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30 March 1993

Dear AN-A10

When I wrote in February I promised to keep you informed about events in connection with Bishop Peter. However, I imagine, as there was such publicity, that you will know now that as a result of the Police enquiries the Bishop was officially cautioned and immediately resigned.

The Archbishop's own enquiries are not yet completed but, in view of the fact that he now has some information about recent events at his disposal, and that the meeting and talk about which you originally wrote was more than ten years ago, the Archbishop would not think it right to trouble you further about the matter unless you yourself now felt it was important to pursue it. If you are still uneasy please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Archbishop or myself again; otherwise we will regard the matter as closed.

With gratitude to you for your courageous decision to offer information to the Archbishop in a very sensitive and delicate matter.

With every blessing and good wish.

Yours sincerely

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The Right Reverend John Yates
Bishop at Lambeth

18th February 1993

Dear

AN-A10

Thank you for your further letter, and I am sorry if you have been uneasy about the silence from Lambeth since my note to you on Boxing Day.

What has happened is broadly as follows. The police enquiries into the allegations made originally have gone on much longer than was expected, and we are still awaiting information about whether or not any legal proceedings will follow from them. Meanwhile, last month, the Archbishop did ask for his own confidential enquiry to be made. However, although a number of letters (including yours) might call for further investigation if, for example, the police investigation simply came to nothing, the Archbishop thought that to pursue such enquiries before knowing the result of the police's efforts would simply cause distress both to people like yourself who have kindly responded to the Archbishop, and to Bishop Peter

15th February 1993

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DPA

To: The Right Reverend John Yates
Bishop at Lambeth
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Dear Right Reverend Yates,

Thank you for your letter dated 26th December 1992.

I have not received a letter from the Archbishop, in response to my letter to him (to which you responded). Perhaps you could be kind enough to let me know whether the Archbishop intends to reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Bishop at Lambeth
The Right Reverend John Yates

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26th December 1992

Dear

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The Archbishop is away from
Lambeth over Christmas, but I will
of course make sure that he is
informed about your letter after his
return.

Yours sincerely

DPA

AN-A10

8th December 1992

To: Dr George Carey
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lambeth Palace
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My Lord,

I have wrestled with my conscience these last few days, and I have very reluctantly decided to get in touch with you, as I read in the newspapers that the Church is carrying out its own inquiry into the recent allegations made to the police about the Bishop of Gloucester.

Bishop Peter is my **DPA**, and **DPA** to my younger brother, too. Also, he is revered by my mother. I am very anxious that confidentiality should be maintained concerning my communication to you.

I have something which I am uncertain whether or not I ought to relate, concerning a private meeting and talk which I had with Bishop Peter 10½ years ago, when I was 21 years old: I am unsure whether it is of substantive relevance to the present inquiry.

I am sorry to write to you in this roundabout fashion - but I do not think that it would be proper for me to write you an unsolicited letter setting out my (maybe) irrelevant 10½ year old story, which is of a personal nature.

If you wish to contact me, I would be grateful if you could write, rather than phone, and send any letter to me in an unmarked envelope.

Yours faithfully,

DPA

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