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16 February 1982

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To note, particularly X.
There are strong objections
to a site near the Cenotaph,
especially from an FCO and
MOD point of view.

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Dear Willie

HOLOCAUST: GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Following my letter to you ^{5/1} about progress on this matter, I should now report that officials here have obtained from Mr Janner and the Metropolitan Police agreement on a site for a Holocaust garden of remembrance in Hyde Park. The preferred site is close to the Dell. The Board of Deputies are pressing hard to get on quickly with that site and we are about to begin detailed discussions with them on design.

While this is not the preferred site of either officials here or the Metropolitan Police, we think we can live with it subject to possible vandalism, and are content to proceed with planning. We shall do so unless we hear to the contrary.

We would propose to write again to you when there are detailed proposals worked out in order to get collective agreement before work actually begins on the ground.

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Helen Ghosh mentioned to you several days ago that there are some signs of opposition to this proposal from within the Jewish community, and particularly from Mr Reg Freeson MP and the so called Holocaust Foundation which favours a site near the Cenotaph. Mr Janner thinks that if we get on quickly and quietly it will be possible to get the Board of Deputies' proposal implemented without difficulty, and we shall be proceeding on that basis. But you should be aware that there does appear to be some Parliamentary interest in the whole matter, and that it is just possible that it might become controversial.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence.

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J JACOBS
Private Secretary
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Following my letter to you on 12 February, I should
now report that this report has been prepared and
the report is being prepared in a form which is
of convenience to you. The report is being prepared
in the form of a memorandum and will be sent to you
with that site and we are about to begin detailed discussions
with them on design.

While this is not the preferred site of other officials here on
the West Coast, it is the only site which we can live with it and
which is available for the present. The site is being prepared
and we are about to begin detailed discussions with them on design.

We would advise you to begin to get the details of
the site worked out in order to get the site worked out
and we are about to begin detailed discussions with them on design.

Each such question to you should have one that there are also
signs of opposition to this program from within the certain
community, and particularly from the West Coast and the so
called "atomic bomb" community. It is our hope that it will be
possible to get the kind of results proposed implemented without
difficulty, and we shall be proceeding on that basis. It is
our hope that there does not seem to be some kind of
interference in the way of the program, and that it is just possible that it
might become a reality.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretary to the
Director, the Executive Secretary, and the Secretary of State
for Defense.

Very truly yours,
John F. Kennedy



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13 January 1982

Dear Willie,

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Thank you for your letter of 5 January to David Edmonds.

When my Secretary of State met Mr Janner shortly before Christmas it was agreed that sites for a garden of remembrance should be sought in Hyde Park. DOE officials are now in touch with Mr Janner with a view to finding an agreed site. It would then be necessary to ask the Board of Deputies to produce a suitable design to fit whatever site is preferred, and that design would have to be agreed by my Secretary of State who would want to consult interested colleagues.

We have complete control over what can be placed in a Royal Park, and this would cover both general design and any specific details such as wordings.

I will be in touch again as soon as there is something to report.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Helen Jacobs

J JACOBS
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

5 January, 1982

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Holocaust Memorial

We spoke yesterday about Nick Evans' letter to me of 4 January, in which he reports Mr. Nott's concern that no references to Dresden or Hiroshima should appear on this Memorial.

You will remember that this was one of the points your Secretary of State raised with the Prime Minister when he spoke to her after Cabinet on 31 July, 1980 about the Memorial. Mike Pattison's letter to Jeff Jacobs of 1 August, 1980 records that your Secretary of State said that he would have complete control over the wording on the Memorial, and that he could ensure that references to Dresden and Hiroshima would be removed.

Perhaps you can confirm that this is still true.

I am copying this to Andrew Jackson (Home Office), Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Nick Evans (Ministry of Defence).

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Dear Willie

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Jeff Jacobs sent me a copy of his letter to you dated 30th November.

Now that there is no longer any question of locating the memorial near the Ministry of Defence, my Secretary of State's specific departmental interest is diminished; but there is one point which he feels strongly should not be lost from sight.

If it is still intended that the memorial should be on the lines of the drawing of which Mr Heseltine gave Mr Pym a copy in June 1980, Mr Nott would wish to object as strongly as did Mr Pym (in his letter of 24th June 1980 to Mr Heseltine) to any reference on the memorial to Dresden or Hiroshima. Not only are such references totally irrelevant to the Nazi holocaust of the Jews; they would in my Secretary of State's view provide gratuitous ammunition for the anti-nuclear campaign which is already considerably more active than it was when Mr Pym wrote last year. Mr Nott regards this point as generally valid even without the particular question of proximity to the Ministry of Defence which concerned Mr Pym.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours of 12th November.

Yours sincerely
Nick Evans

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Dear Willie

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Following your letter of 12 November to Helen Ghosh, my Secretary of State has, as requested, met Mr Greville Janner and discussed the siting of the Holocaust Memorial with him.

Mr Heseltine put to him the possibility of a docklands site. Mr Janner was strongly against this. First, he pointed out that Jews no longer live in the East End, so that such a memorial would be dead rather than alive. Secondly, he is anxious that those paying their respects at the Cenotaph should be able without undue effort to move on and similarly pay their respects in memory of the Holocaust. This would require a site not too far distant from Whitehall, which effectively rules out the East End.

My Secretary of State indicated that Hyde Park was not ruled out, and Mr Janner was enthusiastic about this possibility. When asked about the danger of desecration, he gave his view that the likelihood of this was no greater and no less than with any synagogue; provided there was not too much publicity about happenings, then the situation was containable. He would not want the site to be too secluded, and agreed that there would need to be a reasonable degree of security.

Mr Janner raised again the possibility of St James's Park, but my Secretary of State indicated that this was for various reasons too sensitive a site.

It was agreed between my Secretary of State and Mr Janner that DOE officials would meet with him in Hyde Park to investigate possible sites, on the basis of a short list of possibilities which officials would let him have. That process is now in hand. It might be useful in particular if the Metropolitan Police were to be represented at such a site meeting, and officials here will be making the necessary arrangements.

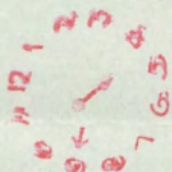
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J JACOBS
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