August of 1985. Am I restating that correctly?

GH: Yes you are. That's what I recall.

JR: Okay.

GH: I recall that vividly because he was in Portsmouth my home town and he was visiting my mother in the hospital when this came out in the paper.

JR: Um, and do you remember the nature of that allegation?

GH: No, all I know that he was removed from the parish.

JR: Um.

GH: I don't believe he ever functioned as a priest after that. I don't know who he was involved with. I don't know how old the person was or where it took place or anything. I just remember ah you know being very surprised about the situation because my mother had 12 weeks in the hospital and ah in traction and then was in a body cast for 4 months in a rehabilitation facility and he was visiting her in the hospital the day I went in the hospital when she was going to be removed, transferred to the rehabilitation facility and the next week this was in the paper and he was gone. That's why I remember it.

JR: Right. Right. It sounds like a good reason why it would stick in your mind. Um, well that sounds terrible. Um, were you involved at all in any um discussions with Diocesan Administration about what would become of Father Petit in light of this 1985 allegation?

GH: inaudible

JR: Um, did you have anything to do with his ah removal, if he was removed?

GH: No, no.

JR: From active clergy?

GH: Oh, no I had nothing to do with it. I had nothing to do with the Chancery Office at that time.

JR: Um, other than this 1985 incident you discussed that you learned about through the paper, are you aware of any other incidents of sexual misconduct that Father Petit engaged in?

GH: I don't recall any others.

JR: Um, does that mean that you, you might have had knowledge at some point, but you just can't remember as you sit here right now?

GH: No I don't believe so. I think it's safe to say that there were no others.

JR: Okay. No others that you personally had knowledge of?

GH: Correct.

JR: Um, do you know whether Father Petit ever um was referred to psychological um assistance of some kind by the Diocese as a consequence of this type of allegation?

GH: I don't know that. I would, I would presume he must have had some kind of psychological evaluation or counseling or something after that incident in Portsmouth, but I don't know that.

JR: Um, do you have any knowledge of um an incident of sexual misconduct involving a young man in Dover in 1982 or in that timeframe? Do you have any knowledge involving Father Petit in an incidence of sexual misconduct at St. Jean the Baptist in 1983 or '84? Um, do you have.

GH: Is that St. Jean the Baptist in Manchester?

JR: I believe so, yes it is.

GH: The reason I ask that question is that's where he was a Deacon and I don't remember him being there after he was ordained a priest.

JR: I think the report might have come in in 1983 or 1984 about prior conduct when he was a Deacon. If that makes anymore sense. Um, are you familiar with an allegation made by [REDACTED] Does that name ring a bell? And if it sounds like other than what you learned in the paper you don't know the facts or circumstances surrounding the 1985 incident?

GH: No I don't know.

JR: Um, I just want to make sure I, I kind of understand where this is all coming from. We first looked at with regard, we looked at three documents. Page 11, which is a letter to Father Aube from you. You don't recall this letter and you don't recall a.

GH: No I do not.

JR: A request Father Aube made for um a mental health treatment provider?

GH: No I have no recollection of that letter.

JR: And um and it says in here I mentioned your call to the Bishop. You don't recall talking to the Bishop or Father Aube?

GH: No I have no recollection of it, but I mean I would receive you know scores of letters.

JR: Sure.

GH: In a course of a week, but I mean I, I don't remember that one.

JR: Sure. Um, if I were to tell you that on there's information that on in late December of 1975, I think it's December 27th, December 26th of 1975 um Father Aube was um found by the Nashua Police Department engaged in sexual activity with a boy named [REDACTED] from his youth group. Um, would that have any reason to jog what this letter might relate to just a day or two later?

GH: Does not.

JR: Okay.

GH: I have no recollection of him in connection with Nashua. I don't even remember he was stationed there.

JR: Okay. And moving to Father Petit, I just want to make sure I've got this right too. We got two letters in March and June of 1981 from the Bishop. Um, the first in March of '81 states that you were part of a conversation with um Father Petit regarding an incident that occurred in November 1 of 1980. You don't remember being a part of any conversation with Father Petit? And if I were

BT: That's doesn't really, that's not really what it says is it?

GH: I don't think it says that I was part of a conversation does it?

JR: Okay, well lets make sure we get this right. Um, the first paragraph of the letter. For sake of the record I would like in this letter to summarize in substance the conversations which I Bishop Mulvee and Father Ham have had with you concerning the event which took place on November 1, 1980. I think it, I think it suggests if it doesn't state that you were part of conversation?

GH: I still say that I was not part of that conversation.

JR: Okay. Understood. And um were you part of conversations with either Bishop Mulvee or Bishop Gendron or um the Vicar General, Father Hansberry, at the time regarding um Father Petit in a November 1, 1980 incident?

GH: No, I was not.

JR: So any suggestion that you were is simply incorrect from this letter?

GH: Yes that isn't correct.

BT: Well I, I mean I think the words speak for themselves. I think you can draw another conclusion from it, but.

JR: Understood. Is it fair to say you don't recall being part of any conversation about Father Petit in a November 1, 1980 incident?

GH: The thing I find difficult to understand about that is I don't, I can say without any question that I was never part of a conversation pertaining to any priest whatever the problem might have been.

JR: Huh, huh.

GH: My dealing with them was before they were ordained, but once they were ordained I never met monthly with any of them.

JR: Okay. Um, so when it says in this March 6, 1981 letter it is understood, this is a letter from the Bishop to Father Petit. It is understood that you will also meet monthly with Father Ham. That never took place?

GH: It never took place.

JR: And that was never communicated to you by the Bishop of Manchester?

GH: It was not.

JR: Or Father Petit. And in this June 22, 1981 letter also from the Bishop to Father Petit which states that um you um that Father Ham was charged with his supervision. You never supervised Father Petit?

GH: I never supervised him after he was ordained.

JR: And you were never told by the Bishop at the time to supervise him?

GH: I have no recollection that I was ever told and I'm very confident I was not told because if I had been told I would have done it.

JR: Understood. So um, with regard to ah your involvement in Father Aube's case as well, as well as Father Petit's case, at the time of these three letters you don't recollect as you sit here today.

GH: No I do not.

JR: What they are referring to? Um, in general, um were you ever a part when you were Vice Chancellor or working in the Chancery or working as a priest were you ever made aware of an allegation of sexual misconduct involving a priest and a minor?

GH: When I was working in Chancery Office?

JR: At any time when you were working for the Diocese of Manchester.

GH: The only one that I can recall and I've thought about this long is when I was newly ordained and I went to the Cathedral. One of the priest who was stationed with me at the Cathedral, Father Lennan, who is now deceased, said to me there's something you as a young priest should know and that is that in this parish a few years ago there was a priest who molested the choir boys. His name was Donald Osgood and he's long gone. That's the only one I ever heard of and I had nothing to do with the Chancery Office at that time.

JR: Okay. Father Lennan told you that and it was after, soon after you were ordained?

GH: Yes. It was I went there in May of, late May of '67. I would say it was in the summer of '67.

JR: And um the statement related to a Father Osgood and choir boys, at what parish was that?

GH: St. Joseph Cathedral. He's one of the ones that's had a lot of publicity in the paper.

JR: Sure.

GH: But I mean I had heard about him because Father Lennan told me that, but I have never in my years in the Chancery I never heard of any allegation of a priest molesting youngsters.

JR: Okay. And, and I think I know from that answer what your answers to the next questions are going to be, but I'm going to ask them anyway. Um, did you ever have any discussions with Bishop Gendron about allegations of sexual abuse involving minors?

GH: Never.

JR: Um, same question with regard to Father Hansberry?

GH: Never.

JR: Um, Father Christian?

GH: Never.

JR: Um, did I ask Bishop Gendron?

GH: Yes you did.

JR: I did, okay. Um, Bishop O'Neil?

GH: Oh, I was never in the office of Bishop O'Neil.

JR: Okay. And, and um, Bishop McCormack? Um, just curiously what are you up to these days? What's your current post?

GH: I have ah moved as of June. I was in Hampton for 14 years.

JR: Wow.

GH: And I moved in June and I'm now pastor of both Alton and Wolfeboro and it's to build a new community combining the two parishes. Hoping that this week will finalize.

JR: That's right. I've heard about that.

GH: The land and then we can really get moving and start building the church and so forth, but it's a challenge.

JR: Yeah, I can imagine.

GH: It's exciting.

JR: Is that, it's a year round post? It's not ah

GH: Oh yes, year round.

JR: Yeah. Wow. Um, Mike do you have additional questions?

MB: No we're fine.

JR: Do you have questions for us?

GH: No.

JR: Brian?

BT: No thank you.

JR: Not right now.

BT: I have a lot of questions.

JR: I'm sure you do. I'm sure you do. Um, okay, well again I'd like to thank you very much. I know that these aren't easy circumstances and ah I really do appreciate you coming in, your cooperation. Um, it means a lot to us as we continue to try to put pieces together here.

GH: Thank you.

JR: So thank you very much. Okay, we all set. We're going off tape. I just push stop of this thing, Mike?

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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
TELEPHONE

DATE OF INTERVIEW: DECEMBER 16, 2002

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
FR. PAUL AUBE

INTERVIEWED BY: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. (2)
KATHY KIMBALL, INV.

Interview with [REDACTED] occurred by telephone on today's date. The entire interview was audiotaped with [REDACTED] permission. [REDACTED] His telephone number is [REDACTED] and his date of birth is [REDACTED]. Please refer to the audiotape and transcript for further details.

[REDACTED] a

AF: This is Investigator Anthony Fowler of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Criminal Bureau. It is December 16, 2002 at 9:50 a.m. by my watch. We are conducting an interview with [REDACTED], who lives in [REDACTED] and we're going to go around and have everyone introduce themselves and [REDACTED]. I asked you this question before we went on tape sir, but do we have your permission to audio tape this interview?

[REDACTED] Sure, this is [REDACTED] and you have my permission to tape record this interview.

AF: Thank you [REDACTED]. All right I'm going to ask Kathy to introduce herself and I will ask the same of you and we'll ask you some, um prep questions, okay?

[REDACTED] Sure.

KK: Kathy Kimball, New Hampshire State Police.

AF: [REDACTED] could you give us your full name sir.

[REDACTED]

AF: And could you spell your first and last name please?

[REDACTED]

AF: And what's your current address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AF: And a phone number sir where you can be reached.

[REDACTED]

AF: Okay. And what's your date of birth, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AF: Okay. [REDACTED] lets see if we can get started by ah you explaining to us um, at what time in your life sir that you lived in Rochester, New Hampshire.

[REDACTED] Um, I was born in Houlton, Maine and my folks moved our family to Rochester when I was, when I was about 5. We lived in a couple of ah

locations and ah for the first one or two years and then we settled at [REDACTED] Street in Rochester, New Hampshire and ah, I lived there until I ah got married in 1980 and ah me and my wife made a home at another location there in Rochester.

AF: Okay, so you, so were there from approximately age 5 ah through your teenage years up until your adulthood and at um 18 years old I guess or around there or 19 years old you got married. Is that correct?

[REDACTED] That's correct.

AF: Okay. At some point in your life [REDACTED] did you attend or have any contact with Holy Rosary Church in Rochester?

[REDACTED] I ah, I did um by ah meeting Father Aube ah, as a teenager and ah I met him through an acquaintance in the neighborhood that I grew up in.

AF: And when you say Father Aube, can you explain to us what Father Aube's assignment was at the particular time that you became acquainted with him, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was a priest there at the church.

AF: Was that Holy Rosary? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes.

AF: Okay.

KK: [REDACTED] um I understanding that you were not actually a parishioner at Holy Rosary, but you became acquainted with Father Aube?

[REDACTED] That is correct. That's accurate.

KK: Okay.

AF: Um, [REDACTED] t some particular point did you become involved to some degree with some of the activities around the church, such as basketball or sports in general?

[REDACTED] Yeah, we ah in our neighborhood we were ah very sports orientated and had a lot of pick up games of baseball, football, basketball and ah that's where I became acquainted with Father Aube was he would involve himself in these games and ah um, he was also had several parishioners of ah teenagers that I was friends and acquainted with.

AF: Oh, Father Aube was heavily involved and was involved with some of the youth activities at the church?

█ He, um I don't know, I didn't have no experience of ah, of ah his involvement through the church, but he would involve himself through what we were doing and ah it happened that ah several of the kids in the neighborhood went to the church. A couple of them served as ah altar boys and what not.

KK: Since you weren't Catholic you were not involved as an altar boy?

█ That's correct.

KK: About how old do you think you were when you first met ah Father Aube?

█ I think I was 15.

KK: Okay.

AF: And doing the math here, 15 years old ah that would have placed this to be around 1977. Is that correct, █

█ Yeah, I believe that to be correct, yeah.

AF: Okay. And at some particular point after becoming acquainted with Aube, do you remember a particular day where you were invited by Aube to go speak to him in a private manner, on a private matter at the ah Rectory?

█ I sure do. We are, that, that evening we, me and another fellow had been invited out to ah ice cream at Friendly's and ah during our time there ah Father Aube um explained to me that ah he would like to get together at the Rectory on the following day.

AF: Did he say why, █

█ Yeah, he said he had ah picked up feelings or vibes from me that he was concerned about me and thought that we, we should get together.

AF: And I assume and I don't want to assume, but who did you go out with, who had taken you out to have ice cream on that particular night?

█ Ah, Father Aube had invited us out.

AF: Okay. Do you recall who else was with you that night, █

██████ Um, yeah I do, but his name escapes me right at this moment. Ah.

AF: Okay.

██████ I could get the name for you later I suppose.

AF: Okay, ████████

KK: Was he involved with going back to the Rectory the next day with you?

██████ Ah, he also got an invitation from ah, ah Father Aube to ah, ah to the Rectory. Not at the same time that I was to meet him, but at a different time and ah this fellows ah father had passed away perhaps a month before that and he, Father Aube told him that he'd like to ah um, visit with him on that.

KK: Okay. Um, can you in general terms explain to us or describe to us ah the events of that meeting the next day?

██████ Um, I went to the Rectory and ah I was, I was greeted by a lady there and ah, ah I was asked in and asked into a side room in the Rectory and ah um she went and got Father Aube. Father Aube come in and ah we sat privately with the doors closed in, in that side room. Um, the conversation was immediate um, of a sexual nature. Ah, Father Aube told me that he felt for me that that was ah what he thought I was struggling with in, at the time and ah, he, he showed me several passages in the Bible that um supported a point of view that he was ah trying to, trying to I guess he was trying to convince me that um it was, it was an acceptable Godly thing for some type of ah sexual relationship between, well between myself and Father Aube. Um, as, as the meeting went on it ah became more and more focused towards ah, ah this ah sexual relationship that ah Father Aube was interesting in, interested in developing.

AF: Did he tell you that ████████ he was interested in developing some type of sexual relationship with you?

██████ Yes he did.

KK: Did ah Father Aube direct the conversation in this matter from the very beginning? Was it his suggestion that the conversation be of a sexual nature?

██████ Yes, he made it clear right at the very beginning. That's exactly what he wanted to talk to me about. He, he felt that ah I ah was troubled in some way and was confused in some way over, over sexuality in general and ah he was, he was very focused on what it was that he ah wanted to speak to me about.

KK: How did you react to that?

Um, I could remember it being very, very overwhelming. Um, very um ah, very taken back, very surprised. Um, um and then it wasn't very long into the meeting where um I was very scared by ah what he was saying, what was happening. Um, ah what have I gotten myself into, you know.

KK: Sure.

AF: Ah, he actually quoted passages from the Bible to try and convince you that it was okay for two men to have a sexual relationship?

Oh, absolutely. I remember that clearly. I don't remember clearly what he was he was showing me. At the time um I can remember um the Bible was um propped up on the ah a high stand, not a pulpit, but a high bookstand and he had it opened and we were standing and he had his arm around my waist at that point and he was ah holding me tight to him and ah he was going two or three passages he was trying to show me and um the words weren't ringing through my mind as much as you know my thoughts of oh boy, you know, what's going to happen here, you know.

AF: It's understandable. Let me ask you this. Do you remember what time of year this was?

I remember it being late summer. Um, to the best of my memory I think it was late summer.

AF: This would have been 1977? Were you 15

Ah, I think when this meeting took place I was um it was '78.

AF: '78? Okay. All right.

KK: Back to that meeting that you were having. Um, you're at the stand there with the Bible and ah there is some physical contact. Did the contact become sexual in nature at any point during that meeting?

Oh yeah. It was shortly after that that ah um, some, some um ah fondling, touching took place. Um, he kissed me. Um.

KK: Ah, that fondling and touching on top of clothing or against skin?

On top of clothing.

KK: And was it him on you or you on him or both?

█ Ah, he touched me. I didn't ah touch him at all.

KK: Okay. All right.

AF: I know this sounds like a stupid question, but where did he touch you █

█ Genitalia.

AF: Okay.

█ My um.

AF: And when he kissed you, where did he kiss you?

█ On the mouth.

KK: Did he ask you to do anything to him?

█ Not at that meeting, no.

KK: Okay. Ah, did anything else occur at that meeting that ah you think we should know about?

█ Um, no not really.

KK: Okay. Does he ever ask you not to tell anybody about what had just occurred or did he threaten you in anyway?

█ No he never threatened me. Um, he alluded to the fact that um, um part of why I was struggling with my sexuality was that I felt this, this desire to ah be understood or ah I need to explain and that um he understood me and, and that was all that was really important that I didn't have, you know I didn't need to explain to anybody that I could put those feelings to rest. You know that he understood me and and ah I think what he was trying to allude to was that I didn't need to discuss this with anybody.

KK: Okay. Ah, do you remember roughly how long did this meeting go on for?

█ Ah, approximately and hour, an hour and a half.

KK: And how did you, how did it end? How were you able to, to get away from him?

█ Ah, he set up a time to see me I think in a couple of days and ah um it just ended. I went about, you know. He, I guess he brought it to a closure.

KK: Okay. And so he scheduled another meeting in a few days. Ah, did you return for that meeting?

█ Ah, it wasn't at the Rectory. We was to meet up there in the neighborhood and ah I did see him, yeah.

KK: Okay. Can, did anything of a sexual nature happen at that time?

█ I, I don't know if, if at that time or ah, um, sometime after, but there were a couple other incidents where um similar things happened, yeah.

KK: Okay. Where did those occur?

█ Ah, in, in his automobile. He'd ah, he would, we frequented the Friendly's. He would take 2 or 3 of us to Friendly's..

KK: Yep.

█ And ah we would drop the other guys off and then we would sit and talk and um I guess how I felt at the time was he was trying to ah establish ah what I was going to go along with. What I was going to allow from this and um the first time in the car I can remember I ah, I had very similar feelings as the first time and I, I didn't, ah I didn't object. The second time I ah, I didn't object verbally, but I did with ah body language I guess. I withdrew from him touching me and, and ah I guess in that way let him know that you know the stuff was freaking me out you know and ah.

KK: And does he ever try to touch you again after that, after you kind of send him the message you weren't interested?

█ No, no I don't remember anything.

KK: Um, did the behavior in the car escalate beyond what you told us happened in the office?

█ Ah, no not really. Just that it was um not part of our talk. It was what we were doing you know it was um, in the office it more of a drawn out um of him trying to justify himself and these sort of things. In the car it was just I mean it was clear that's just what he wanted was to, to ah to be fondling me you know.

KK: Sure, sure. Um, so how many times would you estimate that it happened in the car?

█ I remember twice.

KK: All right and that's in addition to the one time in the office?

█ Sure.

KK: And did it occur anywhere else?

█ No, but during that whole time period for between we met in the Rectory and ah, ah the last time in the car. He was making it clear. I mean it was quite a little time span. He was making it clear to the other kids in the neighborhood that somehow I had been elevated to a special friend. You know when he'd come into the crowd he'd, he'd say hello to everybody, but he'd grab a hold of me you know and, and ah.

KK: How did the other kids react to that? Did they tease you or they did, was it going on with anybody else that you know of?

█ Well, not, not that I knew of, but when he would act that way in a crowd it was ah he wasn't showing any ah, any abnormal act, you know it was more like a um, oh well the other kids were envious. You know he was ah showing me the special, you know attention, you know.

KK: Okay. So if you said it kind of stretched on for a while and began probably the end of the summer of '78, when do you think that it ended?

█ Up through into the fall sometime.

KK: Okay. So still in 1978?

█ Yeah.

KK: Um, did he ever, if he was showing you the special attention did he ever give you any gifts or um treat you, the special other than buy you ice cream and things like that?

█ Um, no. I don't remember any gifts or anything.

KK: Okay.

AF: █ let me ask you this. Obviously we know at some point that there was a report made to the Diocese of Manchester. I want to talk to you a little bit

about that, but other than your complaint to the Diocese of Manchester, did you tell anybody else about what was going on?

[REDACTED] In between the time it happened and the time I complained to the Diocese?

AF: Right.

[REDACTED] No.

AF: Okay. All right I'm going to refresh your memory a little bit here. At some particular point you're seeing a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes.

AF: Do you recall that?

[REDACTED] Sure.

AF: [REDACTED] and I'm sure you are aware of this, but on November 30, 1992, he contacts Monsignor Frank Christian at the Diocese of Manchester and makes a report about what Aube had been doing to you.

[REDACTED] Yes.

AF: Now I assume that during your meetings with [REDACTED] that the issues that we just spoke about came to light and that is how [REDACTED] became aware, is that accurate?

[REDACTED] Yeah it is. Um, [REDACTED] was um I had been seeing [REDACTED] to ah I had left high school shortly after um this happened with Aube and ah never did finish ah finish high school. I worked in construction and different jobs like this that didn't really require a whole lot of education.

AF: Right.

[REDACTED] And ah I came a point through employment services that ah well I'd always considered myself having a problem with, with education and ah that's what one of the things [REDACTED] does is fine tunes and discovers what the, these problems are for school kids that are currently in school, but he was ah I went to him to see retrospect what, what was the problem and what services might be provided to, to ah either get my diploma or GED.

AF: Right.

[REDACTED] And there was none. Ah, there was no, no ah, there was no problems.

AF: I see.

Organically why I wouldn't be an educated and.

AF: Sure.

And you know successfully complete my education.

AF: What grade did you leave school?

9th grade.

AF: I want to see if you recall at some particular point do you recall you yourself calling the Diocese of Manchester and speaking to Monsignor Christian.

Ah, I did after ah after called, yes.

AF: Okay. calls in November of '92. Do you have recollection of when you called and spoke to Christian?

Ah, it was shortly after that. Ah, I'm thinking probably within just a few weeks.

AF: Okay. During your call to Christian. Well let me ask you this. What was the purpose of the call,

My call to Christian or

KK: Why did you call Frank Christian?

AF: Yeah, why did you call? What was the purpose of the call?

I called to um, um to well when, when, when the first call was placed by um Monsignor Christian asked that I contact him and speak to him ah myself and relate to him ah what had happened and who it happened with. And ah, that's what I did. I called and told him what had happened with Aube and ah who it was. Um, Christian ah wanted to, he told me that he wanted to meet with Aube and ah confront him with my allegations and then get back to me to his reaction to it.

AF: What else did Christian tell you about Aube's position with the church currently? Do you recall?

[REDACTED] Ah, he said that he had been removed from the church there in Rochester and that he had been placed on assignment at a hospital in northern New Hampshire. I can't remember now where it was, but um it was a hospital there in northern, northern New Hampshire ah to perform pastoral duties there I imagine.

AF: Did he assure you in anyway that Aube was not in any position to have contact with youth?

[REDACTED] Yeah, he did and ah there was quite a bit later, but ah I became troubled with that and I did um, I did contact the hospital that he was suppose, he told me that he was working at and I did find out that there was a pediatric unit there and I became real concerned about that.

AF: Did you ever express that concern to Christian after you realized that and after Christian assured you that he was not in contact with youth?

[REDACTED] Ah, I'm not sure um if I talked directly with Christian or if I expressed those concerns to ah my attorney Alan Cronheim.

AF: Okay, but you found out at some point that what you had been told by Christian was not entirely accurate, is that correct?

[REDACTED] Oh, yeah, absolutely.

KK: When ah Monsignor Christian told you that Father Aube had been removed from the Holy Rosary Church in Rochester, did he explain why he had, why Aube was removed?

[REDACTED] Yes he said there had been an allegation um from a juvenile male.

KK: About similar kind of activities?

[REDACTED] Similar activity and he said that it was ah one person.

KK: Okay. Do you have any first hand knowledge of ah other kids in Rochester being molested by Paul Aube?

[REDACTED] No I don't.

AF: Um, how many conversations did you have with Monsignor Christian?

[REDACTED] I believe I had two. I had the one where I called him and ah then I think I had just a second call where he called me.

AF: What was the gist of the conversation where he called you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ah, he called and said he had met with ah Father Aube. He had explained to him what my allegations were and that ah Father Aube was very forth right and ah he, he ah told Christian that he did remember me and that what I was saying was, was the truth, that he had molested me.

AF: Oh, let me get this straight. Christian called you. Tells you that he has met with Aube. Aube acknowledges that he knows you, recalls you and also acknowledged that he had inappropriately had sexual contact with you. Is that what Christian told you?

[REDACTED] Yes that's what Christian told me.

AF: The second phone call?

[REDACTED] Yes, the second phone call.

AF: Okay. Um, approximately how long after that first time that you called Christian did you get this call from Christian back?

[REDACTED] I'm thinking ah approximately a week.

AF: Okay. When Father, when Monsignor Christian told you that Aube had recollection of you, remembered you, and in fact admitted to inappropriate contact with you, did you ever receive any documents from the Diocese or anyone from the Diocese indicating what you had discussed on this subsequent call with Christian?

[REDACTED] Um, not that, not that I remember, no.

AF: You ah, when Monsignor Christian told you that Aube remembered you and also acknowledged what he had done to you, how did that make you feel?

[REDACTED] At that, at that moment I was, I was mostly wrapped up in anger from the whole ah, the whole issue. Um, it was um it was very raw, very emotional at the time that ah I thought in my own mind I had buried all these issues. You know years and years. It was certainly stuff that ah I did not want brought, you know back up. You know I um, I was very angry that I was, that I was um that I had been used that way. You know, I mean, um.

AF: Yeah, understood. Let me ask you one other question your recollection with ah in these calls with Christian. Do you remember Christian telling you that there had not been any recent victims?

█ Absolutely.

AF: Okay. And that Aube had been given some treatment from his problem. Did he tell you that?

█ Yes he told me that he had received treatment, yes.

AF: Okay.

█ And that, at that time there was myself and one other individual that had been molested that Christian knew about.

KK: Did ah, was there any conversation about what you were going to do from that point on? Whether you ah would consider talking to law enforcement or taking any other action?

█ Ah, yeah, I told him that I was struggling with what to do with this. You know I told him that that was one of the things that I was considering was speaking to a lawyer. █ had already called um ah the State well I'm not sure where he called. He ah he called to ah report it criminally and ah it was explained to him that the statutes of limitations you know had run up on that and that.

AF: Yes.

█ There wasn't anything really that ah the law could do.

KK: Okay. So you had that conversation with ah Monsignor Christian?

█ Yes I did.

KK: Okay. Ah, did he indicate one way or the other how he thought you should ah respond?

█ Ah, I don't remember him commenting ah on how I should respond to it no.

KK: Okay.

AF: Did ah Monsignor Christian ever take a position with you █ specifically state to you that he believed what you were telling him?

█ Yes he did. He, he told me ah a couple times during the second conversation that ah he did believe me. That ah um, that the, that the you know I appeared to him to be very genuine and very truthful with, with what I was telling him.

Um, he um of course at that point had already spoke with ah, with Father Aube and ah.

AF: That's and going back he had already spoken to Aube where Aube acknowledged.

█ Right.

AF: You and remembering you.

█ Correct.

AF: Okay. Um, at some particular point █ you retained the services of ah Alan Cronheim.

█ Correct.

AF: Is that correct?

█ Yes it is.

AF: Okay. And during that particular era if you will, first off you retained Alan Cronheim um based on the fact that you had been a sexual abuse victim.

█ Correct.

AF: By Paul Aube. Is that correct?

█ Correct.

AF: Okay. And at some particular point, was there a settlement reached with the Diocese of Manchester ah pertaining to your particular sexual abuse by this man?

█ Yes there was.

AF: Okay. And obviously we have all the documents, but I want to ask you how much did you receive from the Diocese of Manchester?

█ I believed they paid \$25,000.00.

AF: Okay. And from what we're able to see here you also were asked to sign a confidentiality agreement. Is that correct?

█ That's correct.

AF: Okay. And in that confidentiality agreement and correct me if I'm wrong, it barred you and the Diocese from speaking to an outside party about the settlement or what had occurred. Is that correct?

[REDACTED] That's the, that's correct ah on my ah memory of it. I don't ah, I don't have the actual document.

AF: Okay. Do you recall in the document a specific area where the Diocese or the wording is that there would be no admission by the Diocese of any liability?

[REDACTED] Yes.

AF: Okay. Um, do you also remember, do you remember signing the document,

[REDACTED] Yeah I remember signing it.

AF: Did you ever, besides the two conversations, phone conversations, that you had with Monsignor Christian, did you have any other contact with any other member or Christian again relative to ah these events?

[REDACTED] Um, just real recently ah before hearing from ah the State Attorney General's I tried calling ah the Diocese to, to ah to see what information they might share with um, um if Aube was continuing on with his, with his treatment and ah and that there had been no other problems. I spoke with ah, ah an Archarbalt or Arsenault or something.

AF: Arsenault?

[REDACTED] Yes.

AF: Yep.

[REDACTED] And ah he said he was going to ah, he listened to my concerns and he said that he was going to check with ah someone to see if ah if that was information that he could share with me and that he would call me back and I never, never did hear from him.

AF: Never got a call back?

[REDACTED] No.

KK: Do you remember when that was? That conversation with Father Arsenault?

█ Ah it would have been at some point this, this past summer.

KK: Okay. That was after your contact with the Diocese again was after this whole incident hit the media in the early part of 2002?

█ Yes.

AF: I have a quick follow-up question █

█ Sure.

AF: You had mentioned that you had actually called the hospital where Father Aube was presently assigned and found out that there was a pediatrics unit in that hospital. Is that correct?

█ That's correct.

AF: And obviously you learned that Father Aube would certainly have contact with youth, which was in complete um contradiction to what you had been told by Monsignor Christian. Is that correct?

█ That's absolutely correct.

AF: And secondly you had been told that there were not any recent victims that had come forward by.

█ That's correct.

AF: Regards to Father Aube? Is that correct?

█ That's correct.

AF: Do you remember the name of the hospital?

█ No I don't, but it seems to me it was up around Wolfeboro or that area there.

AF: Did you ever bump into Father Aube again after that?

█ No. Well, yes I did. I, I did one time at ah my wife's parent's house. He ah, he was next door. He was taking a group of ah fellows camping and ah he came over with their parents and after they left I had made ah, had made a comment to my, my father-in-law and ah he made it perfectly clear he didn't want to hear anymore opinions of that kind.

AF: Really?

KK: Do you remember how, when that was that you saw Aube with those kids?
What year?

[REDACTED] No I don't. I, I would think it was around '80, '81, of '82, somewhere around there.

KK: Okay. All right. Is there anything else that you think we should know about regarding this investigation that we've been doing?

[REDACTED] Ah, nope I don't think so.

AF: Is there any other information that has to do with you personally that you'd like to put on tape or let us know about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No I don't believe so.

KK: Do you have any questions you want to ask us?

[REDACTED] Nope I don't have any questions.

AF: All right, listen, what I'm going to do [REDACTED] is I'm going to end the interview on tape. I'm going to shut the tape off and then we'll speak to you for a minute after, okay?

[REDACTED] Sure.

AF: All right. This is the end of the interview with [REDACTED] It is 10:29 a.m. by my watch on December 16, 2002. End of interview with [REDACTED] telephonic from the NH Attorney General's Office.

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