

1/9/92. Interview with J. Farrell

I presented J.F. with my letter to him of — advising of an appointment with Rev. Father B. Lucas on Thursday 3 September.

John response was:

- ① He was prepared to meet with Brian + made no reference to Wayne Peter's being present.
- ② He had no way of getting to Sydney so I arranged for his return fare on the plane.
- ③ He expressed ^{or reluctance} deep anger about my predecessors inability to help him.
- ④ He claimed complete innocence in the charge brought against him by REDACTED ^{who} could have charged him on another count.
- ⑤ He referred to three other incidents which could have brought him "fifteen years apiece". I didn't question him about these.
- ⑥ Referred to two alliances with women which he claimed proved his complete heterosexuality.
- ⑦ Expressed fear at the possibility of laicization for those "protecting the church" would charge him. I refused to pursue this; but I wondered afterwards if he had grounds for his fear (claiming it was the only grounds on which he would draw).
- ⑧ Related the one ^{relevant} reference to the incident at Maryland for which Fr. Hecker had sacked him. This was brought to the Bishop's attention by a classmate from a neighbour's parish.



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- (9) Requested Nat to contact Fr. Louis Breslin who had befriended him.
- (10) Had no good word for Bryzinski who he claimed bullied him + told him he was lying. Questioned B's expertise + said he preferred to deal with Boyle.
- (11) Mentioned he had an account ^{from Borg} + who was to pay it. I agreed to pay it.
- (12) He insisted he was victimized in being appointed to Kenthurst with Chris Dixon who is 'unstable'.



Breslin 1/9/92

I made contact with Breslin at Farrell's insistence. It eventuates that F. had Sunday lunch every week with him + is on good terms with him. Breslin knows little about his background + like all "good Irishmen" doesn't want to know. I honestly believe F is using him as a person of influence to gain support. At F's request, he had questioned "confidentially" persons associated with F. in the parish where he worked, but all had nothing to say against him. Breslin, a consultant had not approached Bede for an explanation of the termination of the appointment.



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