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**BY COURIER**

Dear Father

**FATHER RONALD DENNIS PICKERING**

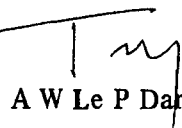
Thank you for your memorandum of 14 April 1994. I have now read the two files. There is nothing of concern in the second, larger file, and the only matter of concern is the mention by Father Pickering in his letter to the Archbishop of 12 February 1988 of "an aroma of homo-sexuality".

As I have said frequently, my only concern is that there might be in a particular priest's file an indication that the Archbishop had some knowledge of a particular priest's propensities, whether they be homo-sexual or paedophilic. If pre-trial discovery were to be obtained of a file from the Archdiocese, any such indication would be sufficient to cause the plaintiff's solicitors to join the Archbishop to any proceedings.

I think at this time that you should supply Dunhill Madden Butler with both the files but point out that you do not see the relevance of any of the documents which post date the end of the alleged relationship. They should be advised that no copy documents or no information from the files is to be given to anyone without your written consent as this would enable us to review the matter with them before any document is handed over.

I return both files to you.

With kind regards

  
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