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I was very sorry indeed to have missed you. You will have gathered that I was in Versailles with the Ordination of Women Consultation. Professor Griffiss of Nashotah House will I hope be able to give you a personal report. The text of a document was agreed to and at the moment it is being polished up from an editorial point of view. The content of the document is modest, but I believe significant. It certainly indicates that the door to reconciliation of ministries is not closed in spite of the recent Rome Declaration. I enclose a copy of the text, though as I say one or two purely editorial and minor changes may be made. The Secretariat for Unity will be pressing for its publication, but until then the content of the document is strictly confidential.

John Hotchkin was also present and it might be worth while having a word with him. As yet we have had no enquiries as to the results of the meeting here in London, though of course the matter has not been kept secret and note of the meeting was made in the recent Anglican Information from Bishop Howe's office.

I was most interested to see the text of the Supreme Council of Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church's statement on the Denver "consecrations". In view of the odd reports in the "Church Times" of 3rd March, this was most helpful. I have shown a copy to the Archbishop, Bishop Howe also has a copy and I am sending one, as you requested, to Bill Purdy in the Vatican.

On the question of the dissident bishops visiting England, I think it probably is right to warn the Archbishop. I think I shall suggest that this fact is informally drawn to the attention of the House of Bishops at its next meeting. To create too much fuss in advance might be counter productive.

With my very warm best wishes,

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