

Possible DRAFT of a COVERING LETTER to be sent by the ACC to the Anglican Churches with a copy of the Versailles Statement

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This publication by the Anglican Church of the Joint Report of the Consultation held last February/March is made with the knowledge and assent of the Roman Catholic Secretariat for Christian Unity, with whom we have been in close association throughout.

Fr Ives Congar, <sup>O.P.</sup> one of the Roman Catholic participants, unfortunately was unwell <sup>during the final sessions</sup> on the last two days of the Consultation, and so was not a signatory. He has informed the Secretariat of his agreement with the Joint Statement which he helped to draft, emphasising that <sup>to be</sup> it must be understood that para 6 is read in <sup>and understood</sup> in the light of para 2 and 3. He believes that this was the general mind of the Roman Catholic participants. (A)

Mgr William Purdy will be at the Lambeth Conference as one of the Roman Catholic Church's Observers, and will be able to comment on the Joint Statement. He <sup>Rehert</sup> is <sup>was</sup> both a participant in the Consultation, and a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity.

(A) The Anglican intention is also that the document <sup>be</sup> is read as a single whole, in the light of the ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ Terms of Reference given to the Consultation.