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Msgr. Donald McDougald, V.G. Saint-Raphael Parish R.R.#2 Saint-Raphael, Ontario KOC 2JO

Dear Msgr. McDougald:

Further to our meeting with Father MacDonald on Thursday December 17th, last, this will confirm that I am acting for Fr. Charles in this matter. I would also advised that I spoke briefly this morning with Msgr. Schonenbach telling him I would be acting for Fr. Charles and until otherwise directed, I will continue dealing through your office.

I wish at this time to go on record as to our position in this matter. Most of these points were raised at our meeting. Firstly, Fr. Charles admittedly denies all the allegations as set out in a letter to you of December 11th, 1992. Secondly, I can assure you that both Fr. Charles and I will make full disclosure of all the facts that we intend to assert and will cooperate to the fullest extent with any investigation.

I have one problem that I raised at the meeting. The allegations are, frankly, very vague. In order to answer any allegation we would require a detailed statement from the complainant. This statement should be like a disclosure in criminal matters. It should state the time, place, what happened, any witnesses who were present or told of it later. The disclosure should be a complete one and include all or any allegations that the complainant makes. His statement should conclude by stating these words "to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above statement contains all my allegations of any misconduct on me by Fr. Charles MacDonald".

It would be best if this statement was taken under oath. The statement would be sworn to by a Lawyer or Notary Public. Once we have a full disclosure we will then be in a position to answer any charges and produce our evidence in reply.

Another thing came to my attention. My client is prepared to undergo a polygraph test (lie detector test) concerning the statement of facts that he files in reply. Perhaps the complainant should be questioned as to his taking a lie detector test on his statement.

I understand that both you and Msgr. Schonenbach are aware that the complainant has a lengthy criminal record. I hope to get more details for you later. As of now, we know of three offences. (1) theft from the Church as a young offender. (2) theft of a car and drove to Florida when he was 17 or 18. He would be in adult court at 17 in those days. (3) the last offence was embezzlement from his employer while working at a hotel in Ottawa.

I understand that you will be passing my comments on to Msgr. Schonenbach. If you wish, you may send him a copy of my letter.

Yours truly

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P.S. Since dictating this letter, I spoke briefly with Bishop LaRocque and brought him up to date on what we are doing. He also indicated that I should continue dealing with you until advised otherwise.