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To: ...
21 SEP 1983

SUBJECT: DISASTER : Korean
Airliner Disaster
Sept 1987

KOREAN EMBASSY
4, PALACE GATE,
LONDON, W8 5NF

Prime Minister

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

20 September 1983

SERIAL No. T 132A 183

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you be so kind as to convey to The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the following telegraphic message from His Excellency Chun Doo Hwan, President of the Republic of Korea:

"SEOUL, 15 SEPTEMBER 1983

EXCELLENCY,

I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT RENDERED TO THE POSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1983 IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT OF THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A KOREAN JETLINER BY THE SOVIET UNION.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE CRIMINAL ACT OF THE SOVIET UNION, THOUGH NOT ADOPTED DUE TO THE SOVIET VETO.

IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED SO MANY LIVES OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES WILL GIVE A VIGOROUS MOMENTUM TO OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO OPPOSE VIOLENCE AND DISORDER AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN CONSCIENCE AND MORALITY.

CHUN DOO HWAN
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA"

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.


Young Hoon Kang
Ambassador

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
London