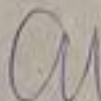


NoteBishop Howe's Visit to C.F.R. after seeing the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Friday, February 20th 1976

1. The papal audience went very well. Bishop Howe read the Archbishop's letter as well as passing it over to the Pope (Pope Paul VI had warm personal memories of this occasion and said it was more than just a ceremonial occasion. It began serious talks.) Bishop Howe discussed briefly the problem of the ordination of women and possible visit to Rome, though there were no conclusions.
2. Bishop Howe also went to Cardinal Willebrands' installation at his titular church in Rome (St. Cosmos and Damian). At the service he met the new Vice-President of the Secretariat, Bishop Ramon Torrella. He was impressed by him and noted that he will be visiting England in the summer to learn English. He met him again at a dinner party given by Harry Smythe.
3. On publicity for Pope Paul VIth's letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury of last November concerning the ordination of women, Bishop Howe (after consultation with the Archbishop) was of the opinion that it should simply be reported at an appropriate time in the Synod.
4. On dialogue on the ordination of women in accordance with the informal meeting at the Secretariat for Unity, action is now awaited from the Secretariat. Mgr. Purdy thought the letter from the Archbishop was the right way forward.
5. On Zaire, Bishop Howe said he had not had time to visit the Propaganda Fide, but he was to go to Zaire in June and would assess the situation. In the meantime he would consult Jesse Hillman of C.M.S. I was to write a general letter to Bishop Bezaleri Ndahura.



C.J.H.