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TELNO 305 OF 14.10.80.

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 201/80

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NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

1. ON 11 OCTOBER THE FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE SIR EDWARD YOUDE THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER. THE ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG. THE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1980. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECIPROCATE THE GOOD WISHES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. I AM PLEASED TO SHARE YOUR SENTIMENT THAT OUR TIONATIONS HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS AND THAT CONCRETE CO-OPERATION IN MANY WORTHWHILE FIELDS HAVE STEADILY EXPANDED TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION.

I ALSO TAKE PLEASURE IN REFERRING YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 29, 1980, ADDRESSED TO THE THEN PRESIDENT, H.E. CHOI KYU HAN, WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED BEFORE ME FOR RUNCESSARY COURSE OF ACTION.

AS FOR THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING THE CONVENTIONAL PARTS FOR NEW NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE RECENT INDUSTRIAL REALIGNMENT SCHEME OF MY GOVERNMENT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO OFF X BRITISH FIRMS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPLY THEM FOR THE POWER STATIONS.

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HOWEVER, IN COGNIZANCE OF YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL MATTERS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY MINISTRIES CONCERNED TO HAVE BOTH SIDES ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR OTHER SUITABLE PROJECT INSTEAD OF THE PARTICULAR ONE REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER.

WITH MY BEST PERSONAL REGARDS AND WISHES, I REMAIN

SINCERELY YOURS

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