Letter from Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, to Pope Pius XII, June 21, 1951, from *Nachlass Faulhaber* (“Faulhaber’s Papers), File No. 1395/3, Archive of the Archdiocese of Munich

Dear Holy Father,

To Your Holiness I most respectfuly lay the following answer, at the request of Excellency Montini in the matter of Lord Bishop Hudal, before your feet. As to the request of the Austrian episcopate to Your Holiness, that Bishop Alois Hudal of the Anima place his position at the disposal of the Holy Father: On the one hand, Bishop Hudal, although he made the Anima available for German pastoral care during the Holy Year 1950 and gave many sermons himself, as a non-German (*Nichtdeutscher*) he was not included in the German Pilgrim Committee. On the other hand it is true that Bishop Hudal has become very uncommunicative in the management of the finances of the Anima and the Agency, and in his leadership as Rector of the Anima. As for the German Bishops, unless Cardinal Frings represents an exception, I have not heard a sharp judgment about resignation as among the Austrians. The letter of the Austrians to Your Holiness about Bishop Hudal will not yield peace until Bishop Hudal gives up his position. I have condemned Bishop Hudal on account of his friendship with the Nazis, but I testify for him that he took up for German soldiers dismissed from the Army in the early years of the War, and for seminarians. Second, that he used his great abilities as a German language writer in the day, for example writing on Nietzsche, with a pernicious effect in Germany. Third, that he exerted himself for pastoral care of ethnic Germans in Italy, as in Milan and Naples. As successor for Bishop Hudal it would be good to have either an Austrian or . . .