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Reverend Paul R. Shanley
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Dear Paul,

I apologize for having been out of touch for so long. The office became very busy after the first of the year, and it has only begun to slow down.

GT Redaction

Part of what precipitates this letter is a series of calls from, I suspect, [REDACTED]. The caller, who declined to give his name, charges that your situation at Leo House puts young people in peril. This caller persisted for several days, and has now stopped.

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I received another call, from [REDACTED]. Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ has spoken with him. [REDACTED] makes charges of sexual misconduct against you, but says he does not want to pursue the matter. Any information you could give me about him and this allegation would be appreciated.

In light of this activity, I re-read your file. What disturbs me is a lack of documentation which outlines your role at Leo House, a letter of appointment, and any arrangements made regarding supervision. I know you have been in touch with Monsignor Edward O'Donnell of the Archdiocese of New York, but even those details are sketchy. I wanted to contact you before I contacted him or anyone else.

Could you provide me with a copy of your letter of appointment? Could you also describe for me the precise nature of Leo House and any supervisory arrangements which have been made, including names and telephone numbers of appropriate contacts?

I am sure you have been through all this with Brian, and with John McCormack before him. For that I apologize. I hope you can understand the reason for my concern. When your name is raised, it is important to be able to defend your situation and your work.

I would like to come down for a visit sometime in the future. Perhaps during the Summer. Is there any particular time which is bad for you?

Thanks you for your help and understanding, Paul. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Reverend William F. Murphy
Delegate of the Archbishop

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