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Dear Mrs Robert,

For the present I am not going to do much more than acknowledge your very interesting paper. It raises, as of course you know, a very large number of issues, both as to fact & as to the practical conclusions to be drawn from fact. I should want evidence from a number of analyses of men & women in whom this question of the priesthood (& of 'ministry' more widely conceived) has been an emotionally disturbing issue. If it then proved that the process you trace had been very generally present it would, I think, be very significant.

And, unfortunately, it is possible to draw exactly divergent conclusions from the evidence. You may be right, but it would be a possible reply (inevitable along the

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lines of Jung's psychology, at any rate) that when the world constructs a system which affords a type-solution of the problem, even if inadequately, it is very dangerous to upset that system. The Russia of to-day is a case in point. They may be right, but all I hear as to their theories of child-training suggests that they are being crudely academic, & that disaster must follow. Yet the old system was so bad that anything may be better than leaving it as it was.

So that though I think ~~that~~ you have given us a great deal to consider (of a good deal which some of the Commission will neither read nor understand readily) I doubt whether it will be possible to regard it as more than contributory material. Even I myself, who do understand it, am too uncertain of the security ~~value~~ of any present-day psychological system to place over-much confidence in any except the broadest

generalisations.

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But I am very grateful for the trouble you
have taken, & for a really interesting piece of work.

Yours sincerely
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