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Your Eminence,

As requested in your letter of January 19th (Prot. N. 423/74), I am sending you an interim report concerning the fourth sub-section on Moral Theology and the Human Sciences.

The report itself envisages methodological matters of relevance to moral theologians and human scientists. As such it could serve as a working paper for critical comments. But I believe someone else should solicit such comments and so spare contributors the complications and embarrassment of addressing criticisms to an author.

The report also by implication goes beyond merely methodological considerations. But here the conclusion is that either moral theologians already are doing their work satisfactorily (Case I) or else other possible projects, highly laudable in themselves, involve so much collaboration with non-theologians or so much creativity on the part of theologians that their investigation cannot be fitted into current structures of the Theological Commission.

By this I do not mean that there could not be a special sub-commission to study the Political Theology of Johannes Metz or to follow up the work of Christian Duquoc and the group that contributes to Lumière et Vie. Surely there

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could be such sub-committees as there is for Liberation  
Theology. But I think <sup>it</sup> improper for a section of a sub-  
committee to commit the Theological Commission to new  
sub-committees.

I beg your forgiveness for the tardiness of this report.  
It has taken no little time and reflection. The request  
from R. P. Delhaye came at a time when I had long been  
committed to three series of public lectures -- in November  
at Trinity College in the University of Toronto, in February  
under the auspices of More House in Yale University, in  
the coming month of March at Perkins School of Theology  
in Southern Methodist University.

I am sending a copy of my reflections to Fr. Delhaye  
with a suggestion that he seek opinions from Fr Houtard  
or any others he sees fit.

Yours faithfully,

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