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Bishop Macram Max Gassis
Blessed Bakhita House
P. O. Box 21102
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Bishop Macram,

It was a pleasure spending some time with you in Nairobi on the occasion of the AMECEA and the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference Plenary meetings. You had already informed me last year of what you are doing and I received a feed-back from various persons of the immense work you are doing to relieve the suffering of the people. With this letter, therefore, I intend to formalize your authorization to also look after the population of Turalei, who are hosting your people of Abyei.

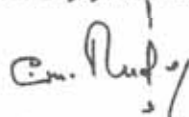
Since you are catering to the needs of your people of Abyei County, who are not assisted by OLS and consequently by the NGOs, you have established your base of operation in Turalei. I understand that the local authorities of both the Twic and Ngok had agreed to cooperate with you in all fields.

You have constructed a school for the redeemed children in Panlit and the people of Turalei wishes that you establish another one in Turalei. I kindly ask you also to cater to the pastoral needs of Turalei, particularly the formation of catechists, the training of Catholic teachers, and vocation animation. It would be extremely vital to send a community of priests in the area. You may have recourse to me in case of further clarification.

I am also confirming with this the arrangement already made between the SCBRC and the Vatican on one hand, and Bishop C. Mazzolari and your Lordship on the other.

I take this occasion to express my profound gratitude for your cooperation and understanding. I am aware of the many difficulties you face but you have always been in the front line and you managed to smoothen the many issues. "El Akh El Kabir", may God bless you generously and graciously now and always.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Rudolph Deng Majak
Bishop of Wau Diocese