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5 June 1980

Yalta Victims Memorial

Thank you for your letter of 9 May inviting me to unveil this memorial later in the year. I greatly appreciate your kindness in asking me to perform the unveiling ceremony but, after a good deal of thought, I have come to the conclusion that it would not be right for me to accept the invitation. I am sorry to have to send you this disappointing reply.

(Sgd) MARGARET THATCHER

Sir Bernard Braine, D.L., M.P.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 June 1980

Kearney,

Yalta Victims Memorial

I enclose a copy of a letter received by the Prime Minister from Sir Bernard Braine last month together with a copy of the reply which she has now sent to him.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosures to John Chilcot (Home Office), Paul Bristow (Department of the Environment), Colin Munro (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Nicholas Alexander

G.G.H. Walden, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

I have mentioned to the Foreign Secretary's PS more than once that you would like a word about Sir B. Brainer's invitation to you to unveil the Memorial. So far no opportunity seems to have presented itself. There is no great urgency.

My ref: H3PSO/13705/80

Your ref:

22 May 1980

don't think I can visit it.

Paul 27/5

Dear Michael

YALTA MEMORIAL

Thank you for your letter of 29 April 1980.

Now that the principle of erecting the memorial on Crown land and the wording of the inscription have been settled, the papers have been passed to PSA London Region for ensuing action. This involves 2 matters;

- (i) The land on which the memorial is to be sited, although Crown land, is maintained by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea under a licence entered into by the Crown and the Borough in 1936. The licence will therefore require amendment to clarify responsibilities regarding maintenance of the memorial and its siting on the land.
- (ii) The Borough may agree to take on board the maintenance liability for the memorial but if they do not, the Yalta Appeal will have to consider if they can make arrangements to cover this on-going liability.

Both the Borough and the Yalta Appeal Committee have already been approached on these matters and replies are awaited. I shall let you know if any difficulties arise.

I am copying this to Paul Lever and Colin Munro (FCO) and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely
Paul Bristow*

P N BRISTOW
Private Secretary

Michael Alexander Esq
Private Secretary, 10 Downing Street

27 MAY 1960



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to Caroline to consider file
NA necessary - see
PM to Braine S. G.

14 May 1980

Yalta Victims Memorial

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Sir Bernard Braine. She would like to have a word about Sir Bernard Braine's proposal with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Home Secretary at some stage.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to John Chilcot (Home Office).

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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George Walden, Esq.,
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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Prime Minister.

9th May, 1980

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON, SW1.

You may wish to discuss this with Lord
Cammiller & Mr Whitelaw? I would not
have thought it a good idea for the
Govt to be involved to the degree that would
be implied by your presence.

Andy - g/s

Dear Margaret —

Yalta Victims Memorial

Now that I have announced publicly that we are going ahead with our memorial may I write personally to thank you most warmly for the wise advice and great encouragement you gave my Steering Committee at a crucial stage in our negotiations for planning permission on Crown Land. I and my colleagues have been deeply touched by your interest and support.

We hope to have the memorial ready for unveiling towards the end of the year. I know that my Committee would be delighted and honoured if you would consent to perform the unveiling ceremony.

If you feel able to agree to this in principle we would be happy to arrange a date and time well in advance in order to suit your convenience.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether the idea appeals to you.

With very best wishes
Yours as ever
Bernard Braine