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Dear John

I am writing with regard to your statement of complaint of June 3, 2002. I am sorry that communication is very slow at present, but I hope that we can now move matters on more quickly.

As I indicated in my last letter I have discussed your complaint with the Archbishop. I also inquired about Fr Duggan's state of health and whether or not he could be interviewed about the complaint.

The advice I have now received from Sister Rosemarie, Director of Nursing at the Nursing Home section of the Little Sisters at Randwick is that Fr Duggan's mental state has deteriorated seriously. His memory is variable, he cannot make a mature decision and has no capacity to understand the full implications of a decision.

The next step is usually to appoint an assessor to interview both parties. I would like to discuss with you what we might do now that it appears pointless to have Dr Duggan interviewed.

Yours sincerely,

John Davoren
Director of Professional Standards