Letter from Giovanni B. Montini, Substitute, Secretariat of State, Vatican, to Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, May 29, 1951 (copy), from *Nachlass Faulhaber* (“Faulhaber’s Papers), File No. 1395/3, Archive of the Archdiocese of Munich

Your Eminence,

On the 19th of April this year the right reverend Austrian Episcopate directed a joint letter to His Holiness, in which they gave notice that they had asked the right reverend Lord Bishop Dr. Alois Hudal to place his position as Rector of the Anima College in Rome at the disposal of the Holy See. At the same time the Bishops asked that an Austrian priest be appointed as successor, and they recommended for the position the right reverend Prelate Dr. J. Weinbacher, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Vienna.

The Austrian episcopate harbored the hope that their request would not encounter any difficulties on the part of the Germans and emphasized that the directorate of the aforesaid College has been entrusted since the middle of the past century to priests of Austrian extraction. However, the Holy Father assigned me – in consideration of the well-known and difficult question of the new Statute for the Anima College – to inform you of the letter and recommendation of the Austrian Archbishops and Bishops and to request the expression of the opinion of Your Eminence.

In carrying out my high assignment to inform you hereby, I am in deep respect, Your Eminence’s very devoted,

/s/ G.B. Montini, Subst.