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13 August 1981

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Despite the strictly informal nature of the visit the Lord Privy Seal attaches importance to showing the Korean Prime Minister the appropriate courtesies. We have good relations with Korea and important commercial interests there. Mr Nam, who is an economist, is generally credited with responsibility for Korea's remarkable economic and industrial progress in recent years. He is a good friend of Britain's and has visited London several times in previous ministerial capacities. We believe however that this is the first time a Korean Prime Minister has visited London.

An FCO greeter will be present at his arrival and departure and we propose that an appropriate Minister might call on Mr Nam on the morning of 14 September. We are pursuing this separately. We have explained to the Koreans that the Prime Minister herself is fully committed that morning. It would however be greatly appreciated by them if the Prime Minister were to send him a note of welcome on the lines of the enclosed draft. If the Prime Minister agrees to this, the FCO greeter might hand the message to Mr Nam on his arrival. The letter should therefore be dated 11 September.

Yours ever

Michael Arthur

M A Arthur
Private Secretary to the
Lord Privy Seal

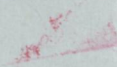
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Prime Minister

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TO:
Mr Nam Duck-Woo
Prime Minister of the Republic of
Korea

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

I am sorry that the shortness of your visit and my own prior commitments mean that we shall be unable to meet during your time in London. May I however warmly welcome you and your wife to this country and express the hope that you will have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend here after what will certainly have been a tiring series of visits to other European capitals. It is good that you know us well enough to come here for the private and informal part of your tour.

CAVEAT.....

If I may say so, this reflects the close links and understanding which have existed for so long between our two countries. I know that you yourself have contributed much to this very happy relationship and it is particularly fitting that you and your wife should be with us again this weekend. I hope that our weather looks kindly on the occasion.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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19 August 1981

Michael Arthur wrote to me on 13 August about the private visit to the United Kingdom of Mr. Nam Duck-Woo, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.

The Prime Minister has agreed to send Mr. Nam Duck-Woo a note of welcome. This is attached, dated 11 September. It can be handed over by the FCO greeter, as proposed.

WR

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea will be paying a private visit next month to this country.

Although the FCO are not proposing that he should call on you, they would like you to send him a note of welcome. If you agree, could you please sign the attached draft.

More details of the visit are set out in the letter below the draft.

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