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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC

Enclosed you will find the final circulation for the meeting of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission at Venice, Tuesday, 28th August - Thursday, 6th September 1979:

- ARCIC 204 "Draft Continuation of Venice 24" by Jean Tillard, OP and Julian Charley.
- ARCIC 205 "The Church (Draft Statement)" by Edward Yarnold, SJ.

Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue. Teaching Authority and Infallibility in the Church: Common Statement (US)

ACC-4 Canada - Report on the Fourth Meeting

Report from the Second Forum on Bilateral Conversations to the Participating World Confessional Families and Churches and to the World Council of Churches (Faith and Order Commission)

You may also find it useful to bring with you other material relating to our continuing work on <u>Authority in the Church</u>, especially:

- ARCIC 181 "Note on Peter in the New Testament" by Georges Tavard AA and Arthur Vogel.
- ARCIC 186A "Anglicanism and the Nature and Exercise of Authority in the Church" by H.R.McAdoo
- ARCIC 186B "The Spirit's Abiding in the Church" by the Archbishop of Dublin.
- ARCIC 186C "A Roman Catholic Response to Archbishop McAdoo's 'The Spirit's Abiding in the Church' by Fr. Herbert Ryan, SJ.
- ARCIC 190 "The Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome" by Fr.J.M.R.Tillard, OP.
- ARCIC 1916 "Authority in the Church A Draft Supplement." (From the St.Albans Sub-Commission.)
- ARCIC 1917 "Authority in the Church A Draft Supplement to 24(a)" (From the St.Albans Sub-Commission).

The <u>Elucidations</u> were duly published on 7th June. In spite of fairly severe criticism in some parts of the popular Catholic press in England, they have been well received elsewhere. Some members of the International Lutheran/Roman Catholic Commission present at the Forum on Bilateral Dialogues (Geneva, June) were especially impressed by them, particularly the Auxiliary Bishop

of Paderborn, Mgr. Paul Scheele, the President of the West German Ecumenical Commission (see the Report enclosed).

May I also draw your attention to the Report of ACC-4. The paragraphs dealing with ARCIC and a future ARCIC (christened Ben-ARCIC by the Roman Catholic observer!) were carefully discussed and indicate the seriousness with which the Anglican Communion takes our dialogue and its determination that the progress shall continue (Section 1/7).

For the full address and telephone number of Casa Cardinale Piazza and for a reminder of how to reach the house, may I refer you to Canon Richard Stewart's letter to all members of 28th March 1979.

CHRISTOPHER HILL

P.S. You will be delighted to learn that Bill Purdy is making a good recovery from the second of two operations which have recently taken place in London. We look forward to seeing Bill in Venice.