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The Secretary,  
Diocesan Extension & Maintenance Fund,  
P.O. Box 146,  
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Very Reverend & Dear Monsignor,

His Grace the Archbishop was saddened and dismayed by my note written on the 4th. quarter's account for the quota due to your fund. I apologied to my Archbishop and undertook to express apologies also to you and the Commissioners. My note was by way of expression of a certain frustration and resentment.

Out of obedience willingly given to the Ordinary and with a proper sense of responsibility of the local churches to the Church of Melbourne, I withdraw my angry and imprudent threat and assure you of generous co-operation within the limits imposed on me.

Yours very sincerely,

Ronald D. Pickering,  
Rector

28 FEB 1986