

MEMORANDUM

TO: R RHODA
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FROM: R A PRICKETT
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THE BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER

1. I have just returned to the office and find that, in my absence, the Police have submitted the file in respect of the above and that a copy of this was sent to you by the Gloucestershire BCP on the 9 February 1993.
2. I understand that for some reason your name has been given to the Solicitors for the Bishop and that they have written to you direct upon this - this is irregular and I do apologise.
3. DI Murdoch, who is the Officer in the Case, telephoned me on the 11 February and we had a long telephone conversation. We have agreed that the Bishop's bail will be extended in his absence and he will answer to it on Monday 8 March.
4. DI Murdoch believes that it would be useful for there to be a Conference to discuss the case and I said I would mention this to you. He has strong views on the case and is particularly concerned lest there be suggestions of some "cover-up" by the Church.
5. I suspect that, whatever happens, as the Bishop's credibility has been so dented, he will have no option but to resign. If he does so, and is posted elsewhere, then upon a clear admission of guilt, a formal caution may be appropriate.
6. Please do not hesitate to contact either Roger Fry or myself if you require any further information.

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