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TO IMMEDIATE HOLY SEE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 12 OF 25 AUGUST

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO POPE JOHN PAUL II. BEGINS.

CARDINAL BASIL HUME HAS TOLD ME THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF HIS INVITATION TO VISIT ENGLAND DURING THE SUMMER OF 1982 AND OF YOUR REQUEST TO HIM THAT YOUR PASTORAL VISIT TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SHOULD ALSO BE ECUMENICAL IN CHARACTER.

" IN ACCRA, NOW NEARLY 4 MONTHS AGO I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING MIGHT INDEED BE IN ENGLAND. IT GIVES ME GREAT JOY TO KNOW THAT THIS WILL NOW HAPPEN AND I WANT YOU TO BE ASSURED THAT YOU WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED WITH REAL AFFECTION IN ENGLAND BY ANGLICANS AND OTHER CHRISTIANS AS WELL AS YOUR OWN ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE ALSO SPOKE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR MAKING AN ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY. WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF THE TRAGEDY OF HUMAN DIVISIONS AND THE BELIEF THAT THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS WILL OFFER REAL HOPE FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF MANKIND, I NOW INVITE YOU TO MAKE THAT PILGRIMAGE.

YOURS AFFECTIONATE BROTHER IN CHRIST,

ROBERT,

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. " ENDS.

2. THIS MESSAGE WAS PASSED BY CHRISTOPHER HILL OF LAMBETH PALACE, WHO SAYS THAT THE ARCHBISHOP HOPES FOR A PAPAL REPLY. THE NEWS OF THE POPE'S VISIT IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY 29 AUGUST OR AFTER THAT WEEKEND I.E. 1 OR 2 SEPTEMBER. THE ARCHBISHOP HOPES THAT HIS LETTER AND A PAPAL REPLY CAN BE RELEASED AT THE SAME TIME.

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