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MEMORANDUM

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To

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Bishop John

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1. Following this morning's discussion, I wonder if the implied conclusion is:

- to ask a senior, trusted person to carry out a swift, pastoral enquiry on HSE's behalf
- to ask that person to follow up and assess the veracity and significance of - all the letters received at Lambeth
- relevant telephone conversations with Graham James
- any further leads/points from + Tunno, Southwark + Chichester.

2. This person's advice would help HSE, as soon as possible after police enquiries are finished (if they have), to judge the seriousness of what has actually been done ("the egg") on the prudent assumption that at some stage it will

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be made public.

3. I hope these thoughts are helpful. Herley + I will meanwhile have a crack at possible press statements when ~~police~~ the result of police enquiries become known.

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Worth pursuing further. But I think + Peter should be told personally by ABC beforehand that it is to happen.

Who should do it? Someone used to assessing "evidence" etc, therefore a lawyer rather than a priest? But eminent enough to receive embarrassing details of episcopal (alleged) indiscretions _____?

Are we looking for a retired judge, or someone like the retired Bishop of Ely, Peter Walker?

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