

April 27, 1993

Conversation with [

first talked with [ ] who was not completely rational about the incident. [ ] is an attorney, friend of the family, and [ ] sponsor for confirmation. A group met on Saturday, April 24, to discuss what happened and what to do. The group consists of [ ] office], Fr. Tony Thurston, and Fr. Joe Fessio, S.J.] They had considered confronting Don McQuire but Joe Fessio thought it would be best to go through the proper channels. Thus [ ] called me. They inquired of [ ] what had occurred and he told some in front of all but then told more but did not want his parents to know.

[ ] said that he is 90% sure it is a true story. From what he knows of the family and he has no reason to disbelieve him. [ ] is a sensitive young man of 16. Out of the last nine months, four and a half he has traveled with McQuire. Don wanted [ ] to assist him and he promised [ ] that he would keep [ ] up on his studies and celebrate Mass daily for [ ]. However, [ ] has not kept up on his studies and did not get to Mass every day. Recently Don asked [ ] for [ ] to accompany him but [ ] said no and Don became very upset. Some serious things according to [ ] were said. At one point Don said that he had to use confessional material of [ ] so that [ ] would know how much [ ] needed his counseling. McQuire was really upset and this signaled [ ] something was going on.

[ ] was showing some lack of consideration for people. [ ] said that Don would purchase explicit pornography, worse than Playboy, and look at it together so that [ ] could learn more about his body. This went on for about a month and half. They roomed in the same room together, take showers together in which [ ] would wash Don, and [ ] would give massages. They would be naked together in the room. No purely homosexual act was committed and probably no touching of genitals but some brushing. [ ] acknowledged that he would masturbate but did not know of McQuire. [ ] parents know nothing of the times McQuire and [ ] were naked together.

[ ] wants McQuire to get help and to take a sabbatical which he could easily claim was due to his own poor health. McQuire does have physical problems, diabetes. If no action were begun in a few weeks, [ ] and the group are prepared to go to civil authorities. [ ] told me that this group has the wealth to do this. However, they prefer to keep it quiet and allow McQuire to keep his reputation if he goes for help.

I asked if [ ] needed some counseling and [ ] did not think so at this time. Although [ ] knew something was wrong, McQuire always provided reasons for him on what they were doing.

I told [ ] that I would call McQuire to Chicago where I would inform him of the allegation and hear his side of the story. [ ] is aware that McQuire might deny or rationalize his way through the allegation. I also told [ ] that I needed to confer with the provincial but probably McQuire would be asked to go for an evaluation. After I had talked

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with McQuire, I would call            He thought I might want to converse with            but I told him I would prefer to converse with one representative of the group at this time. He gave me            phone number            also said that he could not keep the group from going to civil authority, he would let me know.