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The Governor of the Murmansk Region
M.V. Kovtun

Dear Marina Vasilyevna,

As part of “The graveyards of the victims of political repression in Russia” project, the Memorial Research & Information Centre is updating its information about the state of monuments and sites commemorating the victims of political repression.

Our project aims to establish the most complete list of burial grounds and of memorials to the victims of political repression throughout Russia and compile a detailed description of each site.

The work is being conducted in accordance with the Recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Working Group set up to implement the programme organised by the 27 December 2011 Presidential Instruction (No 819 rp) to perpetuate the memory of the victims of political repression.

In this connection we request you to inform us whether such sites exist in the Murmansk Region.

To enter such sites in our register we require the following information:

- [1] A list of the sites where mass graves of victims of political repression are to be found in the region under your control;
- [2] A list of the monuments, memorials and commemorative plaques dedicated to the remembrance of victims of political repression
- [3] Information about events organised by your administration or by other organisations in your region on 30 October, the Day in Remembrance of the victims of political repression.
- [4] May we also enquire the status of such sites: have they been included in the Register of Protected Sites of Cultural Heritage at the federal, regional or municipal level? And also ask for information concerning the ownership and upkeep of these sites and about [other] events conducted by your administration or NGOs at those sites.

[Yours sincerely]

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