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Dear Paul David,

I am sorry that it has taken me some little time to respond to your letter of October 1st. In the first place I can advise that I have heard nothing more about the case which I mentioned in my previous letter. I would have expected that some contact would have been made should there have been any intention on the part of civil authorities to take any action on the basis of the reported statement of the young man concerned. In any case, we can only wait and see what eventuates and say some prayers about it in the meantime.

I hope that things are going well with you in Rome and that the retreat master is proving satisfactory. It can only be helpful to you to have the opportunity to concentrate on your spiritual development.

I am not sure where you are residing at the present time and thus of the expenses which will be incurred. However, I am arranging to send the equivalent of \$US1,600.00 to you and I trust that this will be helpful. The money is being sent by Bank Transfer to the Vatican City Bank. The bank will contact you at the above address to advise when the moneys are available.

I note your plans to go to England from Rome in November for a week and then back to America. I do hope that everything works out well for you.

I have just tried to phone Ron Pickering to be told that he is out for the day. I will try him again this evening. However, I doubt that it would be wise to try to take any steps with regard to the particular case which is due to come up in December. As I indicated before, I have no more information than I gave in my letter to you and thus have no indication as to just what was said.

Whilst we cannot help being slightly worried, there is no firm indication that any serious claim has been made and, as I indicated above, there has certainly been no enquiry of which I am aware.

I trust that this letter will find you and find you well. We will keep in touch. In the meantime, be assured of my prayers.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat