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Bishop Clarke, was of the opinion, that the police had been informed & that it was possible he would go to Newcom Australia for a health operation. His health operation happened, but the police, to my knowledge, didn't see him.

He then disappeared again, later letter to San Pablo Parish June 20 1995 - N to Philippines.

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- Vicar General to Bishop Leo Clarke 28th September 1990
– 10 January 1996

Vicar General means

- acts in the absence of the Bishop when Bishop is outside the Diocese.
- Acts according to the "mind of the Bishop".

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- We need to appreciate that Denis was a nomad, like many Irish clergy. On becoming Vicar General I looked at the register of clergy and some just disappeared! So Denis would come and go!
 - M first encounter with the issue
 - May 1993, Sr Paula Regrove R.S.M. brought *Redacted* AL - and she told me that Denis. *at Commissioner's direction*
 - had sexually abused her but she didn't want her mother to be told. Denis had disappeared – but AL had heard that he might be in Northern New Guinea.
 - I rang Fr Brian Lucas – Law Civil Laws Common Law for advice.
 - I rang the Apostolic Nuncio (Pope's representative in Australia) if he could contact his counterpart in New Guinea.
 - He affirmed that Denis was in Northern New Guinea, that he had no diocesan faculties, and was to return to Australia.
 - Fr Brian Lucas, to my knowledge, told Denis to come and see him and report to the Police. Denis did not approach Bishop Clarke.
- Bishop Clarke, was of the opinion, that the police had been informed and that it was possible he would go to Western Australia for a heart operation. This operation happened but the police, to my knowledge, didn't see him.
- He then disappeared again, hence letter to San Pablo Parish June 20 1995 – in the Philippines.
- Denis returned to Western Australia and died getting off the plane on 30 November 2005.