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PSYCHIATRIC SUMMARY

RE: Zachary and Jennifer
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Zachary and Jennifer Collins have been under psychiatric care with me beginning in June 1992 when the court ordered their return to reconstitute a relationship with their father, Mark Collins. The children and their mother, Holly Collins, had been in Boston the previous nine months but were ordered to return to Minnesota for a custody evaluation. Initially, the task of therapy was to help reintegrate and rebuild a relationship between Mark Collins and Zachary and Jennifer. Over this time the children were also evaluated by Hennepin County Family Court Services for abuse and neglect by their father. Upon repeated and thorough investigation, the family court services found that there was no evidence for physical or sexual abuse which was also confirmed by Child Protection who investigated numerous complaints that abuse had occurred. In December of 1992, Judge Davis reversed custody to Mark Collins. His findings that Holly was overprotective and potentially dangerous to the children's well being was substantiated by multiple reports, testimony and evidence gathered by the court during this extensive hearing.

During this pretrial evaluation period, I saw the children on a repeated basis along with Holly and Mark. This was a time characterized on the part of the children by marked apprehension, fear, angry outbursts, major accusations toward their father for abusing them and molesting them. Nevertheless they built a positive relationship with him and had regular playful sessions with him in my presence.

I saw the children on 12/23/92 after Judge Davis made the decision to put legal and physical custody with Mark Collins. The children were seen regularly with Mark and Rena Collins. They rapidly accepted this decision and engaged in building of a relationship that was harmonious, joyous and health producing. The particulars of this relationship as it further developed in 1993 are documented in my progress notes. The children's behavior in school continued to improve and they finished the school year missing very few days and with good marks in contrast to frequently missing school because of alleged illnesses prior to the change in custody. Likewise, the allergies that the children supposedly had gradually disappeared until only a few items of food were kept from them for fear that there was a potential for an allergic reaction.

During the course of 1993 and 1994 Holly Collins made frequent accusations that the children were being maltreated. Investigation of these items by me and others found them to be false and that they were unsubstantiated. Holly misinterpreted the children's responses.

The children finished the school year getting average or above average grades with good reports in conduct and relationships with peers and teachers. They had few health problems as compared

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...ary and Jennifer Collins

... 1992 when they were under their mother's care. They remained happy and well adjusted in the care of Mark and Rena Collins and especially enjoyed the relationship with their grandmother, Eleanor Gallagher, who they saw frequently, mostly in Minnesota but at least on one occasion at their grandmother's home in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Their abduction on 6/30/94 by their mother, Holly Collins, is likely to produce disruption and emotional turmoil of a moderate to severe degree judging from the response that had occurred when under Holly's care previously.

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Correction: Eleanor Gallagher resides in Prides Crossing

