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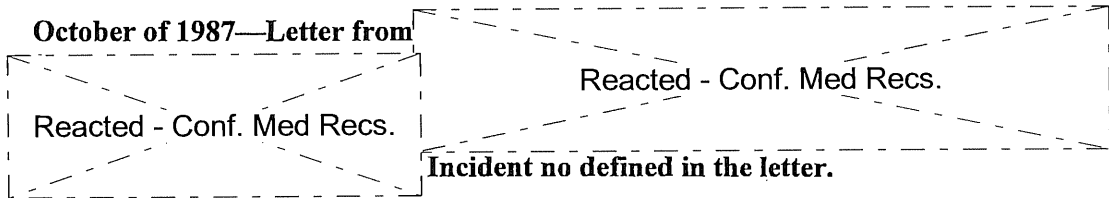
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**Sequence of "events" in the matter of Gerard Smit**

In May of 1987 Smit contacted Bishop Mulvee by letter saying that he had permission of his Bishop to live in "semi-retirement" with his sister who resided in the Elkton area and that he would like to be of service in some pastoral way—perhaps as a Part time Associate.

**Bishop asks the Vicar for the Priests to look into the matter**

**Bishop Speyrer of the Diocese of Lake Charles writes to the Bishop of Wilmington in the May of 1987 stating that Fr. Smit is "semi-retired" and in "good-standing"**



**There seems to be some indication in the file that Clem might have spoken with Bishop Speyrer.**

In 1996 contact from [redacted] about abuse—contacted the pastor at Elkton—matter handed over to Clem. Clem met with [redacted] several times and [redacted] claims certain in appropriate actions between him and Roman Catholic priest during childhood—priest not named—[redacted] i.e. Smit-- not willing to have the allegations go public agreed to pay the [redacted]

**In the discussions leading up to the [redacted]—there was evidence that Smit had paid a [redacted] in 1994—copy of check in file.—Later controversy about this.**

**Smit told by Lemon—no letter in file—that her could not function in the diocese—(Need to check the faculties book and see if there is a record of issue and revocation)-dissociate himself with all church activity (was doing a bible Study)**

**2002- September Contact with both diocese of Lake Charles and Lafayette by Msgr. Cini re Smit—Lake Charles advised that Bishop Braxton tells Smit removed from ministry due to a claims by a [redacted]**

**2003 Smit teaching At Academy of Life Long learning—represents self as priest – We called a told him once again to desist.**

**2006 Letter from Cini to Smit—you are being named publicly by Bishop Saltarelli as someone with a “substantiated or otherwise corroborated allegation of sexual abuse.” –No reply**

**November of 2006 Named released to Public**