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TO: CARDINAL BERNARDIN
FROM: REV. RAYMOND GOEDERT 
DATE: JUNE 28, 1991
RE: RALPH STRAND

1. I received word from the Personnel Board that you had approved the appointment of Ralph Strand to the pastorate of St. Francis Borgia. Inasmuch as I had not been advised previously that Ralph was applying for parishes, I was not in a position to say anything.

2. Be that as it may, I would not want you to be unaware that there was a problem in Ralph's past. While I do not think it necessarily means withdrawing Ralph's appointment, I would feel better if you had the information before you make the appointment final.

[REDACTED]

4. As background for you, I am enclosing copies of Tom's memos of 2/12/86 and 3/28/86 as well as my own memos of 6/25-27/91. I tried to reach Ralph Strand myself today [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately, Ralph went on vacation and is not due back for another week.

5. I would recommend the following steps: A) I suggest that you call Ralph in, explain your concerns and ask him point blank if he has had any problems whatever in the last five years or so. B) If Ralph admits to any lapses, or if you yourself are still in doubt, [REDACTED]

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