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The Right Reverend and the Right Honourable the Lord Carey of Clifton

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Dear George

Thank you for your letter of 25 June, which I saw last week, and over which I have been reflecting and consulting.

The matters you raise are of considerable detail and great concern. I am very sorry that your family is having to go through this, and have a great deal of understanding of the difficulty it is causing. **Irrelevant**

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With regard to your comments about collusion and cover up, as you will be aware, I am simply repeating what was said by Dame Moira Gibb. Her report is very severe, and has used this sort of language, as she did at the press conference for its release.

You make the point that 'modern processes, cultural attitudes and guidelines' may be different now to the way they were in the 1990s. I am unable to accept that you 'did not have the benefit of any procedures in those pre-Savile days'. The files at Lambeth make clear that there were processes regularly used at that time under both the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure and the use of the 'Lambeth List', and that you made firm disciplinary decisions in relation to clergy who offended. The policies may not have been articulated as clearly as they are now, but they did express something of the abhorrence felt both within and outside the Church when clergy were found to be guilty of abuse. At that time, as a newly ordained minister, running children's holiday clubs, I was well aware of the need for what today we would call safeguarding and it was a subject of much discussion at Deanery level.

Not the least of the findings in Dame Moira's report is the ongoing anguish of survivors of Peter Ball's abuse flowing from your decision apparently not to treat his acknowledged offending with the same degree of rigour. I am glad that you now take responsibility for that decision, and have apologised to the survivors for its consequences.

With regard to meeting, though I would personally be delighted to see you, I am afraid I am advised that that will not be possible for the foreseeable future, for two reasons. First, were

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