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Declaration by Fr. Federico Lombardi, S.J.

"In response to requests for information from various journalists, I am able to say the following:

With regard to the recent declarations attributed to Msgr. Taddeo Ma Dagin, auxiliary bishop of Shanghai, these have come to the attention of the Holy See through his blog and via press agencies. No direct information is currently available.

Any speculation with regard to a presumed role of the Holy See is inappropriate.

The personal and ecclesial life of Msgr. Ma Daqin, like that of all Chinese Catholics, is followed with particular care and concern by the Holy Father, who remembers them daily in prayer".