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Peter Ball

Roy Williamson telephoned about 8.30 am this morning. The young man at the centre of the allegations against Peter had made another suicide-attempt overnight and was taken to hospital. He was speedily rescued, and good work was done by the hospital chaplain at Brixton (who, you may remember, was already privy to this business).

However, the young man's parents from Nottingham were summoned and arrived at the hospital. They have taken him home with them, but before doing so they made some sort of statement to the Brixton Police about it, adding now a new dimension to the problem.

Roy has told Eric Kemp of this development, and Eric was going to try and reach Peter Ball with the information.

We must hope the police will be effective in preventing any leak to the media about it. You might consider whether it would be right to contact someone (? Peter

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In brief (for example) to try and ensure that local police are aware of the catastrophic effects any news of a police enquiry, at this stage, might have on Peter and the Church.

I am taking it upon myself (without asking you) to keep Jeremy Walsh fairly well informed, in strict confidence. He already knows a good deal about it, as the resident gardener at Bishopscourt, Gloucester, has been to see Jeremy to share his anxieties.

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I am in and around all day today, with no engagements, so readily available for anything you need.

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