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The Most Reverend Robert Banks
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Re: Condition of Reverend John Geoghan (Inpatient August - November, 1989)

Dear Bishop Banks:

In response to your letter addressed to Dr. Stephens of 11/30/89, let me first say that we judge Father Geoghan to be clinically quite safe to resume his pastoral ministry after observation, evaluation and treatment here for three months. The probability that he would sexually act out again is quite low. However, we cannot guarantee that it could not re-occur. It is both reasonable and therapeutic for him to be reassigned back to his parish.

The clinical decision to have him resume his pastoral ministry was ours but the final administrative decision had to be yours. The discharge diagnosis of "Atypical Pedophilia in remission" refers to a condition in the past but the symptoms of which have been for sometime no longer in evidence or under firm control.

I trust that this letter is somewhat more helpful in being reassured of our earlier conversations.

Respectfully yours,

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