

Translations of German language letters regarding citations
allegedly in favour of Medjugorje by Cardinal Ratzinger

Response to Mrs Alles from Cardinal Ratzinger's secretary in February 2002:

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Sekretariat
I – 00190 Citta Del Vaticano
February 5, 2002

Dear Mrs. Alles
On behalf of Cardinal Ratzinger I inform you that the copy of the letter of His Eminence dated July 22, 1998 **corresponds to the original.**
With kind regards
Yours
Prelate Dr. Josef Clemens
Secretary

Mrs Alles's letter to Cardinal Ratzinger of January 2002:

His Eminence Josef Cardinal Ratzinger
Piazza del S. Offizio 11
I – 00193 ROMA
January 17, 2002

Eminence,

In 1998 I received from Claus Peter Clausen from Lippstadt, editor of "Der Schwarze Brief", the hereby included copy of a letter drawn up by you. I would like to find out whether this letter, vaguely recognizable as directed to Luipold Dorn in Rome, is authentic. Mr. Clausen, who published the letter, shortly afterwards tried to withhold the letter, because 'Rome' would not like further distribution. I would be very thankful for a short clarification.

With kind regards,
Hildegard Alles

The original letter from Cardinal Ratzinger of July 1998:

July 22, 1998
Dear Mr. ... (Luipold Dorn)

First of all I must ask your forgiveness that only today I reply to your friendly letter of May 27. The workload of the last few weeks was so heavy that I had to keep private correspondence time and again in abeyance and only now, on the threshold of a vacation, I at last try to answer the more important letters.

For the mailing of the Memorandum from Claus Peter Clausen, who as the editor of "Der Schwarze Brief" is well known to me, I thank you many times. Referring to **it I can only say that the citations about Medjugorje contributed to the Holy Father and myself are freely invented.**

For your multiple activities you receive my best wishes. With kind regards.
Yours

Josef Cardinal Ratzinger