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THE PRIME MINISTER

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17 December 1979

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Your Excellency,

On the occasion of Your Excellency's inauguration as President of the Republic of Korea, I send you my congratulations and best wishes for the future.

I wish you well in your determination to pursue constitutional advance for the benefit and well-being of your countrymen, and I look forward with confidence to the continued expansion of the friendly relations between our two countries.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency President Choi Kyu Hah

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From the Private Secretary

13 December 1979

CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO PRESIDENT CHOI KYU HAH
OF SOUTH KOREA

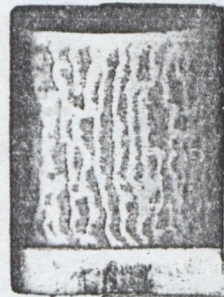
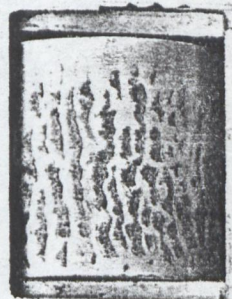
The Prime Minister has approved the text of a message from her to the President of South Korea enclosed with your letter to me of 7 December and amended in your letter of 12 December.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the despatch of the telegram to Seoul.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

R.M.J. Lyne, Esq.,
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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1980

LETTER TO PRESIDENT CHOI KYU HAH

Further to our recent telephone conversations and your letter of 10 January, I now enclose the signed text of the Prime Minister's message to President Choi.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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Prime Minister -

This message was delivered
before Christmas but the Embassy
say that the Koreans would
like a signed list.

'Your Excellency'

'with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Paul
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London S.W.1

10 January 1980

Dear Michael,

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Congratulatory Letter from the Prime Minister
to President Choi Kyn Nan of South Korea

With my letter of 7 December I sent you a draft letter and draft telegram to Seoul. These were approved, and the telegram despatched to Seoul.

When they were given the text of the Prime Minister's letter the Koreans were told that the signed original would follow. The Korean Ambassador has now sent us the text of a letter of reply which is being sent from President Choi to the Prime Minister (enclosed).

To date we have not yet received the Prime Minister's letter which we should like to send to our Embassy in Seoul, by the diplomatic bag leaving on Friday morning 11 January, for delivery to President Choi. I understand that you do not normally send signed copies of messages of this kind: but as the Koreans are now expecting one and replying in a like manner, it would be helpful if in this case we could have a signed reply, which I suggest should be dated 17 December.

Yours ever
Roderic Lyne

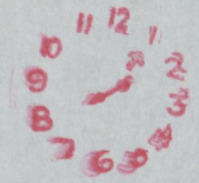
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"To Prime Minister M. Thatcher of United Kingdom.

I am grateful to you and your people for the warm congratulations on my inauguration as the tenth President of the Republic of Korea. It is my pleasure to work with you to promote our friendship. I earnestly hope that my tenure of office will witness further strengthening of cooperation and understanding between our two countries and will serve to ensure our common prosperity as well. Please accept my best wishes for your continued good health and prosperity of your people.

Choi Kyu Hah, President of the Republic of Korea.

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