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ITEMS TO BE FORWARDED FOR
CONSIDERATION IN PLENARY

1. Need to reaffirm our goal as full organic unity and nothing less, with stages as means to that end. (cf. Media Rep.)
Our statements have contributed to these stages
2. State that our document did not deal at any length with some questions (e.g. the 'authority' of 'holiness') because they are not controversial between the two Churches.
3. Need for further discussion - perhaps at later stage - of the whole notion of jus divinum.
4. A question for future exploration: the relationship between the present R.C. College of Bishops and any other College of Bishops *which may come into* ~~not now in~~ communion with Rome.
5. To affirm that the discens/docens distinction is to be found to some degree in every Christian.
6. For future discussion: the view that since in these matters we are dealing with ineffable truths, *and in any case the demands for common Christian action in* we should re-adjust *practical matters are so urgent,* our priorities and take account of the fact that 'the ecumenical task' doesn't need and can't at present afford to spend time on theological niceties.
7. To explore the question of how much of our work, as we have conceived it, can be completed before corporate union takes place.