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Dear Sisters,

*This is written in some haste as a great deal has been happening since I returned Wednesday night. I am sorry to have to tell you there have been developments about Neerkol. We have received further notification that a person who was at Neerkol as a child is pursuing action against us. I have consulted the Leadership Team and we all feel we should let you know this much in case something is published in the papers.*

*I realise you must be wondering about the type of allegation being made. Any details are being withheld in order to protect the reputations of all persons involved and I know you will respect this. Please do not discuss this matter with anyone other than other members of the Congregation, avoid discussion of it by telephone and also take particular care not to leave this letter around.*

*Should the matter become public, please be prepared to offer no comment. Refer any queries to me if there seems to be a need to do so. There is no need to ask for your prayers but I can certainly assure you that the knowledge that you will pray for just outcomes brings us all a measure of peace in the midst of the anxieties. God bless.*

Yours sincerely,

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