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RE: Mr. ^{CKA} - Sexual Harassment Matter

Right Reverend and Dear Father:

The Diocesan files will show that I have received, on a number of occasions, complaints from this gentleman regarding a sexual harassment matter. He first contacted me on 1st April, 1996 and again on 8th January 1999.

I understand that the matters which he raised have now been reported to the police and that the priest concerned has made a statement.

Today I received a call from Kathy Ross, a Newcastle Solicitor, who is acting for Mr. ^{CKA}. She is encouraging ^{CKA} to see us and to lay his complaints before us. Kathy, as you may be aware, is very well known to me and she has tried to assure ^{CKA} that neither of us has any desire to avoid facing the issues which he raises.

You will recall that on the advice of the Deputy Chancellor, I wrote to ^{CKA} on 22nd January, 1999 after he failed to keep an appointment with us. It is being suggested that the meeting noted above take place on a Wednesday or Thursday. I have made it clear that the earliest I would be available would be 25th October.

I am happy to make the necessary arrangements with Kathy. I believe that we would be wise to have legal representation with us.

I look forward to your advice.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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