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TO: File
FROM: Bishop McCormack
DATE: November 16, 1999
RE: Rev. Gordon MacRae

The following are observations made in the conversation with Bishop Christian on November 11, 1999.

Previous allegations were made by [REDACTED] of Hampton, NH, [REDACTED] of Keene, NH, another person while he was on leave of absence, and the [REDACTED] brothers, for which he was tried.

During a treatment residency at the House of Affirmation, he is reported as saying that he was out of control sexually and out of control with alcohol.

After the charges in Keene, he went to the Servants of the Paraclete for further treatment. They discounted the House of Affirmation report. He assisted in the work of the Servants of the Paraclete in New Mexico.

In terms of making a public statement about him, it was decided that it was difficult to take a public stance that implied or said that he was innocent. There was sufficient evidence to conclude he had a problem.

The sentencing in the [REDACTED] case was not proportionate to the sentencing for similar cases. He was convicted as a pedophile. The [REDACTED] children possibly lied.

Even though there may be some irregularities in the handling of his criminal trial because of the lying, based on the fact that he was criminally convicted, the Diocese did not think it could win a civil case or be able to defend, therefore, that they had supervised him appropriately and correctly.

In order to work with Attorney Nievens, it would be helpful if Gordon allowed us to talk about everything concerning him that is in the files. She should know his whole background.

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Secondly, Gordon should make a distinction between the canonical proceedings and the civil proceedings. It would be difficult for the Diocese to take a stand whether he is innocent or guilty.