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Dear Sir,

The Rt Rev. Peter Ball.

When I was Archbishop of Canterbury, I consecrated Peter Ball as Bishop in 1977.

Since then we have kept in touch & I have seen a good deal of the excellent quality of his work.

I know nothing of the events which have recently brought his name to the attention of the press. But I understand that in the near future the Bishop's papers will be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

I write, therefore, to say that I have always had the highest regard & respect for the Bishop. I have known him as a godly man, totally devoted to his Church & to the people whom he has loved & served since his Ordination 37 years ago. He has had an unblemished record.

If I can be of further help, I should count it a privilege.

Yours sincerely,

David Piggan.

The Chief Constable
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