

May 4th 1966

ROY COTTON

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He came to see me on May 4th at the Bishop's suggestion. I found him in a state of considerable distress and tension, which is not surprising in view of the strain under which he finds himself. His partner in the school in which he works, Name Redacted has given him notice to leave in July or December as a result of allegations made or insinuated by boys at the school. He intends to leave in July.

I found him a strange personality, and although it may very well be that the allegations are untrue and unfounded, I think I can sense a little of the atmosphere which caused them to be made. If the Bishop is satisfied that he could be ordained, and I understand that Name Redacted would be prepared to back him, should some reference be made to the Bishop of Derby who was Principal of his theological college when the first incident occurred which Roy says never took place? If he is ordained, is it wise for him to serve in this Diocese where the whole sad story has been discussed and gossiped about and where an ill-wisher might well make more trouble for him?

G.T.

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