

ASSESSMENT REPORTGregory Sutton

September 8, 1989

Greg Sutton is a 38 year old Marist Brother from Australia who participated in the assessment program at Southdown from August 27 - September 1, 1989. Psychological tests administered included the following:

- The Bender Gestalt
- The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Revised
- The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
- The Personal Orientation Inventory
- The Rorschach
- The Thematic Apperception Test
- Projective Drawings

In addition to psychological testing with Brigitte Teleki, Greg had a beginning health evaluation with Elaine Guidinger, C.S.J., R.N.; a psychiatric evaluation with Stephen Stokl, M.D., F.R.C.P.(C); a psychological interview with Richard Gilmartin, Ph.D.; a spiritual life assessment with Lea Boutin, M.O., M.A.; and an addiction assessment with Michael John Sy, Ph.D.

Greg was referred to Southdown because of sexual abuse of children, 5 boys and 3 girls, ages 10 - 13 from 1975 to 1986. These were all children that Greg had taught or known over a period of time. The activity included his fondling of breast and genital areas, and on occasion, mutual masturbation. The last occasion in 1986 involved an 11 year old girl. Glen asked to be removed from the school because he was quite shocked by the emotional involvement: he saw himself as her lover. At this time, he underwent a psychological assessment and treatment was recommended. Glen did not pursue the recommendation. Recent publicity around sexual abuse of children occasioned a recent investigation. No charges had been made prior to the assessment.

Greg is a short, husky man with cropped hair. He did not volunteer information about himself but answered questions when asked. His range of affect appeared very restricted, suggesting some degree of Alexythymia. There was no overt psychotic symptomatology discernable nor any formal thought disorder.

Family and Developmental History

Greg has one brother three years younger than he who is in the same religious community as Greg. He comes from a traditional Catholic family where daily devotions were strong. Both parents considered religious life when they were young. At first, the family lived on a farm and were economically poor. When Greg was

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nine, there was a move to the city. Both parents found work and their life style became more prosperous. Greg describes his father as a quiet, shy man who finds it difficult to express feelings. His father was a P.O.W. during World War II, and this experience had some sequelae on his behavior. Greg, however, feels closest to his father. He says that they share similar interests and know when to give each other space. He describes his mother as a sensitive, gentle woman who is concerned for the welfare of those around her. He reports that his mother has always been interested in his life and sees his religious vocation as a blessing.

It is interesting to note that Greg views his family as stable and supportive. He also gives his reason for involvement with the children as seeking emotional support. From his family history, as he gives it, there is no apparent reason for Greg to look for emotional support in inappropriate ways. When further questioned, Greg admitted that his father took a second job and was away a lot. He himself always attended a private boys elementary school and was sent to a boarding school at age 14.

There seems to be no perinatal abnormality or difficulty in achieving hard mile stones, although he does report that he was a bed wetter until he was eight years of age. His grades were good in both elementary and in high school. There is an absence, however, of a latency youth chum. Greg said that he was quite active in a rugby league and also swam. At present, he referees in a rugby league and coaches teams of boys from ages 6 - 16. He took his teaching certificate after high school and eventually got his Bachelor's of Education as well as a certificate in financial management.

Vocational History

Greg began thinking of religious life at age 11. He "worshipped" one of the Marist brothers who taught him. At age 15, he entered the community. Postulancy and novitiate were enjoyable times. This was immediately following Vatican II when the formation program was being revamped. Much of the old structures were still in place. Formal prayer was taught. Emphasis was placed on the Office, the Liturgy and the examination of conscience. A good deal of time was spent working on the community's dairy farm.

Greg taught school for 13 years. Some of these years were spent in administration as school principal. Since 1987, after the revelation of his last sexual involvement, he has served as the administrator of a theological college.

Gregory SuttonPsychosexual History

Sexually, Greg denies any unusual or distressing occurrence in his own life. He described homosexual peer group activity that occurred in the all boys school he attended. At age 13, there was mutual masturbation with a boy two years older than he, and this went on for a period of two years. At the age of 18 when he was in religious formation mutual masturbation occurred on three occasions with a 28 year old man. He has never had intercourse.

Glen reports that he masturbates, but that this is decreasing and averages about five times per week. This activity has been going on for the past 20 years. Although previous testing suggested to him that he was homosexual, he thinks that he is bisexual. Since his activity has been with young boys, older men and prepubertal girls, and since his sexual feelings for older women are only in fantasy, he seems homosexual. When asked if a homosexual orientation would bother him, he said that it would not.

The first time that any sexual activity took place with children was in 1975 when Greg was 24. This was with a 13 year old pre-pubertal boy, a student, whom he fondled on one occasion. On the next occasion, two years later, there was activity with a pre-pubertal boy of 12 years that involved mutual masturbation for about 14 weeks. Again the child was a student. In 1981, there was an 11 year old boy whom Greg fondled on three occasions. In 1982 there was another 12 year old boy with whom there was mutual masturbation over 14 weeks. There was also fondling of the breasts and genitals of two eleven year old girls. The last occasion was in 1986 with an 11 year old girl. This involved not only fondling but also an emotional involvement that spanned two terms for about a total of 20 weeks. Greg acknowledges being masturbated by this girl but is uncertain whether or not he masturbated her to climax.

Psychological Testing

On the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised, Greg obtained a Full Scale Intelligence Quotient within the Average Range. Verbal IQ was Average while Performance IQ was High Average. Verbal test score scatter was unremarkable. Both Block Design and Object Assembly are elevated Performance scores. Greg appears to have superior visual motor coordination and perceptual organization abilities which is not surprising as he is a draftsman. This together with an average Picture Arrangement score argues against a psychopathic profile and reasonably explains the 11 point difference between VIQ and PIQ.

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Greg's reproduction of the Bender Gestalt Figures was within normal limits and is consistent with his performance scores on the WAIS.

Greg's profile on the Personal Orientation Inventory shows a fair amount of dysfunction. According to his responses, Greg appears to be unable to live in the present and worries about the past or future. He is more apt to seek the approval of others than to be self-directed. He does not seem to readily accept the values of self-actualizing persons and to be rigid in his own application of values. While he indicates an insensitivity to his own needs and feelings, he acknowledges that he expresses his feelings behaviorally with some spontaneity. High self-worth conflicts with being unable to accept self with weaknesses. Opposites are viewed as unreconcilable. This may suggest compartmentalized behavior as well. Some difficulty with interpersonal relations is acknowledged and Greg seems to find it particularly difficult to express feelings of anger.

While Greg's profile for the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory is probably valid, it may reflect an exaggeration of symptoms. Certainly Greg's depression score is very elevated and is not consistent with interview data. In addition Greg acknowledges a high degree of anxiety. He feels alienated and remote from his environment. Lack of cognitive mastery may reflect compulsive sexual fantasies that he has talked about. He also seems hypersensitive, somewhat self-involved and to have a poor self-image. In talking to Greg about this, he acknowledged the presence of disruptive feelings which he tries to control through spiritual means and through rationalizing defenses. Despite an overall low score for available energy, Greg feels a certain amount of psychomotor acceleration.

Rorschach testing reveals a record that is neither psychotic nor depressed. It does appear defensive and controlled. Despite control, there is some indication for impulsivity and rebelliousness. Low self-esteem conflicts with a high need to achieve. There is also evidence for conflict around engaging in mature interpersonal relations.

Greg's projective drawings suggest that he may be withdrawn, evasive, and sensitive to criticism. Anger is present but quite contained and not easily expressed. Compartmentalizing of behavior and functioning may be present. There is a preoccupation with sexuality and indications of psychological immaturity.

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The stories composed for the Thematic Apperception Test suggest that characters feel the burden of responsibility against which they may rebel. Anger is expressed through violence. One character becomes depressed over a scolding for not keeping his bedroom in order.

Beginning Health Evaluation

Greg has no allergies and is not on any regular medication. He has never had head injury with loss of consciousness. He has experienced bouts of gallbladder attacks over the past ten years. As this was recently diagnosed he is to undergo gallbladder surgery. The hematological tests required for the assessment were somewhat elevated:

Sed rate	44	(normal range 0 - 20)
Iron	6.1	(normal range 7.2 - 32)
Alk. Phos.	116	(normal range 30 - 115)
SGPT	70	(normal range 0 - 40)

These elevations are most probably a result of Greg's gallbladder attacks and should be checked after recovery from surgery.

Substance Use Interview

Greg's maternal grandfather appears to have been an alcoholic. There is no other evidence of alcoholism in the family. Greg does state that both his parents were prescribed valium at one time in their lives but there is no evidence of their having abused this drug. While Greg does not acknowledge a drinking problem, there is a pattern of use clearly related to self-confidence issues.

Spiritual Life Assessment

Greg acknowledges that his faith in God is moderately weak at this time. He feels a bit distant in his relationship with God. He is faithful to daily private prayer and the Office. He participates in the Liturgy several times a week. He feels that over the years prayer has become an increasingly important part of his life. Community life has presented no problems that he has not been able to cope with. On the other hand, he admits that he has suffered from a lack of emotional support from the environment and that he has sought this support in sexual relations with children. He likes to see God as a very forgiving and compassionate Being. However, he experiences God as distant, somewhat not engaged. He has not had spiritual direction nor sought any personal help before.

Gregory SuttonSummary and Treatment Recommendations

Greg is a man who presents as guarded and moderately evasive, unless pinned down. He gives the impression of a "together" exterior functioning with little affective response. However, when one talks with him, he does reveal fear of his own feelings. Though exaggerated, the MMPI profile probably reveals something valid about his inner state which he seems to deal with through compartmentalization from daily aspects of his personal and professional life. Immaturity rather than manipulation seems to characterize his manner of functioning.

## Diagnosis:

Axis I: Pedophilia	302.20
Axis II: Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder with immature personality traits - <u>tentative</u>	301.40
Axis III: Scheduled for Cholecystectomy	

Greg is affectively quite withdrawn and lacks insight into both himself and his behavior. Residential treatment is the preferred manner of treatment and he should enter a residential program as soon as possible after his recovery from surgery.

Since Greg's acting out sexually has been with children whom he has taught and with whom he has had an established relationship and since his health will demand a time of rest, it does not seem unreasonable for him to spend the time prior to entering residential treatment with a Marist community in Chicago. He has consented that the American Provincial be informed of his presence there and has agreed to be responsible to the person whom his own Superior in Australia will appoint. He has been advised that if he travels outside the Chicago area both persons need to be advised of this.

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The contents of this report have been read and approved by the Executive Director.

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