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CONFIDENTIAL.

The Chairman of the
Newcastle Quarter Sessions,
Judge Muir,
Court House,
NEWCASTLE.

Dear Judge,

I write in connection with the Reverend Allan Kitchingman, who comes under your jurisdiction in the next Quarter Sessions. He offered himself for the ministry at the beginning of 1960, and spent three years in St. John's College, Morpeth. His background was very varied and worldly in that he had been a nightclub entertainer, but I was sure that his sense of focation and dedication was sincere and strong, and still have no doubt on that matter. Due to his earlier background and associations, I kept a very careful watch on him during his college days and subsequently. I have never had occasion to suspect him of the offence with which he is now charged.

His ministry has been exemplary, and he has a real flair for work amongst young people. He has worked energetically and in obedience to those set over him in the parishes of Singleton and Wallsend. He married two or three years ago a girl he had known for many years and who had served a term as a missionary in Melanesia. Their marriage has appeared always to be a happy one, and she assists him in his work.

As far as I can judge, he has been perfectly frank with me in discussing his problems since the charge was laid, and I am anxious to help him in every way possible whatever the result of the trial. If it should appear at all possible and practicable thereafter, I shall endeavour to find some way by which he may continue to exercise his ministry under a bishop who would be fully informed of the circumstances.

I am,

Yours sincerely,