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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 31, 1999 regarding the matter of Father Ralph Strand, following the Review Board's meeting of August 21, 1999.

[redacted] Father Strand is no longer on parole, I have accepted the Board's recommendation that Father Strand be allowed to wear the Roman collar at clergy gatherings, at wakes, and at Masses for which he has received approval to participate. I also concur with the Board's agreement to reduce the frequency of his calling in to the Professional Fitness Review Office from twice a day to once a day.

I further accept the Board's recommendation that Father Strand continue to maintain a daily log which is submitted monthly to the Office of Professional Fitness Review, although this log may be less detailed than in the past. As the Board suggests, it should primarily indicate where Father Strand is spending his evenings, weekends and overnight stays.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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