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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Sale at Auction of John Duncan Grant’s Victoria Cross and Other Medals**

I am writing to request your assistance in establishing the provenance of John Duncan Grant’s campaign medals which are due to be auctioned, on your behalf, by Eden and Mortimer on 2nd July 2014.

John Duncan Grant was my Great Uncle. My sister, Fleur Turkheim, and I are his closest surviving relatives.

It has remained something of a family mystery as to what became of his Victoria Cross and other medals. I am assuming that they were bequeathed to his 2 children Hugh and Madeline Grant after his death in 1967. It is also possible that they were bequeathed to his late wife Kathleen. Kathleen Grant died in 1975, Hugh in 1988 and Madeline in 1994. Neither Hugh nor Madeline were married and nor did they have any children.

My late mother, Eileen Anne-Marie Eltringham (John Grant's niece) was very close to her cousins Hugh and Madeline Grant (John and Kathleen Grant's children).  Madeline (or Bunty as she was known) was never clear as to what became of her father's medals but had a recollection that they may have ended up with another John Grant (married to Ruth Slade) or Peter (Coventry?).  John Grant and Ruth Slade had 4 children, Tessa, Grizel, Duncan and Andrew and so it is possible that the medals may have eventually been bequeathed to them.

As I am in the dark as to how these medals now find themselves being sold at auction, I would appreciate it if you could provide me with as much information as possible as to how this has come about. I do not have any of the information which would indicate that they had been bequeathed or legitimately sold to any parties outside the immediate family.

James Morton of Morton and Eden has assured me that all due diligence has been adhered to in establishing the provenance of these medals and that he is satisfied that the medals are being legitimately auctioned.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience with any information that you can provide me with.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,

Michael Turkheim