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Dear John,

I visited the Yalta Victims Memorial opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum last week and I thought you ought to know that it was in a disgusting state, totally unlooked after and the actual plaque was so dirty that you couldn't even read the writing on it. Cigarette ends and bits of rubbish were lying everywhere and I felt angered and ashamed that I had had anything to do with your recruiting campaign. How could so much money have been spent on what can only be described as a concrete bath with two holes in it?

If all those trusting and generous people who contributed to this memorial knew what the end result now looks like, they would be as horrified as I am.

I believe that you and all the other members of the Yalta Victims Memorial Committee (to whom I am compelled to copy this letter) have a great deal to answer for unless you can get something more suitable erected on this prominent site.

The 'memorial' is no commemoration to the victims we are honouring and I am outraged that, having acquired this very important site with Government approval (including a personal donation from the Prime Minister), it continues to be ill-maintained and totally neglected. What tribute can

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you honestly say this is to those victims so heroically described in Nikolai's account?

I would be interested to know what you are doing about this and, in view of the large sums of money that I believe were collected in 1982, I also wonder if any accounts have been circulated?

Yours,

James Illingworth

Mrs. James Illingworth.

The Hon. John Jolliffe,
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