

September 14th 1945.

My very dear Br. Provincial,

Yours of Aug. 20 arrived on Aug. 27 and yours of Aug. 31 on Sep. 10. So our Mails are now more quick in transit than even before the war. Soon we will have a regular Air Service.

Thomas McS. His is a really bad case. I do not see how you could have come to any other decision regarding him. He merits the most severe penalty but as you say there are circumstances which make one hesitate before passing sentence. He must be kept out of any danger of release and never in contact with the young. But try to give him work and plenty work. Manual work even if it were only "weeding" in the garden or trimming the lawns and raking the walks. He must not be idle and he must be made feel that he has to atone for his offences.

H.F. You can not do much with this man. It was well to get the Moylan. Ap. Del's sanction for his absence. If necessary get it removed but it would be best to compel him if possible to return to the Monastery and give him such employment as he can do.

H. I. G. You must regularise his position. If he does not seek a Dispensation it will be necessary to dismiss him. We will not hesitate to do that if he forces us to it. You can do nothing until his six months leave expires. You should then direct him to return to the Monastery which you name and if he refuses you can give him a warning if that is necessary but if you have already given him the Canonical warnings you may proceed and take a vote on his dismissal. Send us the result and we will not be slow in acting. You need not be afraid of anything he may threaten or do. Those to whom he would appeal know his type very well. But you may have to give some of them—the Ap. Del. or the Archbishop, or Dr. Mannix if he complains to them and they ask for an explanation so it might be well to have his misdemeanors briefly recorded. He certainly has a discreditable record but pitiable like so many who take wrong turn.

The Superior General is away at present but before he left he read your letters and we discussed them. With all best wishes,
Rev. I. L. Mackey.

Your affectionate Br.

W. M. McCarthy