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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brother Joseph J. Willard, P.S.C.
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FROM: Reverend Monsignor James E. Molloy
 Assistant Vicar for Administration *JEM/dds*

DATE: 18 December 1992

ITEM: Excerpt from Minutes of Issues Meeting of 15 December 1992

RE: Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970)

Please proceed in accord with the attached excerpt.

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Office of: Secretary for Clergy

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Reverend William J. Lynn *WJL*
DATE: December 4, 1992
RE: Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970)

As reported earlier, allegations of sexual abuse were brought against Reverend Edward V. Avery, pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish by James, who is now twenty-nine years of age, a medical student, and married, the father of one child. All of the alleged incidents happened between 10 and 15 years ago when Father Avery would have been in his mid-thirties and James, a young teenager. You approved that Father Avery take part in a four day out-patient assessment at the Anodos Center of Saint John Vianney Hospital and that further recommendations be provided to your attention in light of the results of the evaluation.

Attached are the diagnostic impressions and recommendations which resulted from the assessment of Reverend Edward V. Avery conducted at the Anodos Center from November 30, 1992 to December 3, 1992. Yesterday, at 2:00 p.m., I was present at the "feed-back" conference at which Father Avery was presented with these results and recommendations.

The evaluation team reported that a more thorough evaluation is necessary due to the inconsistencies and vague information received from Father Avery during the four day evaluation process. When seen individually by members of the evaluation team, Father Avery did not always present the same facts to each one. The team did not feel that this was done consciously but more a symptom of the illness he may have. It is still unclear as to whether Father Avery is guilty of the sexual abuse which he is alleged to have committed. The evaluation team is very concerned about the Bipolar disorder which they believe exists in Father Avery. This is why he is seen as being on a constant "high". Alcohol abuse is also suspected.

Father Avery was disappointed with the recommendations but is willing to cooperate and be obedient to whatever is required of him. He stated that he would like to go to another place that would look more to others as if he were going on an extended retreat. I understand his concern but I did feel that the people at Downingtown had a good handle on him and his personality.

Recommendation:

1. That Father Avery have inpatient hospitalization in order to further evaluate his mood disorder and alcohol abuse and that this be done at Saint John Vianney Hospital in Downingtown.

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Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
Monsignor Edward P. Cullen
December 17, 1992
Issues discussed, December 15, 1992

Memorandum of December 4, 1992 from Rev. William J. Lynn
Re: Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970) **

Cardinal Bevilacqua approved the recommendation as presented in the
cited memorandum from Father Lynn on this subject.
(Monsignor Molloy)

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