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MEMORANDUM

August 31, 1972

TO: HIS EMINENCE
FROM: FR. KEATING
RE: FR. HENRY SWIDER

At my request Father Swider came to my office to explain his situation and plans. He has spent the last three winters on extended leave in Acapulco. There he owns a condominium. He never presented himself to the local Bishop there, for he has not functioned as a priest.

He looked remarkably healthy, spoke often of his money and possessions, stocks and bonds, Mercedes-Benz auto, motor boat, land acquisition near Acapulco airport, reconsidered \$10,000 donation to Benedictine monastery in Cuernavaca, etc.

My impression is that his sick-leave patterns of the last few years are clearly without bona fide justification and he should be faced with the sharp alternatives of either assuming a full assignment in the Archdiocese or resigning. This I think is necessary both for his own moral recuperation and for the general good of Chicago priests, some of whom have taken grave offense at Swider's situation.

He is temporarily authorized to reside and serve at St. Casimir's, until Dec. 31, 1972. He was given to understand clearly that he needs explicit permission of Your Eminence for further sick leave. He said that he would seek approval of his plans later this year.