

January 26, 2000

To: Dick Baumann, S.J., Provincial
From: Rick McGurn, S.J., Socius
For: Don McGuire, S.J.

Bau,

Regarding your concern about whether you can send the requested letter of good standing to the bishop of Las Vegas, so Don can give a retreat there in February:

My assessment:

Considering the wording the bishop requires it would be correct for you not to allow Don to give this retreat. You might want to talk with him, of course, but, strictly speaking, I don't think you can sign this letter.

I have reviewed Don's file:

Don has a history of inappropriate incidents with male adolescents (and one sexual relationship with a 20 year old woman, when he was 50—this was back about 1981). While no direct sexual contact has been established with these young men, there is very evident wandering across boundaries by Don: The most documented complaint—including correspondence to the provincial from the family and their attorney—concerned him taking a young man with him on retreats as his personal servant, who then gave him massages, they showered together, and read pornography together.

I note, too, the repeated statements by Fran Daly and Brad Schaeffer that Don is very difficult in a conference. He has little insight. Gracious when that tactic will work, but quick to go on the offensive when he thinks the other party is untrustworthy. He is paranoid—quick to blame others, but does not see the locus of these sexual problems in himself. Moreover, his personality disorder is such that he is very good at dividing his care-givers against each other: e.g., In 1993, he protested that his psych. evaluation at [REDACTED] was not done well, and insisted on being sent elsewhere for treatment, so he was sent for treatment at [REDACTED]. Similarly, in 1994, he pitted his own psychiatrist (a personal friend) against [REDACTED] disputing their assessment of him.

I enclose copies of Bob Wild's guidelines; Fran Daly's revised guidelines; Fran's "history" of Don; and [REDACTED] psych. evaluation of Don.

A brief history:

1991:

The earliest records in the file go back to 1991, but refer to a history of incidents in the years prior to that. No charges have ever been filed.

Provincial Bob Wild issued written guidelines to him Feb. 27, 1991, with 2 main conditions: 1. Don't travel with a male or female young person under 18, preferably not under 21; 2. Don't be alone with

adolescent (whose family's complaint prompted Bob's action). was a boy he'd taken as his servant on retreats with him for the half-year prior to Bob's letter.

1993:

Don was sent for an evaluation at [REDACTED] in May 1993.

He was sent in June, 1993, for in-patient treatment, for half a year, to [REDACTED]

Sept. 6, 1993: Fran Daly wrote a report on Don's progress at [REDACTED], giving his report of the therapist's statement of Don's sexually inappropriate behavior.

Nov. 20, 1993: John Hardon, S.J., writes provincial Brad Schaeffer, reporting on his visit to Don at [REDACTED]. It is evident to me that John cannot assess psychological problems, and downplayed Don's very real sexual problems. John was called in at the suggestion of the [REDACTED] family, as a buffer between Don and the provincial. Brad asked him specifically to assess whether Don had broken the seal of confession regarding the [REDACTED] boy. John's assessment was that he had not.

Dec. 1, 1993: Fran Daly wrote a "history" of Don's problematic behavior.

Dec. 21, 1993: Brad Schaeffer wrote up his account of his visit to Don at [REDACTED]

1994:

Jan. 28, 1994: Brad wrote up his account of his first conference with Don after his discharge from [REDACTED].

April 6, 1994: Don wrote his own self-report for his after-care team. It contains virtually no admission or recognition that he has any problems; instead, it exudes a paranoid anger at those who falsely accused him or mishandled his treatment.

July 13, 1994: A fresh complaint, (I'd have to check to see if the incident was current, or their report of a past incident) from the [REDACTED] family, similar to the one noted above.

Sept. 20, 1994: The psychiatrist Don chose for his after-care program, Dr. [REDACTED], was a buddy of Don's, and got co-opted by him, as is evident in [REDACTED]'s letter, full of indignation about his unneeded hospitalization at [REDACTED].

Oct. 3, 1994: Jim Gschwend, Don's provincial contact person, complains that Don has not given the provincial authorization to read the evaluation (presumably the one from [REDACTED]). — I note: There is no such official report from [REDACTED] in Don's file.

1995:

Feb. 17, 1995: Fran Daly reiterates Bob Wild's guidelines to Don, with these revisions: 1. He is not to travel with any young person under the age of 21; 2. He is to have no further contact with the family (another complainant).