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MEMORANDUM

TO: His Eminence, Bernard Cardinal Law
FROM: Monsignor Richard Lennon *RGL*
RE: Reverend Gary Balcom

April 23, 1998

Your Eminence:

Yesterday I received from your Residence the rescript granting Reverend Gary Balcom, Class of 1972, a dispensation from all the Obligations of the Priesthood. His case was presented in light of sexual misconduct with a young man which continued over many years.

The usual procedure is for me to contact the priest, inviting him to my office for the official notification of the dispensation and inviting him to contact Kaye to arrange for a meeting with you.

Given the circumstances, I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you wish me to follow the usual procedure, specifically the part of asking him to arrange for a meeting with you.

Presently there are two other cases in Rome awaiting their decision: Father Kevin Devine who has abandoned the Catholic Faith and who through his seminary formation testified that he did not embrace the Catholic Faith and Father James Wilson who was involved in sexual misconduct. If these petitions are granted, again would you like to follow the usual procedure of meeting with dispensed priests who are in these types of situations?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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