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NOTE for Christopher Hill.  
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Mgr Moeller's Letter, 10 July 1976

This letter must surely be related in some way to the ABC's letter of February 1976 to Card. Willibrands. But if so there seems to be a considerable measure of confusion.

Moeller's letter only makes sense to me if it relates to the 1975 motion of the C of E General Synod asking urgently for talks with Rome on (specifically) the Ordination of Women.

Whereas the ABC's letter is about the ACC, Anglicanism and the informal talks last November.

Thus Moeller refers only to ~~xxxx~~ CFR (which is more likely than ACC to relate directly to the C of E), and the ABC only to the ACC and the Anglican family.

ABC's letter is a direct outcome of the Note from the Informal Talks, and quotes the request ~~xxxx~~ for a consultation between Anglicans and Romans "not to discuss whether or not it is right to ordain women, but to try to find to what extent and in what ways Churches with women priests and Churches without can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship".

ABC points out that it will take time (and through me) to put together the Anglican membership. Moeller assumes it can be done more or less at once, and he is presumably thinking of England only.

I cannot see that a decision is possible about a consultation until all this is sorted out. I do not think this can be fully coped with with Bp Torrella when he calls here tomorrow.

Incidentally for anything less than 'Anglican' we shall need to consider very carefully the likely re-actions of other Anglican Chs. This subject is no sleeping dog!

Passing thought - who pays? Ditto - where would meetings be?

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The manner of the typing is all my own. Excuse please.

J.

Enclosed: rough Agenda for Informal Talks 1-3 Nov. 1976. As promised. 5.