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A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Joan Brough-Kerrebyn'.

Joan Brough-Kerrebyn - IAF TC and MLAC Secretary
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