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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
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Your Eminence,

This is to notify you that I have contacted George Skian of the St. Gregory of Narek Parish in Cleveland. I have discussed with him the Diocesan Council's decision which was in effect to refuse Cleveland's request to have their parish assessments recalculated based upon the error that they discovered in the fall of 1980.

Mr. Skian was somewhat outspoken on the position of the parish and I proceeded to explain to him the correspondence that had previously been forwarded to his parish outlining an opportunity for them to correct their errors and further the error was clearly the result of their parish and not the Diocese.

I also expressed to him the inability of the Diocesan Council to forgive that error as it would result in an additional assessment to all other parishes in the Diocese which would not be popular. I related to him what his reaction would be if we were to forgive another parish and submit to him a bill for several hundred dollars for "someone else's error."

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I concluded by stating that he would receive correspondence from the Diocese and that in my opinion the case that he was trying to make, although justifiable, was very weak based on the circumstances.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

  
George Stevoff

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