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TELEGRAM NUMBER 171 OF 18 OCTOBER 1983

NEW KOREAN PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHIN IEE CHONG, THE NEW PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

2. BEGINS:

MANY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE DEVELOPED.

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From the Private Secretary

18 October 1983

NEW KOREAN CABINET

Thank you for your letter of
17 October.

The Prime Minister has approved
the message of congratulation to the
new Prime Minister. I should be
grateful if you would arrange for its
delivery.

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A. J. COLES

John Holmes Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Agree message?

17 October, 1983

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Yes no

Dear John,

Following the recent explosion in Rangoon and consequent death of four of his Ministers, President Chun announced a new Korean Cabinet on 14 October.

Chin Iee Chong has been appointed Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea. In view of the circumstances of his appointment, it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a telegram of congratulation to him. I attach a draft message.

Chin Iee Chong is comparatively unknown. Having been an opposition Assemblyman in the early ~~seventies~~, he became Minister for Health and Social Affairs in 1979. He re-entered the National Assembly in 1981 as a member of President Chun's ruling Democratic Justice Party. His previous position was Chairman of the party.

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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9 NEW KOREAN PRIME MINISTER
10 1. Please pass the following message of congratulation
11 from the Prime Minister to Chin Iee Chong, the new Prime
12 Minister of the Republic of Korea.
13 2. **BEGINS:**
14 **Many congratulations on your appointment. I look forward**
15 **to the continuation of the close and friendly relations which**
16 **our two governments have developed.**
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