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Dear Monsignor,

At your request I hereby submit the details of a visit and an interview I had on Friday, 13th September, 1994 with REDACTED REDACTE, at his home, REDACTED

I went to his home at approximately 5.45 p.m.; I knew Mr REDACTED from my last stay (1958-65) in Dandenong, when he was involved with the Scout Movement.

He was home by himself; he received me well; I had not seen him in our Church since my return in 1986, but he claims, he attends St. John Vianney's in North Springvale.

I brought up the subject of Father O'Donnell and he expressed great sympathy with this whole affair.

As far as he recalls, a young fellow REDACTED approached him in 1958 (he thinks that's the year) regarding interfering by Kevin O'Donnell with this boy. REDACTED agreed with REDA to approach the authorities at the Cathedral. He and a REDACTED went to see Monsignor Lawrence Moran, the administrator of the Cathedral. He received them well, was kind and listened to their story (complaint). Monsignor asked them to leave it with him and he would follow it up. - From that day onwards he was out of the case. He had only heard from REDACTED that some one from the Cathedral had come to see Kevin O'Donnell and also had talked to REDA and that everything was squared up since that time.

In the beginning of this year, possibly March, April - he received a phone call from REDACTED with the request that he would testify or make it known, what happened in 1958 and that the Cathedral was involved and knew all about Kevin O'Donnell and let him carry on.

REDACTED refused emphatically to get involved in any way. He told REDACTED that he could not understand him; he said he could not believe that these so called trauma's could come up after 35 or more years; he saw it more as a sort of revenge. And REDA should never forget how good O'Donnell had been to him over many years.

REDACTED said, that was the end of their conversation. REDA CTED has not tried since to get in contact.

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**REDACTED** has still the same attitude in this matter and said again he does not want to be involved. He also said it is a pity that all the good things O'Donnell has done, has already been forgotten and he regrets very much the publicity he is receiving in our local papers.

I left the home at approximately 6 o'clock, after a nice cup of tea and meeting one of the boys also living at that address.

I hope this rapport can assist the future course in regard to the Kevin O'Donnell Case.

With kind regards,



(Rev.) Father A. P. Guelen,  
PARISH PRIEST.