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Dear Father James,

I write in response to your letter of August 29th and, in particular, in response to the question you raise about plans for Father Ridsdale's work in 1985.

When I was last speaking to Father Ridsdale, he said to me that he hoped that he would be allowed to have a further year at the Catholic Enquiry Centre. He feels that he is making progress and that another year in his present work would be important for him. So far as I am concerned, I am prepared to allow him to continue with the Centre in 1985 provided that this fits in with your own plans. I might add that I had a good discussion with him about the problem which arose early in the year and of which we spoke prior to your departure for overseas. He was quite open about the situation and said that he has discussed it with the Melbourne priest who is advising him and certainly hopes that it is not something which will crop up again.

Should you have any reservations about Father Ridsdale's continuing at the Centre next year, then please do not hesitate to say so. On the other hand, if you would be happy to have his services for 1985, then you can feel free to plan accordingly.

With every blessing and best wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat.