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Here's more information from our files regarding Father Luis E. De Francisco. He was an ordained priest of the Diocese of Cali, Colombia. The first thing in our files is from his bishop dated July 11, 1962. On August 30, 1962 he was assigned as an assistant at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Indio, California.

Bishop Buddy wrote him on December 21, 1962 indicating the need to terminate his services in the diocese because of incidents at Indio and directing him to return to his own diocese. Then there's another letter dated January 8, 1963 referring to more complaints and directing him to leave no later than January 9, 1963. An August 16, 1963 letter from Bishop Buddy to Bishop of Cali says "This was caused by complaints from parishioners in three separate parishes, due to Father de Francisco's association with their children. In early August 1962, Father was placed under arrest by the civil police of the City of San Diego for violation of the State Penal Code. At that time, arrangements were made between this Chancery and the civil authorities of San Diego in which, if Father left the United States with the promise never to return, the charges against Father would be set aside by the Civil Law."

There's a copy of an affidavit dated August 14, 1963 in which de Francisco swears under oath the he desires to voluntarily depart the US and will never re-enter the US again. The affidavit says, in part: "That affiant has been a resident of the US...having resided in the States of Florida, Texas and California..."

So it looks like de Francisco was in Texas before he came to California.

There's nothing else of significance in the file.

Hope that helps.

Sincerely,
Steve Callahan

NO RESEARCH MATERIAL WAS FOUND FOR REV. LUIS DE FRANCISCO
OTHER THAN HIS CONFIDENTIAL FILE