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Dear Charles,

time Thington Some additional points for to talks with the President of Koren.

Call on the Prime Minister by the President of the Republic of Korea: 9 April

Robert Culshaw wrote on 26 March enclosing a brief for this call. The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date.

I am pleased to report that one difficulty referred to in the earlier brief has now been overcome. The Korean authorities have agreed to permit the British Council to restart their self-financing English Language Teaching programme.

Second, we have heard that the Koreans are ready to make concessions to allow the bulk import of Scotch whisky into Korea to continue at present levels. DTI Ministers may explore the detailed implications further with their opposite numbers. But in our view there is no need to raise the matter with the President, who is said by the Koreans to be unbriefed on this subject.

I now enclose an amended set of briefs.

The other major amendments cover:

The continuing concern of the British publishing (a) and recording industries about copyright. Recent Korean legislation will not extend protection to foreign works until 1988. (Lord Blakenham has recently made representatations to the Prime Minister);

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(b) Further background on Ferranti/Marconi's hopes for a Naval command and control system contract. The contract is not in the bag, and may be slipping away towards the Dutch. Although the contract at present under consideration is only worth £30m, it would be a major breakthrough for UK defence sales, and could lead to follow-on orders.

Brief Personality Notes on members of the Presidential suite attending the Prime Minister's dinner on 8 April are also enclosed, together with a revised Personality Note on President Chun.

I also enclose a revised copy of our general information paper on Korea with some colour plates.

Two small points about the President himself: first, our interpreter advises that the proper pronunciation of the President's name is Chun as in gun. Second, he came to the UK privately in 1967, when on a military course in Germany, and remembers visiting Eton.

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