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Dear Father Bishop,

Your letter of the 19th reached us on Saturday, delayed no doubt by Christmas mails, and coming via Potts Point.

Jan and I made application to the Court for adoption some time ago. Notice of a pending visit from a Welfare Officer arrived just before the case. We discussed the matter with Mr Finch at the Probation Dept, thinking he would be fully informed of the Welfare Dept's operations.

He advised us to notify the Dept. that we were on holidays and expecting to move immediately, and then when the case was resolved to notify them immediately of the outcome. He offered to write himself after the case, as well.

We did this, and in the final letter referred them to Mr Finch and mentioned Pt Johnstone

Mr Cunningham and yourself as being fully conversant with the facts. Mr Finch advised us that it would be better to supply the Department with all information, rather than have it "discovered" by any secondary means. Wily or not, this we have done. As a result of your advice, we will write to the Department along the lines you and Mr Crichton have suggested.

The Bishop of Grafton was most gracious to us, and has confirmed an appointment to Lismore. Carriers have been booked and will call at Wallsend on Mon 6th Dec. We have notified Ernest & George Parker.

We have been delighted to have this time at home with Mum "Kitch". My youngest brother was married in England on Dec 21st, so this would have been a miserable and lonely time for her alone at Cowra. Thank you for your concern and advice. Our love to Mrs Howden and yourself.

Allan. Jan.