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Record of interview between Inspector Irwin, Senior Detective Barritt and Monsignor Day on the 10th. day of November 1971 at 9.40am.

Irwin " As you know Monsignor, Irwin is my name, Inspector of Police and my colleague is Senior Detective Barritt. I am making inquiries into allegations that have been levelled at you concerning acts of attempted buggery, gross indecency and indecent assaults committed on young people, boys and girls, over a period of years from 1957. I intend asking you questions which I have prepared and I also intend recording your answers, have you any objection to this procedure?"

Monsignor Day " No, that will be alright ".

Irwin " Firstly, do you know BUA ?" .

Monsignor Day " He was at the primary school years ago" .

Irwin " BUA states that in 1957 whilst in grade 6 at the Sacred Heart Catholic School here in Mildura, you took him to Melbourne in your car, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " I wouldn't know to be quite sure " .

Irwin " On the same day the housekeeper from the Presbytery travelled with you to Ararat where she was to visit relatives, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " She has travelled with me. Mrs Sarah Lane, now deceased" .

Irwin " BUA states that after you left Ararat you undid the fly of your trousers, took his right hand and put it on your penis inside your trousers, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " I wouldn't think so. I can't remember him being with me " .

Irwin " BUA also stated that you moved your hand around causing him to rub your penis, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " No " .

Irwin " He, BUA also stated that you did this nearly all the way to Melbourne, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " No " .

Irwin " BUA also stated that on that occasion you took him to Melbourne the two of you stayed at your sister's place and slept in the same double bed. He woke up and found his hand on your penis and that you took hold of his penis and played with it, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " I have no idea of him being with me " .

Irwin " He also stated that the following day you took him to a picture theatre in Flinders Street is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " I can't remember BUA ever being with me " .

Irwin " BUA stated that on that night when you both went to bed you pulled his pyjama pants down and tried to put your penis into his bottom, is that correct?" .

Monsignor Day " No " .

Irwin " The following day, a Sunday, BUA cannot remember if you went to Mass, but he does remember that on the way home to Mildura you took hold of his hand, placed it inside your trousers and made him play with your penis, is that correct?"

Monsignor Day " I'd say no. I can't remember him being with me".

Irwin " You realize of course that BUA, at that time, would only be about twelve years of age?"

Monsignor Day " If he was at the primary school he would be about that age".

Irwin " Can you tell me any reason this person would have for making these allegations if they are untrue ".

Monsignor Day " I can't even remember taking him, but if he said so I must have. I do not know of any reason he would have for making these allegations".

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A.F. Irwin,
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