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The Very Reverend G R Lawrence
The Deanery
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Dear Fr Graeme

Greetings and Peace.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 25 August 2000 regarding Mr ^{CKA}

I note that you have received a call from Kathy Ross suggesting that it could be possible for Mr ^{CKA} to meet with us to lay his complaints before us.

I have been informed that Mr ^{CKA} has decided to take this matter up through the criminal investigation system and in the circumstances I believe it would be unhelpful for us to be involved in this matter at a pastoral level as it could jeopardise both Mr ^{CKA}'s interests as well as the accused.

I would suggest that we wait until the matter has been duly dealt with by the criminal investigation system before considering Mrs Ross's suggestion.

With all good wishes and prayers.

Yours sincerely

The Right Reverend Roger Herft
Bishop of Newcastle