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To: Margaret Tomlinson

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Hi Maggie

Reference our telephone conversation this afternoon.

I give clarity to the points we discussed below: -

The 'RTM' (Recumbent Tablet Marker) is used by the Commission to mark a war grave when there is already a 'PM' (Private Family Memorial) on the grave space. The 'RTM' is manufactured in Irish limestone like a standard war pattern headstone but is mounted on a small concrete pedestal. If the grave centre is grass, a small concrete foundation is set below ground level and the 'RTM' is set upon this. Where the grave centre is concrete/chippings, the chippings are moved to one side and the 'RTM' is set down and then the chippings are spread around its base.

The Commission has requested that the Council clear a number of 'PM' graves that are owned by the families but have war casualties buried in them. If you can provide a costing to undertake this work, I will be able to confirm if the Commission has funding available to give you the go ahead to action this.

You have kindly arranged for the staff at Belfast City Cemetery to undertake an exercise to map out all the Common Graves which have war casualties buried in them. I would also ask, if you could give an assurance in writing, that these graves will not be disturbed.

The Commission has put forward several proposals concerning its Screen Wall at Belfast City Cemetery. If a new memorial is erected, whether in the same location or at an agreed new position, the costs for all works and future upkeep will be borne by the Commission.

I can confirm that the costs for any new Commission Headstones, Recumbent Tablet Markers, Special Memorials (Shank ill Graveyard) or Screen Walls will be funded by the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Kindest Regards

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