

Nixon's Priest Calls It Jesuit 'Family Dispute'

Washington

The Rev. John McLaughlin said yesterday that a dispute with his Jesuit superiors ought to be settled "within the privacy of the Jesuit family like any other family dispute."

In an interview, the Jesuit priest who is a deputy special assistant to President Nixon would not say whether he will heed a call by his Jesuit superior to return to Boston for "prayer and reflection" following his statements defending the President as a moral man and asserting that Mr. Nixon's profanity is a necessary release mechanism.

Father McLaughlin said

from his White House office that "communications are going on" concerning the dispute, although he said he had not talked directly to his superior, the Very Rev. Richard T. Cleary, since Saturday.

This is a family matter to be resolved within the privacy of the Jesuit family," Father McLaughlin said.

Meanwhile, he is continuing with his White House duties, working on unspecified "impeachment matters" and planning an appearance next Tuesday on a Chicago television program, The Phil Donahue Show.

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