In summary, then, since the nature of the disease of alcoholism, or more generally, chemical dependency, is such that the victim is rendered increasingly incapable of offering himself to remedial care *spontaneously*, the process called intervention is to be viewed as the norm rather than the exception. Carefully prepared and conducted, interventions have a history now of breaking through the denials and bringing many people to appropriate care.

One final, but most important point needs mention. If interventions are going to occur in the armed services in significant numbers, it will be because an environment of understanding of the nature of the illness has been developed. Obviously, this speaks to a program of continued education for service personnel and their families. The chaplain’s office would seem to be the logical and useful focal point for such educational efforts. The Department of Defense has developed a film library to assist in this process.* Pamphlets and other literature are readily available. As understanding increases, interventions are seen to be a normal form of dealing with the afflicted. The chaplains, in turn, move from previous frustration to the new satisfaction of being part of a process in which lives are saved and careers restored.

*The film, *I’ll Quit Tomorrow*, is now available through the Department of Defense and is designed to be directly descriptive of Intervention with the Alcoholic.*