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PRIME MINISTER

POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST

Attached is a letter from Mr. Michael Winner, the Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust. The Trust was formed to honour police victims of violent crime, in the wake of the shooting of WPC Fletcher.

(see letter at flag 1)

Mr. Winner invites you to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher in St. James's Square before Christmas. Quite apart from security considerations, and your diary in the run-up to Peking, the Home Secretary has doubts about the wisdom of your accepting this invitation. Both he and Sir Kenneth Newman believe that the unveiling of individual memorials should be regarded, so far as possible, as a local matter, although you might well wish to be associated with a more general memorial to police officers killed in the course of duty.

Agree to suggest that the Home Secretary performs the unveiling ceremony on your behalf?

I think that the fact

Doubt

unveiling is different. And in view

of the pressures on the police, I should
∴ I will do it.

not refuse to unveil it. I believe

23 November 1984

that not only the Home Sec but

all-party representatives should be present

to emphasise the impartiality of the support of the police etc.

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Mr David Barclay,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

November 22 1984.

(23/11)

Dear Mr Barclay,

Thank you for telling Mr Winner you will try and put the unveiling of the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial to the Prime Minister shortly.

It occurs to me you may not know of Mr Winner. As well as being one of this country's most prominent film producers and directors who has caused many millions of pounds to be invested in this country by US Film companies, Mr Winner is also on the Council of the Director's Guild of Great Britain.

He has supported the Conservative party regularly on the Any Questions Radio Programme, and also helped get artistes for and appeared himself at Mrs Thatcher's "Showbusiness Rally" before the last election. He writes from time to time in the national newspapers, usually in the Times or Sunday Times.

He formed the Police Memorial Trust after the death of Yvonne Fletcher and the Trust is currently preparing memorials for the Harrods Bomb Victims, PC Bishop killed in Essex this year, and Sgt Speed killed in Leeds.

I hope this background information may be of some help.

Yours sincerely,

John Fraser

John Fraser, M.A. (Oxon), M.Phil
Trustee.

Michael WINNER

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David Barclay, Esq.
The Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

Await Home Office advice
Reminded H.O 22/11 - writing back

14 November 1984

Dear Mr Barclay,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November.

I hope you'll forgive me, but I seem to read into this a preparation for a turning down by the Prime Minister of our request to unveil the first-ever memorial to the police in the history of this country.

Perhaps I should not say so, but I do say, nevertheless, that I would be deeply disappointed if this were the case.

I think the police in general coupled with the name of Miss Yvonne Fletcher are a cause which the Prime Minister has always appeared to be sympathetic to and to refuse our request at this time would disappoint not only us but the thousands of people who have written glowing letters of support for the police which we have on our files.

In particular the whole affair could take no more than two hours from the door of Number Ten to Mrs Thatcher's return to Number Ten, and I know that if Mrs Thatcher cannot find two hours for this event prior to Christmas, we could certainly wait until the New Year.

So, with respect, we are prepared to adapt very substantially so that this important moment should have at its centre someone of the prominence and quality of Mrs Thatcher.

I hope you will bring these added points to the Prime Minister's attention.

Yours truly,
Michael Winner

MICHAEL WINNER.

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Michael WINNER

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 November 1984

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Michael Winner inviting her to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher.

On diary grounds alone, the Prime Minister would find it difficult to accept this invitation. But before we reply, it would be most helpful to have the Home Secretary's advice. Could this please reach me by Thursday, 22 November?

David Barclay

Hugh Taylor, Esq.,
Home Office.

BM,

12 November 1984

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of 7 November. This is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

I think I should, however, say at this stage that the Prime Minister's diary for the rest of this year is already very crowded.

(David Barclay)

Michael Winner, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

Supt Parker

I will need to get
Home Office views, though
the diary is already
difficult.

I imagine you would not
be keen.... ?

DWB
8/..

Detectives' office
10 Downing Street.

David Barclay.

I would have thought
'political/diplomatic'
considerations alone
went against this one.

Am not keen - we
have enough problems
at the moment
without additional
public appearances in

a period of high tide,

Kang P.

9.11.84.

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Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

7 November 1984

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

The Police Memorial Trust would be most honoured if you would unveil the first-ever Memorial to the Police in the history of this country, namely the Memorial to Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square.

The Trust was formed not only to honour the individual police officers, but to encourage respect and regard for the police in general and to put up in the local communities and on the sites where police officers were killed, memorials to them.

The Trust is also putting up memorials to the Harrods bomb police victims, the recently murdered Essex PC Brian Bishop and Leeds PC John Speed. Other memorials will follow, and it is also planned when some of these have been unveiled, to erect a National Police Memorial.

The Trust was officially welcomed by your Government in the House on 10 May 1984, and it operates with the full support both financial and personal of the Metropolitan Police. Police Forces all over the country are also supporting us. The Metropolitan Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman has allocated a generous donation from police funds, and as you can see from the enclosed list of donors, members of your cabinet as well as many other distinguished people and organisations have also contributed, as well as the public in their thousands.

We consider this first-ever Memorial is vitally important as a public display of appreciation for the Police Forces of Great Britain.

Lady Porter and the Westminster Council have co-operated and donated toward this Memorial, as have the Kensington and Chelsea Council for the Harrods Memorial and the Essex Council for PC Bishop.



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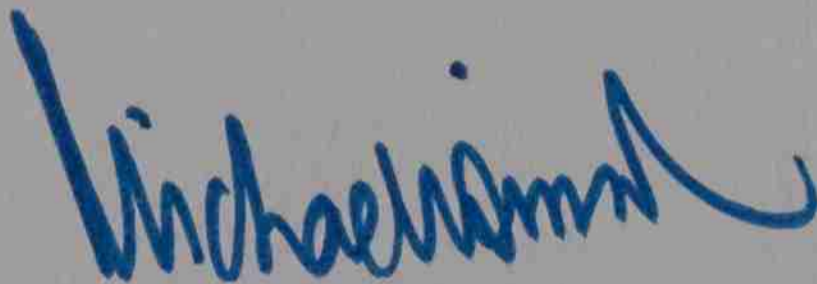
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We would like to unveil the Memorial, for which the Police and ourselves are planning a short ceremony, as soon as possible, hopefully well before Christmas.

We have no particular preference for the day of the week, the ceremony can be more or less at your convenience though we would much prefer it during daylight so that the Press and TV can maximise coverage, as we consider the public relations aspect of this to be very important for the Police.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Winner, M.A. (Cantab.)
Chairman
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