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HRH Prince Leonard Sovereign Principality of Hutt River Government Offices Via Western Australia 6535

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Your Royal Highness

I am most distressed to learn of the Sovereign's deteriorating health and wish him the Almighty's blessing of good health and strength for many years to come.

I am honoured by the contents of your letter regarding the opening of Princess Shirley's Chapel of Nain, the beautiful paintings and the music appropriate to the event. They are indelibly recorded in my memoirs along with correspondence containing scholarship, mathematics, honours and a history of superb courage.

I consider our association to be a highlight of my life.

I understand that time passes and a new generation continues the journey. A wise sage said two thousand years ago: "It is not thy duty to complete the work but neither art thou free to desist from it."

I pray that Prince Graeme will inherit the wisdom and understanding of his noble father to continue and strengthen the family tradition established as "The Principality of Hutt River".

It is with sincere regret that I am unable to share the great event with you. With the help of the Almighty I have celebrated my 98th birthday, but am in mourning for the loss of a beautiful sister in England and recuperating from bronchial pneumonia. However, my spirit will be present to share the beauty and dignity of the historic event.

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