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From the Vatican, 23 April 1999

Your Eminence,

I write in reply to your letter of 23 March 1999 proposing that there be a meeting between English-speaking Episcopal Conferences and the Holy See to consider questions relating to sexual abuse by clerics.

I have forwarded your letter and the supporting letters of other Episcopal Conferences to the Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, Cardinal Darío Castrillón Hoyos, who will make direct contact with you in the near future.

With fraternal good wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Secretary of State

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