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September 8, 1997

The Honorable Tommy Thompson,
Governor, State of Wisconsin
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Post Office Box 7863
Madison, Wisconsin 537007

Dear Governor Thompson,

Thank you for your personal thoughtfulness in granting an extraordinary permission for the body of Catherine Maday to be brought to the Fox Lake Correctional Facility for the viewing by her son, Norbert. It was an exceptional act of charity.

Many of your staff and employees deserve special recognition. Mr. Stewart Simonson, your legal counsel, demonstrated a readiness in his acumen and understanding of the situation by facilitating the movements of the day. Deputy warden, Daniel Benik of the Fox Lake Correctional Facility, his staff, the chaplain services and the correctional officers all were both effective and compassionate in providing access to the facility for the family members and Norbert. They were personally supportive and caring of the mourners. I know of the extraordinary planning and subsequent effective mobilization that had to take place that day. It required exceptional effort of your staff. I do appreciate all of that effort which was rendered with dignity and courtesy.

Please accept my appreciation for all you have done, your personal thoughtfulness and the goodness of your staff.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis E. George".

Most Reverend Francis E. George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

CC: Mr. Stewart Simonson, Legal Counsel
Mr. Daniel Benik and Staff, Fox Lake Correctional Facility
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Sec. Corrections/Bishop Wycislo

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