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Dear Sirs,

I acknowledge receipt of your letters regarding your instruction to take proceedings against Vincent Gerard Ryan and Monsignors Cotter on behalf of REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED

While Vincent Ryan has been convicted of certain offences and is now under Corrective detention, no charges were laid against Monsignor Cotter. The latter was the subject of a Police enquiry but that enquiry was terminated.

Both Vincent Ryan and Monsignor cotter worked under the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland (now Maitland-Newcastle). I am the present incumbent and therefore accept responsibility for the carriage of further proceedings.

I trust this answers your queries satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely

Most Reverend M Malone
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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