

COMBATTING DRUGS—The Board of Directors of the Malden AcID Center, led by Father Bernard Lane, chaplain of Malden Catholic High School and founder of AcID last summer launch their fund raising campaign. A door-to-door

solicitation drive will be held Sunday, Nov. 16. Former teen drug users will be helping teen drug users under Father Lane's guidance at their newly obtained 13 Linden ave. facility as soon as it is renovated. (Tom Hiltz Photo)

Volunteers Begin Fund Drive . . .

Nov. 6, 1969

Launch Malden Battle on Drugs

MALDEN — A 16-year-old girl unexpectedly addressed a meeting of the board of directors of AcID (Adolescent Counseling in Drugs) and helped them launch their \$30,000 fund-raising campaign.

The AcID board, which has recognized the urgency and plight of youthful drug users, outlined operating expenses for the 1969-70 year and discussed educational programs on both the adult and student level at a meeting at the Malden Chamber of Commerce office. But when they left, they saw first-hand the young girl in a situation similar to that facing other youths who have been seeking help from Father Bernard Lane, chaplain of Malden Catholic High School and founder of the AcID Center this summer.

The girl came seeking immediate aid. She had been on drugs for three years and "feels really messed-up." She had attempted suicide and had suffered from

to talk to who understood "the hell of coming down." Her plight is not unique, according to Father Lane and the AcID group.

The AcID Center's facility at 13 Linden ave., behind the YMCA, is in the process of renovation and will not be open for three weeks. In the meantime, Father Lane, the board of directors and the youths are working to ready it.

Eric Swider, director of the Malden Chamber of Commerce and chairman of AcID's budget committee, outlined a budget totalling close to \$30,000.

Funds to meet the budget will be sought by fund-raisers headed by Murray Goldman, who have begun a mailing campaign as well as door-to-door solicitation and "canister days."

Volunteers are also being sought by Mrs. Bernice Danish, 63 Maple st. Father Lane will need volunteers to supervise the recreational facilities at the

The board of directors meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office Thursday was an outgrowth of Father Lane's summer program which featured former drug users helping drug users "to go straight." This summer they operated in a one-room office, but found it impossible to meet the skyrocketing problem there.

The Chamber of Commerce has contacted many of its members who have agreed to

refurbish the Linden ave. facility at little cost. But according to the group who heard the young girl plead Thursday evening, "what if I were your daughter?" the immediate problem is finances.

Howard McBride, treasurer of AcID will receive contributions addressed to:
Howard McBride, Treasurer
AcID, Inc.
Middlesex Bank
One Salem st.
Malden, Mass. 02148



AcID-Adolescent Counselling in Drugs

13 Linden Avenue Malden, Massachusetts 02148

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AcID VISITATION ... Cardinal Medeiros visited the Malden headquarters of the Adolescent Counseling in Drugs (AcID) recently. The founder and first director of AcID is pictured here with the Cardinal. Rev. Bernard J. Lane was formerly Chaplain at Malden Catholic High School and Associate Pastor of St. Anne parish in Littleton.

(Pilot photo by Steck)

Streetwork Program Eyed for Tri-Cities

Adolescent Counseling in Development (AcID) is seeking funding for "Streetwork," a program which works with young people at those locations they frequent—street corners, parks, in front of schools, snack bars, etc.

Working closely with police departments and, in Malden, the Malden YMCA Outreach Program, EMOC, and the Youth Commission, AcID and Outreach staff under AcID Streetwork Director Rich Cantabone, will offer counseling and recreation to youth on the street, refer youth needing further assistance to AcID or other appropriate agencies, and work with families when necessary.

At present, teams of staff and volunteers are working in various locations in the tri-city area of Malden, Medford, and Everett, the three cities serviced by AcID. The agency is a private, non-profit community based counseling and rehabilitation program serving youth and young adults.

Now in its fifth year of operation, AcID has gained national recognition for its consistently effective programming.

Streetwork is a recognition of the need to build relationships with youth at the onset of behavior problems or before such behavior leads to serious involvement with police, court and prison.

AcID is currently conducting its fifth anniversary fund-raising drive under the general chairmanship of the Rev. George H. Sinclair Jr., president of AcID's board of directors.

Also serving on the Fund Raising Committee are Toby Liederman, Emma Swartz, Jean Raymond, Rosemary Curnane, Murray Goldman, Edna Kapuano, Virginia Yardunian and Jean Fournier.

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THREE FRIENDS . . . Work among the youth of the Archdiocese was a continuing concern of Hub religious, as indicated here by Father Bernard Lane, who conducts a Malden enterprise called "Adolescent Counseling in Drugs." (Issue of April 11) 1970

Rev. Bernard Lane — Saint Charles Drug Program Planned for Monday Evening



Saint Charles School officials announced today that the next "Drug Education Program" for parents and junior high school students is set for this coming Monday evening, February 2, 1970 at the St. Charles Auditorium.

This month's program will include a panel presentation by Rev. Bernard Lane of Malden with a group of youngsters from that community.

"Adolescent Counselling in Drugs" is the topic for this Monday evening's program.

Father Lane has gained considerable prominence in the area because of his efforts in the drug scene with youngsters in the Malden area.

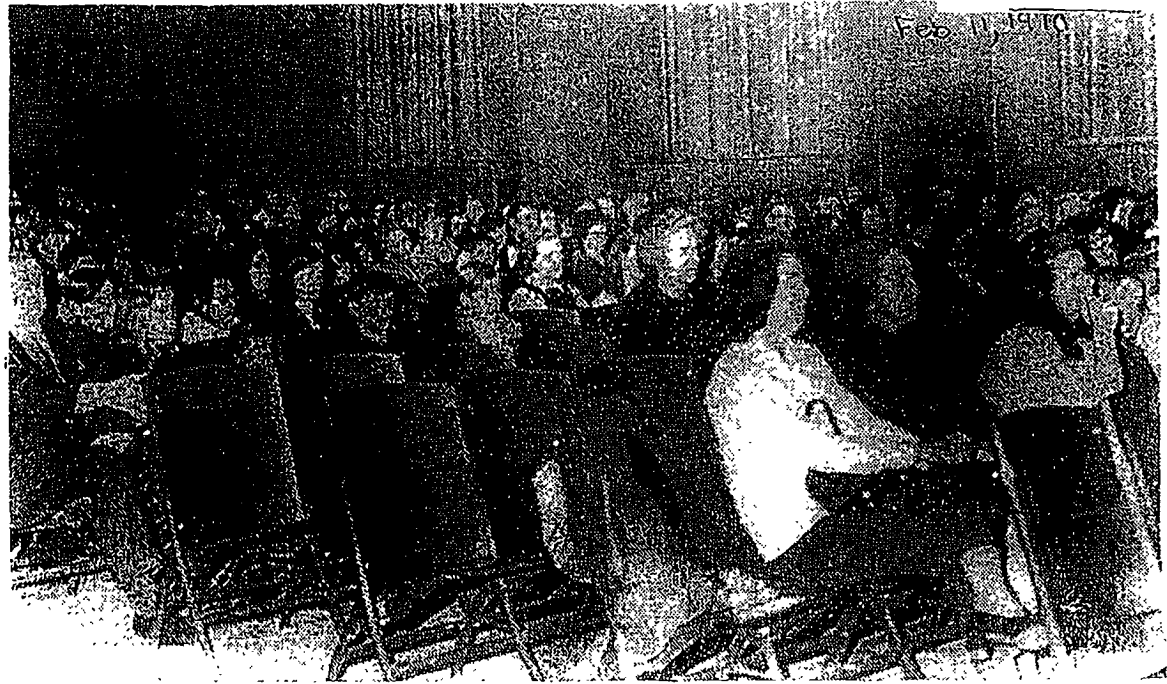
St. Charles staff members, involved in the Drug Education Series, request that parents come with their junior high school youngsters to this "special and very important program."

ACID — Adolescent Counselling in Drugs has been established in Malden for the purpose of assisting the young people in the area who become involved in any of a possible multiplicity of problem areas.

A number of comments have been heard from the many people who have attended the previous programs in the St. Charles Drug Education Series.

This coming Monday evening's program is expected to be both a most significant and important part of the special "Drug Education Series".

The program will run from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.



LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE have turned out for each of the "Drug Education Programs" held at St. Charles this year. The most recent program included a panel of young people from a nearby community who discussed the "drug situation" as they observe it in relationship to young people today. Some of those people who attended the recent St. Charles Drug Education program are evident in the above photo.

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THE STRAIGHT DOPE ON DRUGS — Rev. Bernard Lane and two teens who kicked the drug habit in str-

tegy session before taking their message to the city's young people and adults.

(Globe Photo by Harry Holbrook)

Ex Drug Users Seek Youth Center

By RAE PATTERSON

Globe Correspondent

Former Malden teen drug users are prepared to lay on the line to their peers and parents.

With a reported 75 percent of the city's teenagers involved to some degree in drugs a new organization known as the Acid Center is the move to aid adolescent users,

prime mover in the new organization, which will sponsor former teen drug users as speakers, is Father Bernard Lane, chaplain of Malden Catholic High School.

Beginning next month, a group of teens who formerly used drugs will educate their peers, and their parents about the perils of drug

abuse and the need for a facility to hold group therapy sessions for hard-core users.

The panelists will carry on discussions in schools, churches, community centers — anywhere a group gathers.

Last month the center held "rap" session in a 9x12 ft. room in the Community Nurses Building on Ferry st. "At least 50 youths appeared in need of help and a sympathetic ear. We had to shut down the operation because of lack of space," Fr. Lane said.

"It is a tremendous problem here in Malden. Just about every other kid between the ages of 14 and 17 uses drugs. The adolescent is emotionally unstable and drugs provide a

peculiar comfort for him.

Fr. Lane emphasized the need for the Acid Center where youths can relate to others in their peer groups, learn of their experiences and hopefully get turned off drugs.

"People do not realize the need — they want to deny any problem exists," he said. During the last three years the drug situation has grown enormously — 75 percent of the youth of the city are involved in drugs in some form.

The critical years are between 13 and 16, Fr. Lane said.

"These kids are too old for the Little League and too young to work — they become bored and no one seems to want to listen to them."

One of the panelists is

Joe, 16, a handsome, neatly dressed youth who attends a Cambridge prep school, hopes to become a psychologist after college. He comes from a middle income family, one of six children, and believes his parents had no idea he took He became a user when he was 13.

He described his experience with drugs.

"I had terrible guilt feeling about sex my folks made it seem as though sex was bad and the guilt just kept building up. I just wanted to die — I felt like I was no good.

"I started to smoke grass (marijuana). Initially it made me happy but after a while I built up a tolerance to it and became bored. I turned to speed (amphetamines) for six months in addition to using marijuana." Then moved on the LSD.

I wanted to be happy laugh I found a home grass, in the friends who smoked pot — regardless of how you looked, you felt secure and found acceptance.

"I kept using all the drugs at the same time each time I would try something new, I would I to myself and say this was all I would take.

"When I was on speed, experienced what seemed to be a slow death — my stomach dwindled, I began losing my hair, my eyesight became poor — the stuff fouls up your mind — death became most prominent, or you think about the way out."

Joe graduated to the deadliest of narcotics, heroin, which he took only four times.

"I got scared, haunted — all I could think of was suicide — I finally asked to be helped," he said.

Drugs are easy to get easier than alcohol or cigarettes and easy to support the habit, according to Joe.

"Every user is a pusher," he said.

But the term pusher is a misnomer, according to the youth. "Every kid that wants this stuff is right there to get it — there isn't any pushing involved — it's easy-flowing traffic," he said.

"As soon as one pusher is arrested, it just means more business for someone else — the source is endless," Joe said.

But Joe, the other panelists and Fr. Lane hope to be effective in setting some of the users straight and staying off the uninitiated.

want to be someone and to do something with my life and I am very grateful to everybody in the AcID program for making this "impossible" change possible.



Housecleaning is part of the responsibility of the teenage boys living at the residential home recently bought by the archdiocese.



CARDINAL HUMBERTO MEDEIROS chats with the adolescent residents of Alpha Omega Hall in Littleton prior to the dedication ceremony conducted by him

Cardinal Medeiros Blesses Alpha Omega Hall in Littleton

"The meaning of the house to me just isn't possible to put in one paragraph as you can un-

derstand what it really means to me so I am outline if for you which is love respect honesty trust. True relations and responsibility for myself my family and the people that care about. around me which actually is all to do with living, sharing hurt, lonely, mad, hostile, happy, and inadequate feelings that I have "

"Since I came to AcID I've changed my whole attitude. The People here have helped me to look at myself, and see what I was doing to myself and other people. And when I leave here I'll be able to change my old attitude and I live a responsible life instead of stealing for money I can work. Without having to depend on drugs. The People here care about me and trust me. And I feel the same towards them. This means alot to me "

"This house has alot of meaning for me. When I was on the streets, I had nothing and nobody. I had no trust and know no love, I had alot feelings or emotion's concerning my environment, the worst torture on the streets, was not knowing what to do with my feelings. So as a result I would act out on them by hurting other people and making them

"Now living here I know love, have trust, and can deal and work out my feelings. Without this feeling of concern people have showed me here I would be in jail now, or if I was lucky dead, for out there on the streets of this city is hell for people like I was."

"Living in the AcID house has meant everything to me. It's meant a new and beautiful life with meaning."

"Since I've been here I've learned the true meaning of the word love and how to accept and give it, and that's something I believe that very few people know."

"It has taught me how to be honest, loving, and aware of myself and other people. It has also showed me how to be a sensitive, sharing feeling human being, which I was not before I came into residence."

"I've learned how to deal with feelings bad and good and not to let them build up inside me, by sharing them with someone. This is very important, because if you don't share your feelings with someone, and let them build up, you'll find yourself becoming unhappy with yourself, and a very isolated person, and you might act out in some way by drinking or something to get rid of those lonely or unhappy feelings."

LITTLETON — Humberto Cardinal Medeiros was the guest of honor at the Sunday dedication of Littleton's Alpha-Omega Hall. His eminence blessed the house going from room to room with holy water and appropriate prayers. Cardinal Medeiros made a short speech and later chatted with the many people who had come from various towns near and far to gather for the dedication.

Following the brief ceremony, those in attendance enjoyed a buffet dinner as guests of Alpha-Omega. The house which is located next to Warren Manufacturing is maintained as a therapeutic residential resource for adolescent boys. It has been in existence for the past few months. There are nine boys in residence, with a capacity for 15. According to Father Lane,



Fr. Lane quickly met dozens of other teen-age drug users. It was a rude awakening. But as he found vast numbers of kids using drugs, he also discovered vast numbers who wanted to kick them.

Talking with Malden Mayor Walter Kelleher, he found a sympathetic listener and a mayor who was ready to face facts. He also met other public officials who were concerned and who realized the problem had to be met head-on.

The mayor was responsible for providing a room at the Malden Mental Health Center, where Fr. Lane counseled throughout Spring and Summer. He estimates he dealt with between 50 and 60 young people.

At first, the kids were skeptical. They were afraid the program was a police set-up (on the contrary, the Malden police have taken a "hands-off" attitude and have donated \$100 to A.C.I.D.). But after four weeks, the young people realized the police weren't involved and they began to come around.

By Fall, the professional people in the community could easily see the results.

How serious is the drug problem in Malden? "Without hesitation, I would say that 50 percent of the kids in the city use drugs regularly and that 30 percent of them are really hung up on them," says Fr. Lane. "It's a very

problem

Last year, a poll taken at Malden High School showed that 60 percent of the students had "turned on at least once" with marijuana and that 30 percent had gone beyond that level. Certainly the figures would be much higher this year.

"There are as many reasons why kids start taking drugs as there are kids," says Fr. Lane. "But you've got to look at the society the kid lives in. There are three conditions in our society that make it a natural milieu for drugs.

"First, teenagers are going through a very anxious and uncertain period in their lives. But society has told them there is a pill for everything and therefore a quick escape from these anxieties.

"Second, the kids are told that they must put off immediate satisfaction for long-range goals. But all around them they see a 'buy now, pay later' life.

"Third, they need a value system and are taught a certain value system. Yet they're confused by the other values they see: war, graft and corruption."

Fr. Lane has also found that most youngsters today are emotionally deprived. They desperately want love, but can't find it.

"With all these things confronting the teenager, he turns to marijuana. Pretty soon he begins feeling guilty and to hate him-

self. He keeps trying to escape. He doesn't want to see himself, so he gets deeper into drugs. After five or six months, he's committing crimes."

The reaction of parents of youngsters using the center has been enthusiastic. "Communications have been reestablished," Fr. Lane says, "although the first reaction is usually panic, anxiety and a 'how could you do this to me?' attitude." He estimates that he receives 15 to 20 telephone calls every day from worried parents.

He has discovered that parents are almost always amazed to learn the extent of the teenage drug problem. Speaking recently to a parent-child audience, he asked the 200 youngsters present to stand up then told them to sit only if they had NEVER known another young person who had taken drugs. Exactly eight sat down. The parents were shocked.

The future looks bright for A.C.I.D. Fr. Lane will soon be helped by a resident director, and professional assistance is being coordinated by the Malden Mental Health Center. A fund-raising drive has been started and donations may be sent to the Middlesex Bank in Malden.

"Sometimes I'll just put my arm around a kid and he'll break down and cry," says Fr. Lane. "All he really wants is someone to say 'I care.'"



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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy ✓
FROM: Sister Rita V. McCarthy, CSJ *RVA*
DATE: September 30, 1997
RE: [REDACTED] (Rev. Bernard Lane)
[REDACTED] Brockton [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] met with me at the Chancery today. He was very apprehensive so he brought his girlfriend along to assuage his fears. Gradually he relaxed and spoke openly of his past. Before he encountered Father Lane in 1974, [REDACTED] admitted to being a "juvenile delinquent." He described his family as dysfunctional with many problems. His mother, however, did belong to a Guild at the Church. His father was very rough with him. [REDACTED] wanted me to understand that all of his problems were not the result of what Father Lane did to him, only his sexual orientation and self-esteem. Because of his other problems he was sent to Alpha & Omega in Littleton.

[REDACTED] His description of the dorm there was bizarre. He recalls it as a room *substantiated* full of young men 14-16 years old all lying around naked, some in towels, masturbating one another and reading pornographic magazines. He also *substantiated* claimed that triple X-rated films were made available to them.

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Later in life [REDACTED] had a homosexual relationship. He realized at this time that it was not true; he had no attraction for men. He felt all mixed up.

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To: Cardinal Law

Most Reverend William Murphy

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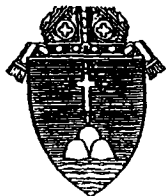
Date: October 6, 1997

Re: new allegation

Sr. Rita McCarthy met last week with a man who alleges sexual misconduct by Fr. Bernie Lane some 25 years ago. The allegation stems from Fr. Lane's service at Alpha-Omega House in Littleton.

I plan to meet with Fr. Lane tomorrow. As he has already been removed from parish ministry, the consequences of this allegation, if deemed to be true, are unclear.

Fr. Tierney has not been informed of this allegation.



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SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

October 6, 1997

I spoke with [REDACTED] again. He did not have much to add. He named two young men whom he remembered being at Alpha & Omega with him-- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mentioned watching a "porno" film with Father present. Other than that, Wayne just told of more weird things that the "kids" did.

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It further is expressly agreed by and among all of the parties to this Release, as well as their attorneys, agents, servants, employees and insurers, that they will maintain the confidentiality of the facts of this settlement and the specific terms thereof. No party, nor a party's attorney, agent, servant, employee or insurer, shall disclose or cause to be disclosed, directly or indirectly, to any person, corporation or entity not a party to this Release, including but not limited to any form of print or broadcast media, the names of any parties described herein, the existence of any claims against the released parties, the fact of this settlement, the terms or amounts of this settlement, any facts or circumstances leading to the completion of this settlement or the alleged facts and circumstances giving rise to any claims described herein unless in response to a lawfully issued subpoena from a duly constituted Grand Jury or by court order. Prior to making any such required disclosure, Wayne Burbridge, through his Counsel, shall notify Counsel for the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole. This paragraph shall not prevent

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I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing Release and know the contents thereof, and I sign the said as my own free Act.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of May, 1998.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Witnessed by:

Mitchell Garabedian

AGREED AND ASSENTED TO:

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It further is expressly agreed by and among all of the parties to this Release, as well as their attorneys, agents, servants, employees and insurers, that they will maintain the confidentiality of the facts of this settlement and the specific terms thereof. No party, nor a party's attorney, agent, servant, employee or insurer, shall disclose or cause to be disclosed, directly or indirectly, to any person, corporation or entity not a party to this Release, including but not limited to any form of print or broadcast media, the names of any parties described herein, the existence of any claims against the released parties, the fact of this settlement, the terms or amounts of this settlement, any facts or circumstances leading to the completion of this settlement or the alleged facts and circumstances giving rise to any claims described herein unless in response to a lawfully issued subpoena from a duly constituted Grand Jury or by court order. Prior to making any such required disclosure, Wayne Burbridge, through his Counsel, shall notify Counsel for the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole. This paragraph shall not prevent

[REDACTED] from disclosing or discussing the facts and circumstances giving rise to any claims described herein with a licensed clergy, physician, attorney, mental health professional, spouse or immediate family. Prior to making any disclosures to any of the above-named persons, Wayne Burbridge shall inform said person of the confidentiality requirements of this paragraph and shall obtain from them their agreement to honor such confidentiality.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing Release and know the contents thereof, and I sign the said as my own free Act.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of May, 1998.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Witnessed by:

Mitchell Garabedian

AGREED AND ASSENTED TO:

Mitchell Garabedian
Mitchell Garabedian, Esquire
100 State Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Counsel for Wayne Burbridge

February 2, 1999

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Cardinal's Residence
2101 Commonwealth Avenue
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FEB - 4 1999

RE: Follow Up Letter/Request for assistance

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To whom it may concern,

I had written you a letter on January 19, 1999. Maybe there has been an oversight or for some reason you never received my letter.

I wrote to you in regards to Reverend Bernard Lane. In the summer of 1976. Reverend Lane was the Director of a D.V.S. program called Alpha Omega in Littleton, MA. I was accepted into this program in July of 1976. While I was there Reverend Lane took several of us boys to his private Beach House in New Hampshire on a Lake. (This would have been in August.) The Reverend had a little room built into the wall with Black lights and mirrors. He brought me into this room and told me that if I turned over on my stomach he would message my back. Instead he pulled off my bathing suit. I was in shock and scared. I told Reverend Lane that I wanted to leave and that I wanted to see one of the counselors that had accompanied us. He then became angry and said to me that if I leave the room and if I tell anybody that I would go back to Westfield Detention Center. He gave me oral sex and then sodomized me. I cried and this made Reverend Lane angry. He then was again telling me never to mention to anyone what was going on or I would be sent back to the Detention Center.

There were groups that our parents were obligated to attend. My Mother

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sensed that something was'nt right at this time. And had me taken out of the program.

My Mother has been a Catholic all her life as I was brought up to be also. I since have left the Church. I'm angry about what happened to me by Reverand Lane. I do not know how to deal with the very many mixed and angry feelings that I have. I been to REC Programs and Criseo's and have meet and made some of the best friends I have. I could not talk to anyone and have repressed at so many times when I just wanted to tell someone but I am ashamed and don't want people to know that these sexual misdeeds were done to me. I 've talked to mental health but I am still having a problem talking about it. and I don't want it passed on to the administration too. I am not comfortable with telling my attorney. Plus I don't want to be in the news. Then people that I know knowing this would be difficult for me to face. I am probably not making to much sense, but I get confused and I am embarassed.

I a paraplegic as of 1990. I have a lot of things on my mind. I hung myself at Concord in 1993. I was clinicly dead twice. given last rights. But was brought back to life. My life is not only physically painful, but it is also emotionally painful. I am requesting that you would come here and meet with me. I spoke to the Catholic Chaplin, "Buzz". and he advised me to write to you once more. Please help me. I have to speak with Reverand lanes superiors. This cannot go not reported to his superiors.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

intercourse for the first time when he was 14. He said that all the boys in the loosely affiliated gang in which he hung out started dating at about the same time. "We all had girlfriends. We lied a lot, too. I had one steady girlfriend when I was going through all the trouble [ages 14-16]. She was my first love, I guess, even though I don't know what that means."

When he was about 16, he was involved in an altercation with a boy from a neighboring town, and ended up stabbing him. This was his first serious offense, and he was told by his probation officer that he would be given one last chance to straighten himself out, but that if he ran from the placement that was recommended, Alpha Omega Hall, he would be sent to the adult house of correction.

As such, he decided that it was in his best interest to remain at Alpha Omega, even though he'd run from there a year earlier. "They threatened me with real jail. I was scared." It was while he was at Alpha Omega that he came into contact with Father Bernard Lane. (Please see below for further details.)

While he was at Alpha Omega, staff worked with him to get into the military. Mr. [redacted] made a commitment to join the Marine Corps Reserves, and after he'd turned 17 and completed his year at Alpha Omega, he went off to basic training at Parris Island. He found it "a whole new world. I did pretty good, actually. I liked it. Boot camp was ok. After you realize what it's all about, after the initial shock is over." However, after he returned to Cambridge following basic training and got into trouble again, he said the court threatened him with jail if he didn't "go active" in the military. He signed up full-time, but in 1978, two years after he'd first joined, he went AWOL and was discharged from the service with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

He said that his mother was extremely disappointed in him. "She'd been proud of me because I was making something of my life and she wasn't happy when I got kicked out. It was depressing. Here I was going again hurting my mother." His mother kicked him out of her house, and he went to live with friends.

The next year, he was incarcerated as an adult for the first time, for six months at the Billerica HOC on a larceny charge. Following his release, he quickly incurred new charges, and in 1980 was sent back for another 10 months on a breaking and entering conviction. In 1981, he got his first major sentence on an armed robbery conviction, and served five years in the state prison system. He was released in 1986.

After his release from this long stretch, he did well for five years. "When I first came home, my family was behind me. A relative gave me a job as a security guard at a mall in

Cambridge." Even though he was living in a pre-release halfway house and working in the first months he was out, he was using cocaine and found himself "kind of a celebrity" among his crowd of old friends.

However, after he met his future wife, █, at a bar in Cambridge, they quickly decided to move in together and got an apartment in Revere. Mr. █ found that he was better able to stay away from drugs and alcohol once he was removed from the environment in which he'd tended to use them. He got a new job working at a bakery, married █ and had two children. "This was the first time I worked in my life other than the Marines. I learned a lot. Life was good...From 1987-1990 I was a happy camper. I loved being with my kids. They were my life."

However, after he ran into some old Cambridge friends at a baseball game, he once again started using drugs. For the first time, he smoked cocaine. "That was the end of me pretty much. It ruined my life...That coke had a grip on me, sucked me in."

Shortly after he started using cocaine, he was arrested again, and "my marriage went downhill big time." His wife threw him out and he returned to Cambridge. He committed crimes to support his drug habit, and landed back in Billerica for two and a half years starting in 1992. He was released in August 1994, committed several bank robberies and was once again arrested, convicted and in January, 1995 was sent back to prison to serve his current sentence. His earliest release date is 2004.

Mr. █ denied any psychiatric history other than some court-ordered counselling at the Cambridge Court Clinic when he was a juvenile. He recalled seeing a female counsellor there whom he found helpful.

He suffers from asthma, for which he uses an inhaler on an as-needed basis, but otherwise, his health is good.

Mr. █ said that he was raised in the Catholic faith, but beyond making his First Communion and being confirmed, he rarely went to church. "My mother told us to go, but we didn't. We'd just go hang out." He said that what the church taught had little meaning for him. However, even though he had little faith growing up, he did have a fear of God. "I think I was scared of God to tell the truth, because God supposedly knew everything you did and thought. That kinda scared me." After his experience with Father Lane, he said he was even more disinclined to have anything to do with the Church.

Mr. █ Involvement with Father Bernard Lane: As noted above, Mr. █ was sent to Alpha Omega Hall by DYS when he was about 16 years old. Father Lane was the director of the program. Mr. █ described himself as a "cocky kid" with "a

chip on my shoulder" when he went into the program. He recalled that not all the boys there were DYS committed. Others had been referred there by their families or other agencies because of behavioral problems. He said that the program featured groups in which "they delved into your feelings. I hated it. I wasn't into that." He said that he initially felt superior to the other boys because while they were just there "because they hated their mother," he had a record and had stabbed someone. His criminality was a badge of honor when he started the program. "Like no one there could whup me."

While Mr. ██████ wasn't thrilled about participating in group discussions, he said he quickly became an enthusiastic participant in Alpha Omega's sports program. He liked the program's physical setting, "a mansion with a swimming pool and a lake behind it."

He also liked Father Lane, whom he said all the boys called "Bernie." Although Father Lane was a priest, "he dressed in normal clothes all the time except when he did a Mass at the house. I thought he was a good guy. I thought he was cool. He used to smoke and swear. I thought he was all right. Just like a regular guy." That Father Lane was simultaneously a priest and a "regular guy" formed a large part of Mr. ██████ positive impression of him.

He said that he had daily contact with Father Lane, as did all the boys in the program. He said that Father Lane either ran or sat in on most of the groups. "He knew when I first got there I didn't want to be there. But I was scared of jail. I took a shine to Joe O'Malley [the assistant director of the program] because he was a former street kid/junkie. I said I'd give it a shot. As time went on and I got to know everybody, Father Lane started [talking to him]: 'Hi, how ya doing?', always friendly. He'd bring me in his office. I started liking him."

In these talks in the office, Father Lane initiated discussions of girls and sex. Mr. ██████ wanted Father Lane to think that he'd had lots of experience with both. "He'd ask if I'd gotten laid. He'd use that word." Mr. ██████ let on that he'd had sex many times with lots of girls. "Then he started asking me questions, like had I ever masturbated." I asked Mr. ██████ what reaction he had when Father Lane asked him that. "I didn't know. I wasn't sure. The way he went about it. Being a Catholic you heard these things - no sex till marriage, masturbation was bad. Then you hear from this guy the other side of the coin. That this stuff is ok. That kinda blew my mind I guess."

Mr. ██████ said that "these little talks" stayed on that level "for a little while." Then, one day he decided to come clean and tell Father Lane that he wasn't quite the experienced

lady's man he'd made himself out to be. "I told him I'd only had sex one or two times in my life...He got excited about it or something. 'Aw, I guess I thought you were this or that - a stud - and you're not.' I came clean with him." After this more open conversation, Father Lane told him that he would "come up" and see him later in the dorm.

Mr. ██████ had seen Father Lane joining other boys in the program in their beds. "First off I thought he was a faggot." None of the boys in the program talked about this, although Mr. ██████ didn't think he was the only one who was aware of it.

He said that that evening, Father Lane came into the dorm room in which he slept and "got right under the covers with me. He was in a t-shirt and underwear. He started talking about sex again, masturbation. Then he started rubbing my chest. Then he went down and started rubbing my privates, under my underwear. He said it's all right. I didn't ejaculate, I never came, but I got excited. And then he left. He said it's ok, don't tell anybody."

Mr. ██████ said that he was "confused" by what had happened. "I was real - real messed up about it. Here was this guy who I really really liked, a priest, he's cool, and he's telling me it's all right to do this and I know it's not. It really fucked me up. Messed with my mind."

He said that Father Lane came to him only one other time. At first he recalled that it was at Father Lane's cottage on a lake in New Hampshire to which he took all the boys, but later thought it probably happened again at Alpha Omega Hall. He said that the cottage was notable for a bed built into a wall and surrounded by mirrors. Pornographic magazines were stored nearby and the boys took turns spending the night in the special bed.

The second time Father Lane came to him to join him in bed, Mr. ██████ said that he told him, "'No, this isn't going to happen again. It's wrong.' He didn't get mad. He got hurt more than he got mad. 'What's the matter?'"

Mr. ██████ said that after Father Lane approached him sexually, his view of both himself and the program changed. He said that his experience at Alpha Omega had started to be a very positive one. He had liked several of the staff members, and had enjoyed participating in the sports program. He said that his cockiness and the chip on his shoulder had diminished. However, after these experiences with Father Lane, his feelings changed. "I wasn't happy anymore. I wanted to run. I didn't like it anymore. I didn't like him anymore. I wasn't there much longer." Mr. ██████ said that he was very anxious to leave the program, and was relieved when he turned 17 and was able to go off to Marine Corps basic training.

Memo

To: Fr McCormack

From: Rep Hunter

Re: Personnel developments during week of August 1-7, 1993

Date: August 7, 1993

Other is a report from the substitute secretary for Ministerial Personnel:

1. Fr Stephen Koen:

- It is concurred that no pastoral contact has been made or offer of another parish granted
- I asked him to meet with the Perennial Board (He will)
- I also asked him to consider Emergency Response Team after his vacation (He will think about this)
- I tried to urge him to look at issues in himself

2. Fr John Fitzpatrick:

- I indicated to him that what seem to be clerical mistakes have been made & now need to be rectified
- It is to bring to M. Rully: IRS returns from 1988-1993; cancelled checks for contributions to the Center which do not appear on the IRS returns; the difference between the F.M.M. and the contribution book to the Center need to be returned to RCAB
- It is to report by 9/3/93 after vacation & brief hospitalization

* 3. Fr & Msgr. Sweeney:

- A meeting Fr Sweeney twice, one alone and one with Atty Robert Fraser (Essentially Atty Michael Moran will report here)
- Summary of Aug 3 & Aug 5 meetings are available through Msgr. O'Leary (copy in my confidential)
- Atty MacLeish will be calling Dr. Cuthbert on Monday & referred to Bill Poyes
- Fr Sweeney will go on administrative leave on August 8
- He will decide to respond to allegations & accept assignment depending on result of Monday's conversation between MacLeish & Poyes

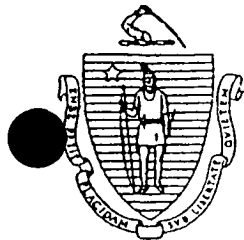
** - We need to work out being arrangements for Mch. He will be on vacation 8/8-15 and for funeral & Requiem & Sept. In lieu when he returns

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November 19, 2002

David G. Thomas, Esq.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
One International Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: [REDACTED] *et al v. Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston et al*, Civil Action No.
02-3167

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In fulfillment of your subpoena duces tecum, please find certified copied of all records in Office of Child Care Services' possession relating to Alpha Omega. Only the names of children have been redacted in accordance with G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 26(c). Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise J. Karlin".

Denise J. Karlin
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure: Records relating to Alpha Omega


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AFFIDAVIT OF THE KEEPER OF THE RECORDS

I, Matthew J. Donovan, being duly sworn, depose and certify as follows:

1. I am the Keeper of the Records for the Office of Child Care Services.
2. A subpoena duces tecum was served upon the Keeper of the Records to produce certain records described in said subpoena,
3. Pursuant to said subpoena, the requested records have been collected and are attached hereto.
4. The attached records are true and complete.
5. The attached records were made in good faith and in the regular course of business; it is the regular course of business to make such records; the records were made at or shortly after the time of the events or transactions memorialized in the records; and the records were made prior to the commencement of litigation.

Sworn under the pains and penalties of perjury this 18th day of November, 2002.

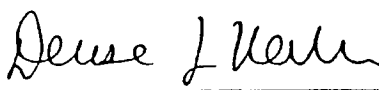


Matthew J. Donovan
Keeper of the Records

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SUFFOLK, ss

Subscribed and sworn before me this 18th day of November, 2002.



Denise J. Karlin
Notary Public
My commission expires October 21, 2005.

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JOYCE STROM
Director

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Office for Children
120 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116*

Area Code (617)
727-8900

October 20, 1978

Mr. Jack Sarmanian, Executive Director
Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc.
170 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Re: Complaint No. 1.31 - Adolescent Counseling in
Development, Inc.

Dear Mr. Sarmanian:

Enclosed is a complaint brought by the Office for Children against
Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc.'s group care facility,
Alpha Omega House.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Murphy

Paul J. Murphy, Director
Group Care and Placement
Licensing and Consultation Unit

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Priscilla Fox, Esq.

OCCS 0003

OFFICE FOR CHILDREN
V.
ADOLESCENT COUNSELING
IN DEVELOPMENT, INC.

COMPLAINT NO. 1.31

This complaint is to inform you of this Office's determination to revoke the license of Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc.'s group care facility, Alpha Omega House, located at 545 Newtowne Road, Littleton, MA 01460, hereinafter "facility". You have the right to request a hearing on this Office's determination. Such a request must be received by this Office by November 6, 1978. If you request a hearing, a written answer to this complaint must be filed by November 20, 1978.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A HEARING SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING.

After receipt of your request for a hearing, the Office shall notify you of the scheduled time and place of the hearing, the nature of the hearing and the name of the employee of the Office designated by the Director to represent the Office.

Enclosed is a copy of the Office's Rules of Procedure for Adjudicatory Proceedings.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 28A, section 11 provides in pertinent part:

(a) No person shall operate a...group care facility... unless such person is licensed by the Office...

Section 15 of Chapter 28A provides for criminal penalties for the operation of an unlicensed group care facility. Section 16 of Chapter 28A gives the Superior Court jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of section 11 or to take other appropriate action.

This Office intends to enforce the provisions of the applicable statutes and regulations to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This Office's determination to revoke the license of Alpha Omega is based upon the following violations of the Office for Children Rules and Regulations for the Licensure or Approval of Group Care Facilities (hereinafter Regulations):

(1) Failure by the facility to comply with §313.0 of the Regulations which provides:

No licensee shall conduct unusual or hazardous treatment except with the consent of the affected child's parents or guardian. The licensee shall specifically describe any such treatment in the program description on file with the Office.

The facility has utilized unusual forms of treatment without the consent of the affected children's parents or guardians, and has not described these forms of treatment in any of the program description material on file with the Office.

- (2) Failure by the facility to comply with §301.3(b) of the Regulations, which provides in pertinent part:

The licensee shall be responsible for assuring that child care staff assist residents in the activities of daily living, in the development of self help and social skills, and in the development of positive human relationships, including:

- (ii) providing emotional support and guidance to residents as appropriate.

The Office has been informed that the facility has utilized unusual treatment-practices that did not provide appropriate emotional support and guidance to the residents.

- (3) Failure of the facility to comply with §105.2 of the Regulations which provides:

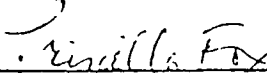
After a hearing, the Office may revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or refuse to renew a license or approval if it finds any of the following:

- 105.2 The applicant or licensee furnished or made any misleading or false statement or report required under these regulations;

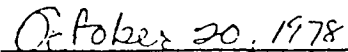
On October 16, 1978, Paul J. Murphy, Director of the Office's Group Care Licensing Unit, and Warren Asnes, Supervisor of the Office's Group Care Licensing Unit, interviewed the facility's current director. During the course of that conversation, the Director at first denied that unusual forms of treatment had ever been utilized in the facility. Another staff member subsequently joined this conversation and a detailed discussion ensued, during the course of which the Director admitted that unusual forms of treatment had, in fact, been utilized.

OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

BY ITS ATTORNEY:



Priscilla Fox



Date

Peter E. Knox

COUNSELOR AT LAW

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TEL (617) 324-2218
MALDEN

November 1, 1978

Priscilla Fox, Esquire
Office for Children
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA. 02116

RE: YOUR COMPLAINT NUMBER: #1.31
ADOLESCENT COUNSELING IN DEVELOPMENT, INC. for ALPHA OMEGA

Dear Ms. Fox:

Please accept this letter as a "request for hearing" in relation to the above entitled matter. Such is transmitted for the purpose of preserving the Corporation's rights in relation to this matter. However, as indicated previously, it remains their intent to resolve all issues without the necessity of involvement in a formal hearing process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Knox
Peter E. Knox
Attorney at Law

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Youth Services

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294 Washington St., Boston, Massachusetts 02108

November 2, 1978

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OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

Joyce Strom, Director
Office for Children
120 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02116

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Dear Joyce:

I am writing regarding the Alpha Omega program.

The complaint from your Department concerning alleged practices at Alpha Omega has been issued and action is pending. We have been negotiating with this provider to consolidate their services from two separate buildings into one. Having two houses seems to have caused two problems:

1. Their expertise was stretched too far. In the 11 months since Alpha Omega has been operating, their level of service has not been satisfactory.
2. Alpha II has created a severe financial burden for ACID, which is the parent corporation.

It is my understanding from the staff of ACID that until the complaint is resolved, the license for an expanded Alpha I cannot be granted.

I would ask that the two be treated separately. We feel that the complaint is not connected with our desire to expand the unit from 15 to 20 youth. If we do not do something quickly to consolidate services, the issue of a complaint will be moot as the program will be forced to close.

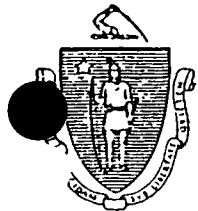
You well know the precarious status of group care in this state. The loss of this program will be an incalculable blow. Detention will again back up and we will be faced with having to spend a year finding another home, renovating another building, fighting community opposition, and trying to get in.

I know of your concern over the group care issue. We maintain that the program redesign and the complaint are separate issues, but we certainly invite you to participate in our current redesign efforts, if you so desire. Your prime contact should be John Isaacson. Thank you for your concern and swift response.

Sincerely,

John A. Calhoun
Commissioner

JAC:pl



JOYCE STROM
Director

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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November 8, 1978

Irwin L. Glazier, Esq.
Division of Hearing Officers
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Complaint No. 1.31 - Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc.
Alpha Omega House

Dear Mr. Glazier:

Pursuant to the agreement established between the Office for Children and the Division of Hearing Officers, I am herewith forwarding to your office copies of the complaint, certificate of service and a request for a hearing in the above entitled matter.

Please file the enclosed documents with the Division of Hearing Officers and inform this Office of the individual designated as the hearing officer for this case and the time and place of the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Priscilla Fox".

Priscilla Fox
General Counsel

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

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NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Rule 5.5 of the Division of Hearings Officers Rules of Practice and Procedure, a pre-hearing conference will be held on Thursday, December 7, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Division of Hearings Officers, Room 1021, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Counsel for the parties should be prepared to set the date for hearing in this matter and to discuss:

- a) the simplification or clarification of the issues;
- b) the possibility of obtaining stipulations, admissions, agreements on documents, understandings on matters already on record or similar agreements which will avoid unnecessary proof;
- c) the limitation of the number of witnesses so as to avoid cumulative evidence; and
- d) the possibility of agreement disposing of all or any of the issues in dispute; and
- e) other matters including discovery and other motions.

DATE: November 9, 1978

Phyllis S. Wilner, Esq.
Phyllis S. Wilner, Esq.
Hearing Officer

Notice to: Priscilla Fox, Esq.
Peter E. Knox, Esq.

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To: Paul J. Murphy, Director
Group Care Licensing
Office for Children
120 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass. 02116

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From: Peter E. Knox

Re: Alpha Omega I & II

In accordance with previous negotiations, please note the following:

1. The Alpha Omega II Program has been terminated. Enclosed is the Group Care License for said Program.
2. As per your request; enclosed is the Group Care License for Alpha Omega I. Such as per our understandings is to be increased from the existing quota of 15 children to a new approved quota of 20 children.
3. Rev. Bernard J. Lane and Dr. Stephen Howard have both resigned from the Alpha Omega Program and both have terminated their relationship in accordance with their resignation.

cc: Jack Sarmanian
Joyce Strom, Director, Office for Children

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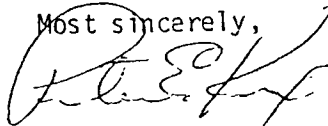
Re: Alpha Omega

Dear Ms. Fox:

Just a short note to confirm my communication with Ms. Karen Morton of your office on 11/20/78. In accordance with that discussion, an agreement has been achieved whereby there will be an extension of time granted to AcID, Inc. for its filing of an answer to the Office for Children complaint against the Corporation's program Alpha Omega. The amount of time for this extension is to be determined within the next few days.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for allowing this extension.

Most sincerely,



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December 1, 1978

Ms. Priscilla Fox, Esquire
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120 Boylston Street
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Dear Priscilla:

In accordance with our conversation of even date, please note the following in relation to the current Director of Alpha Omega, Mr. Joseph O'Malley:

- 1.) Mr. O'Malley is currently supervised in the following manner:
 - a. Alpha Omega's Advisory Board which requests monthly verbal presentations of the entire program operations;
 - b. Executive Director, Mr. Jack Sarmanian, of the parent corporation, AcID, Inc. meets weekly with Mr. O'Malley for a 2 - 4 hour period to review, monitor and give input on the entire program's operation.
 - c. Legal and Financial Consultation, Peter E. Knox, meets monthly with Mr. O'Malley to review and monitor all financial operations and to review any legal issues which may arise to the program and the children being served.

2.) Job Description: Program Director

Administrative supervision of the entire program operations, including but not limited to staff scheduling, liaison with referring agencies, physical plant maintenance, daily scheduling for children, staff monitoring and supervision of day to day activities exclusive of clinical supervision. In addition, participates in intake processes, provides individual counseling and participates in group therapy with the children and their families.

He is responsible to the Executive Director of the parent Corporation, Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc. (AcID).

Primary responsibilities for clinical decisions and clinical supervision rests with the Psychologist. Said person meets with Mr. O'Malley on a regular basis to review all clinical issues.

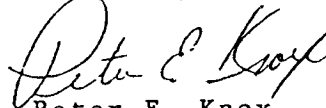
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Again, please accept my sincere request that we work towards a resolving of all issues and thereby secure a withdrawal of the existing Office for Children complaint.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter E. Knox".

Peter E. Knox
Attorney at Law

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Re: Alpha Omega

Dear Ms. Fox:

In accordance with our recent conversation in relation to Alpha Omega, please note the following:

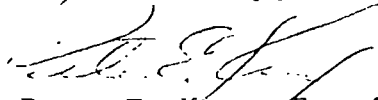
1. Rev. Bernard Lane has resigned as Director of Alpha Omega, such being effective October 1, 1978.
2. Dr. Stephen Howard has resigned as Clinical Director of Alpha Omega, effective November 11, 1978.
3. The Alpha Omega II Program has been terminated.
4. Alpha Omega I is ongoing and its licensed capacity has been expanded to twenty (20) youth.
5. The staffs of both programs have been combined with several staff having been asked, due to financial reasons, to terminate employment.
6. Cornelius Coco, Psychologist, is now the Clinical Director of Alpha Omega and Joseph O'Malley is the current Director of Alpha Omega.
7. The client population to be treated at Alpha Omega has been changed in that, as requested by the Department of Youth Services, Alpha Omega will now be working with a less disturbed adolescent. Such a change is due primarily to the fact that administrative leadership has changed therefore necessitating a change in design and to budget considerations.

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9. The type of treatment modality utilized within the Program has been somewhat altered; i.e. the intense psychiatric treatment methods can no longer be utilized due to the lack of a full time Psychiatrist and treatment modality will now focus predominantly upon day to day reality issues in combination with multiple family therapy to support the youth's reunification with his family.

If further information is needed, please let me know and I will attempt to provide such as soon as possible. It is my sincere hope that we can proceed along the lines of our original discussions and secure a withdrawal of the Office for Children's complaint.

Most sincerely,



Peter E. Knox, Esquire
Legal Counsel

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cc: Jack Sarmanian
Edward Gorfine, Esquire,
AcID, Board of Directors