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Dear Roger,

I am sorry not to have been in touch sooner, but you of all people will realise just how much this has involved.

The first thing to say is how deeply grateful I am for the care you have given to this whole process. There are a number of aspects of the review that indicate serious problems about practice in previous years. While it is easy to be critical of past practice I think there is still a lot to be learnt and I would be grateful for a chance to discuss this with you when possible (although I have to admit this may have to be after I am back from holiday/conference in the middle of October.)

There are also some particular questions arising from the later parts of the addendum on Cotton/Pritchard. Bishop Wallace has prepared a detailed response to what you have written about his role. I shall send you this as soon as possible.

In the meantime I am enclosing a draft of some recommendations ("points for action") which are proposed arising from the review as a whole. Shirley is also considering them. I am hoping to send them to Philip Johnson for his comments before I go away. If there is anything you would like to say about them please let the office here know as soon as you can.

I am including Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings, among the copy recipients, as I have appointed him as the spokesman for safeguarding issues on the Bishop's Staff Meeting.

Once again, thank you for your efforts and sorry about how long this has taken. I look forward to seeing you in due course.

As ever,

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