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Jesuit Superior to Summon Nixon Aide

By The Associated Press

BOSTON, May 22—The religious superior of the Rev. John J. McLaughlin, who is an adviser to President Nixon, has summoned the Jesuit priest to return to Boston from the White House for "prayer" and "reflection."

The Rev. Richard T. Cleary, regional provincial of the Jesuit Fathers of New England, said that Father McLaughlin might be asked to leave the White House. He also said that Father McLaughlin could face dismissal from the Jesuit order.

"I will be asking him to take a brief time away for prayer about his situation and reflection with me," Father Cleary said. He said that Father McLaughlin had been asked to come to Boston as "soon as he can get time to do it."

Father McLaughlin, a special deputy adviser to Mr. Nixon, has been outspoken in his defense of the President and sharply critical of Mr. Nixon's opponents.

Father Cleary said he was "puzzled" as to whether Father McLaughlin was living up to his vows of poverty and obedience. The Jesuit official said earlier in the day that Father McLaughlin's statements did not reflect church policy.

Father McLaughlin, told of that comment in Chicago, responded, "I don't intend to speak for the church, but for the President."

Father Cleary said he could



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The Rev. John J. McLaughlin at news meeting in Chicago

find no record that permission had been given for Father McLaughlin to work in the White House, although he noted that some "encouragement" had been given. Father Cleary said he spoke with Father McLaughlin in Washington recently and the priest believed he had received permission to work in the White House.

Father Cleary said he also had no record that Father McLaughlin had ever been given

permission to live in the Watergate apartments. "Speaking for myself, I would not live there," Father Cleary said, adding that Jesuits were usually required to live in Jesuit communities.

Father Cleary called a news conference in the wake of numerous public statements Father McLaughlin had made on behalf of President Nixon, includ-

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ing defense of the President's use of swear words, Father McLaughlin had said that swearing was sometimes a release mechanism.

Asked if he agreed with Father McLaughlin's defense of President Nixon's strong language in White House conversations, Father Cleary said, "I would be standing up against Moses if I did. Thou shalt not take the name of thy Lord and God in vain."

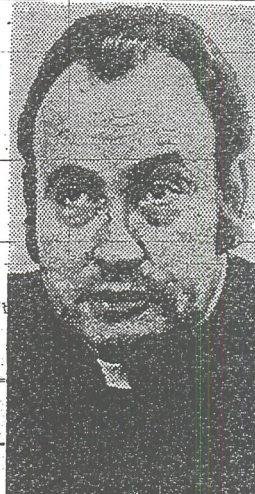
3 Options Available

In response to questions, Father Cleary indicated he had three options in dealing with Father McLaughlin: To do nothing, to instruct him to leave the White House, or to recommend his dismissal from the Jesuit order, although his status as a priest would not necessarily be affected. Father Cleary declined to speculate on what would happen.

"I do not intend to hurt him," Father Cleary said. "I am not saying he is not in good standing as a Jesuit priest."

Father Cleary said that all Jesuits were required to make an annual eight-day retreat, usually in the summer, and that is what he would be asking Father McLaughlin to do.

The Jesuit official, discussing Father McLaughlin's attitude toward the controversy over his status at the White



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The Rev. Richard T. Cleary tells in Boston of his plans for the Rev. John J. McLaughlin, Jesuit aide to the President.

House, said, "He likes to feel it's a political question. I do not feel it is. The question at issue is a religious one."

Life-Style Defended

CHICAGO, May 22 (UPI)—Father McLaughlin said today he did not regard his secular

life-style as unorthodox and noted that the Boston province of his order was "geopolitically in the center of Democratic thinking."

Priest Scores Waldie

CHICAGO, May 22 (AP)—Father McLaughlin urged today that a third member of the House Judiciary Committee disqualify himself from the inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Nixon.

The Jesuit priest said that Representative Jerome Waldie, Democrat of California, "quite clearly has convicted President Nixon in his head and in his heart" and has "severely prejudiced the impartiality" of the committee.

Father McLaughlin said he was speaking for the President. He previously has urged two other Democrats—Representative Robert F. Drinan of Massachusetts, also a Jesuit priest, and John Conyers of Michigan—to disqualify themselves from the inquiry.

"I am a spokesman for the President," he said. "My statements are consonant with those of the President. But I wouldn't want my statements to be taken completely literally."