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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terrance L. Mahan, S.J. and Paul F. Belcher, S.J.
FROM: William J. Wood, S.J.
DATE: July 7, 1981
SUBJECT: Update on Donald McGuire Case

I spoke at length with Chicago Provincial Leo Klein this morning, in response to his letter of July 2. Leo will meet with Don McGuire on August 3 to review the U.S.F. situation with him and to give Don a new apostolic assignment. Leo will make clear to Don that he is to completely withdraw from work with the St. Ignatius Institute and the University of San Francisco, including the discontinuance of occasional trips to give lectures, retreats or counseling. Leo asks that we make it clear to Joe Fessio that he is not to invite Don out for any service to the St. Ignatius Institute, that such work is not part of Don's mission from the Society.

Leo Klein consulted in depth with Jim Gill in Denver about this matter. Jim has a clear understanding of the psychological dynamics at work in Don McGuire and gave Leo Klein some very helpful guidelines on how to deal with Don. It is quite clear that Don is suffering some psychological disequilibrium which manifests itself in a sort of fanaticism and messianic complex which underneath is really a severe paranoia. In spite of a sincere desire to be obedient, Don suffers, it would seem, from a deep fear of and resistance to having his life and behavior controlled by others.

In keeping with the advice given him by Jim Gill and his own judgment in the matter, Leo Klein prefers not to restrict Don from accepting retreats or other occasional ministries in the California province, unless we insist upon it. This restriction would be too threatening to Don and ultimately counter productive, keeping in mind that Don's psychological patterns and brilliance would lead him to work around such restrictions while somehow observing the letter of the restrictions. It would seem more advisable to limit the restrictions to the defined and clearcut area of U.S.F. and the St. Ignatius Institute. This leaves Don some latitude, which the paranoic needs, while providing restrictions that are clear and enforceable. I recommend that we go along with Leo on this.

Finally, Leo Klein asks our prayer and sacrifices for his pastoral and fraternal service to Don McGuire, particularly in their very important conference on August 3. Don has many outstanding qualities and a fundamental goodness as a priest and religious. Leo wants to establish a relationship of trust with Don in order to work towards the liberation of the goodness and talent from the destructive forces which emanate from his personality problems.

cc: Father General

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