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Dear Mr. Darvell,

Thank you very much for your letter of 19th March regarding Father Risdale and the appended copy of the letter from Brother Patrick White. It all sounds very well, but clearly his involvement was in a rather specialized supportive way, furthermore there was not very much in the way of exploration carried out. I wish I could accept Patrick White's conviction of honesty; having had long and bitter experience with such patients I think a healthy cynicism is to be encouraged. Again,

I do not wish to carp but I think one needs to be very careful about qualifications which are claimed, particularly if they come from some specialized centres such as some of the Universities specifically associated with the Church and where the psychological training and degrees might not be comparable to those which are undertaken in at least the better lay institutions within the English speaking world. It would be interesting to know what the Ph.D. really means and whether it was taken in clinical psychology or not, and what the other qualifications mean in the academic cum clinical psychology field. It may well be that MPS means Pastoral Psychology or Service, which covers a very general field and has relatively little to do with sexual problems in my experience.

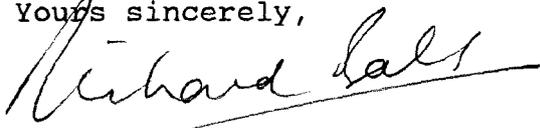
I am not saying that the gentleman is in any way not a competent person and probably highly skilled in what he does, but his range of expertise and training may be limited with reference to this particular field.

By the time you get this letter you will also have heard from me about the FAX which has arrived from Rome throwing some

doubt on the other place that was involved in Father Risdale's management.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Ball". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard Ball