

**The  
Cathedral  
Church  
of St. John  
the Divine**

16 November 1987

The Hon. Morris Lasker  
U.S. District Court  
Southern District

Dear Judge Lasker:

For the past several months Mr. Ivan Boesky has served as a volunteer crisis intervention and referral counselor in the Crisis Center of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Although his previous training and experience were in unrelated fields, Mr. Boesky has demonstrated natural and committed skills in listening, counseling and intervention. This assignment has given Mr. Boesky an unique opportunity for exposure to individual life stories and situations of persons whom society has excluded from so called guaranteed minimum living standards.

The determination of many of these persons in trouble to strive for stability and independence against incredible odds has obviously enhanced and deepened Mr. Boesky's understanding of human nature. His new understanding of our brotherhood and sisterhood with all other persons would seem to have changed his outlook on right and wrong and good and evil.

I commend to whomever must contemplate the future of Mr. Boesky, that his isolation would be a loss to the community of our city and that he could contribute much through continued involvement in service programs or other assignments drawing on his education and skills.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Charles P. Pridemore  
Assistant for Pastoral Ministries