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18th July 1993

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dear Michael,

I meant to take you aside at General Synod for a little chat but, whenever I was free you were busy, and at other times I couldn't find you!

I am sorry that Eileen and I were not able to see Peter a few weeks ago, but we are making plans for him to come to Lambeth in the autumn if at all possible.

Let me mention a number of disparate matters.

1. I am exploring the possibility of Peter going abroad for a period of time and in his letter to me he mentioned South Africa. I am trying to contact Desmond Tutu at the moment.
2. I am still trying to get a response, too, from the Church Commissioners and others concerning your financial losses as a result of the investigation. At the moment it doesn't look very hopeful, but I am persevering.
3. A matter I don't want to raise with Peter directly, but which you need to hear is the fact that there is still a great deal of press attention on Peter. I am endeavouring to protect Peter, as well as the name of the Church. Both Lesley Perry and Eric Shegog have mentioned that there are almost daily 'phone calls from the press enquiring after Peter and asking what action the Church is taking. The Stalker programme on television has highlighted the matter and the attention given to so-called 'victims' does stress the need for vigilance and pastoral care. It therefore seems to me perfectly proper for Peter, in

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Yours ever,

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* ps. Ellen + I have looked at our diary + would love to have Peter from Sept 1st (Wednesday) to Friday 3rd - if he is free. Could you ask him?

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