

Letter No 9

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May 25, 1994

The Assistant Bishop  
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Dear Sir

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We report that we have conferred with the solicitors acting for Mr Daniels and we have been informed that Mr Daniels accepts that the payment of the amount required to settle the matter will be his responsibility rather than the responsibility of the Church. This has been explained to the solicitors acting for BYG, on the basis that if the Church was to be involved in the making of any payment then such payment would be required to be authorised by Diocesan Council and in that event the inevitable wide publicity of the matter would result in Daniels dismissal.

It has further been explained to the solicitors acting for BYG that the means available to Mr Daniels to satisfy the terms of settlement are limited, and that it will be necessary for him to obtain loan finance. The intention in making this plain to the solicitors acting for BYG is to lower their expectations as to the amount required to settle the matter, which will affect the advice that they give to their client about the matter. Generally we are content with the way that the negotiations are proceeding, and it seems more probable than not that the matter will be capable of settlement on reasonable terms.

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However there has been one unfortunate development, namely that the mental condition of BYG appears to have deteriorated. We enclose for your information a copy of the letter dated 17th May 1994 from Christine Anne Clifford to the solicitors acting for BYG, and we advise that BYG's solicitors have informed us that they have written to Dr McCafferty seeking a psychiatric report. The matter cannot be advanced until that report is to hand, but we understand that Dr McCafferty has not prescribed any medication and that in itself is an encouraging sign.

We will further report in due course. Please do not hesitate to telephone the writer if you wish to discuss any aspect of the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
DOBSON MITCHELL & ALLPORT

Per: 

A J ABBOTT