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Note

David Murphy of CTS telephoned about the commentary his firm is publishing on the Pope's recent pronouncement about the ordination of women. He is anxious to include the correspondence between the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury on this subject. He would like (a) permission (b) would it be a good idea. I said I would consult Bishop Howe and telephone him 834-4392.

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I spoke with Bishop Howe and told him of David Murphy's request. The Bishop has all the documentation, but would like time to study it carefully. He will not be able to do this for a few days.

I then telephoned David Murphy and told him this, invited him to supply Bishop Howe direct with any other information he felt appropriate, but asked that the letters should not be included before Bishop Howe had given his permission.

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9th February 1977

Bishop Howe telephoned to say that he had decided that providing the Archbishop and Derek Pattison agreed, permission could be given for the two letters from the Archbishop to be included. He would arrange for Lambeth and the General Synod to be consulted.

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David Murphy phoned to say that Derek Pattinson has now given him permission to print the correspondence between the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury about the Ordination of Women.

I advised him not to expect a reply about the booklet until about Monday or Tuesday.

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