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Dear John

I am much looking forward to the joint meeting with the Roman Catholics at the end of February. There are just a few things that I am writing to you about.

The first is whether there is, to your knowledge, anything written about the theological basis for the present Anglican Communion attitude: I mean this - as I see it the Anglican Provinces, whatever their attitude to the Ordination of Women, have refused to break communion with other Provinces over it (I do not speak of the ECUSA situation ~~but rather~~ which is an internal schism but rather of the attitude between Provinces of which I think that attitude of the Central African bishops in their letter to the Church of Canada is an example). Now is this simply a matter of the 'old boy' net which does not want to break communion or is there anywhere a theological rationale for this? It seems to me that the Romans will expect us to have some solid theological reasons for our action.

The second is more mundane: I am assuming from your last letter that it is Paris and am hoping to ~~say~~ say with a friend beforehand so if it is not likely to be Paris or its neighbourhood would be glad to know as soon as possible.

And my final question is to ask who the other four Anglicans are. / Which is I suppose pure curiosity but I confess I would love to know.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours ever,

I lent various books etc to the Prims on this matter: he is an old friend from Anglican Presbyterian days when we were both in the Edinburgh group.