

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Bishop Hughes  
FROM: Father McCormack *JCM*  
DATE: December 9, 1991  
RE: Reverend Paul Shanley

Attached to this memo are copies of letters I have received from:

- a. Dr. James W. Shaner - the doctor for Paul Shanley in California
- b. A letter I sent to Dr. Cassem regarding Dr. Shaner's letter.
- c. Dr. Cassem's response to my letter.

It is clear to me that Paul Shanley is a sick person. I really question the advisability of asking Fr. Shanley to return to Boston for a psychiatric consultation with the view that he would be able to return to active ministry. I think Paul would be terribly threatened by this and would be uncooperative with the effort.

From what I can gather, Paul is free-lancing in California - that is, helping out in the parish where he lives once in a while or in other parishes but nothing more than that.

Based on Dr. Shaner's and Dr. Cassem's observations, my recommendation would be to place him on disability. What I am not sure about is whether it should be full or partial. If we keep him on partial disability, we maintain a regular contact with him which is something he would like to avoid. If we make it permanent, we have no contact with him or, at best, minimal contact. We would have no idea what he is doing.

I am going to talk to Dr. Cassem about this. Do you have any insights or observations before I approach him?

Many thanks.

*F. McCormack* 12/10

*John:*  
1. I would be inclined to favor partial disability  
2. I think that we need to keep contact even if rebuffed.

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