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SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL
Reverend Paul R. Shanley
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Dear Paul,

I have spent considerable time reviewing your file. Among the many letters you received from Brian Flatley and John McCormack I have been able to piece together the restrictions of not doing any ministry, living without a roommate and not living in a rectory. Together with the Cardinal's acceptance of the Review Board recommendations (of October, 1994), I can safely explain to you what your current restrictions must be.

GT Redaction
All that is written in stone is that you are not allowed to engage in any parish ministry. The restrictions against living with a roommate and not living near children or known homosexuals were prudent while you were under such close scrutiny by [REDACTED] but I feel comfortable in lifting those now. You may have a roommate and you may live wherever you choose.

If you are able to engage in any ministry outside of a parish or a setting which regularly involves children, you may do this. Before beginning such a ministry, I would ask you to carefully review it with me so that the Cardinal and I will be fully informed. If residence in a rectory or a religious house is an option made available to you, I would ask that you let me know the details so that we can discuss them before you accept.

I understand that you will be leaving New York within the next six weeks. Please inform me of the exact date you will be departing. I would like to restate my offer to have your air travel to the West coast paid by the Archdiocese. That is only fitting.

I have submitted your request to the Clergy Fund Advisory Board. The Board meets on Thursday, September 11. It is important to know that currently none of the 182 senior priests receives a housing allowance. I hope that your circumstances will make you the exception.

Have you contacted Monsignor Dillabough in San Diego yet? I hope you are well. I enjoyed meeting with you last month. I trust that you will continue to live your limited priesthood in the manner in which we met: with dignity and a genuine concern for those in need.

Sincerely,

Reverend William F. Murphy
Delegate of the Archbishop

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