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My Lord Bishop,

Received your letter dt. September 13, 95 and I feel really sorry for the disturbance I have caused you because things were not clearly explained to you. In the mean time you must have received another letter posted on the 07th inst. Any way I should like to tell you in all sincerity my mind.

The first letter in response to yours is my personal letter confidential wherein I shared with you my opinion from the reports and complaints, received mostly after he left the country. This I have not shared with my curia members either as it was not opportune. However I did not want this my opinion be known to anyone except to you.

The second letter is an official one wherein I have explained what the curia members feel about him. Since we could not have any enquiry with him officialy I cannot say anything more than what I have mentioned in that letter.

Having said this I would leave it to you to decide what is good for the moment. In case you decide against him I would only request you not to reveal my personal information as it would create unpleasant situation in my diocese. I do realise your delicacy. As a matter of fact I have given him permission only for three years. Kindly bear with me for the trouble I have given you in this matter. Only thing is I am afraid of the consequences if my first letter is known outside.

Thanking you for your respect for the confidentiality and your kindness, let me have a favorable reply from you

With my deep respect,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Leon A. Tharmaraj  
 Bishop of Kottai.