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In response to your inquiry of September 23, 1988, the episcopal ordination of Guerard des Lauriers, while valid, was gravely illicit. In addition, according to Canons 1364 and 1382, anyone ordained to the episcopacy without the apostolic mandate incurs automatic excommunication.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Apostolic Pro-Nuncio