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Dear Father Augustine,

I am very grateful to you for your reply of August 19th to my query about the wisdom of sending Gerry Ridsdale to Jemez Springs. I received information in the mail today from Father Hoare, together with an indication that he felt that his program would be suitable. Accordingly, I have written back to Father Hoare asking him when he would be in a position to accept Gerry as a candidate for the program. As you probably know, the average length of a treatment program is five months, but this can be extended if individual needs warrant an extension. The program is rather expensive, but I feel that the expense will be well worthwhile if we can achieve some progress.

Thank you for your further observations regarding the possibility of a similar facility being established in Australia. I think that the Committee which I have been asked to convene on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops will certainly be supportive of this concept. I hope it will be in order if I share with that Committee on a confidential basis the reply which you received from the General of the Servants of the Paraclete. I already did have a copy of the report which you prepared after your overseas visit. You did in fact ask Gerry to pass on a copy to me some considerable time ago. I am grateful for your assistance.

With kind regards and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat