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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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*President of the Republic of Korea*

(Translation)

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Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Korea and on my own behalf, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for Your Excellency and your Government's sympathy and support rendered to the people of Korea in connection with the tragic bombing incident which occurred in Rangoon on October 9, 1983 during my state visit to that country.

As you are aware, the Burmese Government broke off its diplomatic relations with North Korea and derecognized the latter's regime on November 4, 1983, announcing that the incident was proven by irrefutable evidences to be an act of terrorism perpetrated by the North Korean regime. I believe that the Burmese measures taken against North Korea are most appropriate and fully justified in view of the unprecedentedly serious nature of the incident.

It is deplorable that North Korea has long been involved in international violence and illegal activities not only on the Korean peninsula but throughout the world, causing deep concern among the peace-loving peoples of the world. The Rangoon bombing incident has unveiled once again the true identity of the perpetrator of such violence.

I sincerely hope that all peace-loving nations of the world including the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will join their efforts in bringing the North Korean regime to fully account for its unforgivable crime and thereby prevent possible recurrence of such an incident in the future.

The Right Honourable  
Margaret Hilda Thatcher, M.P.  
Prime Minister of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland



It is my earnest desire that the friendly and cooperative relations which exist between our two countries will continue to be strengthened in the years to come.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/s/ Chun Doo Hwan