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16 April 1986

Dear Charles

Visit of the Prime Minister to Seoul: May 1986

The Protocol Division of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs have informed our Embassy in Seoul that it would be customary practice to provide two Presidential aircraft to take the Prime Minister and her immediate party from Seoul to Pohang and then Pusan for the internal programme in South Korea on Sunday 4 May.

Our Ambassador in Seoul feels it would be discourteous to refuse the Korean offer. The aircraft would be an Andover seating approximately 25 and a DC6 with approximately 35 seats.

Seats on the two Presidential aircraft could be allocated to the following:

Prime Minister
Mr Wicks
Mr Powell
Mr Ingham
Mr Towers
Mrs Ryder
3 Detectives
1 Duty Clerk
1 Secretarial Assistant
COI & Press party

There would, of course, also be Korean and Embassy representation. The remainder of the party would transfer on the RAF VC10 from Seoul to Pusan where the aircraft would await the arrival of the Prime Minister and the above party for the flight to Tokyo. The communications equipment on the VC10 will be operative from leaving Seoul and we propose that any messages for the Prime Minister's party during that morning be telephoned to the various venues.

Timings for the Presidential aircraft would slightly alter the Sunday programme as follows:

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0715	Hair appointment
0805	Leave Residence for Kimpo
0825	Depart Kimpo in Presidential aircraft
0915	Arrive Pohang Naval Airbase
0925	Visit POSCO steelworks
1025	Visit Postech (site of new technological institute)
1055	Depart Postech
1105	Depart Pohang Naval Airbase in Presidential aircraft
1135	Arrive Suyeong Airbase
1140	Arrive UN Cemetery, Pusan: lay wreath
1210	Leave UN Cemetery for Suyeong Airbase
1215	Leave Suyeong Airbase in Presidential aircraft
1225	Arrive Kimhae
1230	RAF VC10 departs Kimhae for Tokyo (Haneda)

The RAF VC10 with the remaining support staff on board would take off from Seoul at 0930 hours arriving at Pusan at 1025 and wait to collect the Prime Minister for eventual take-off at 1230.

I should be grateful for your confirmation that these arrangements are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

16 April 1986

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEOUL

Thank you for your letter of 16 April about the arrangements for the second day of the Prime Minister's visit to the Republic of Korea. I am sure the Prime Minister would be ready to take up the Korean offer of a Presidential aircraft for the journey from Seoul to Pohang and then on to Pusan. You may agree to the revised timings.

(Charles Powell)

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Charles - to note the Koreans are reverting to helicopters!

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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES BY THE PRESIDENTIAL AIRFORCE LIAISON OFFICER THAT THE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE COMFORTABLY ALL LEGS IN THE SOUTH, PROTOCOL DIVISION HAVE NOW BEEN ADVISED BY THE SECURITY PLANNING DIVISION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY SERVICE THAT HELICOPTERS (BELL 412'S) WILL HAVE TO BE USED FOR THE JOURNEY POHANG-SUYEONG-KIMHAE. FOR TECHNICAL AND SAFETY REASONS, THE SHORT AIRSTRIP AT SUYEONG WAS RECOMMENDED FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY BY THE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT.

2. THIS NEWS COMES AS A DISAPPOINTMENT, PARTICULARLY AS USING HELICOPTERS WILL MAKE FOR A RATHER TIGHTER PROGRAMME TIMEWISE. NEVERTHLESS WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE OUR VIEWS ON TAKING UP THE KOREAN'S OFFER OF TRANSPORT ON ALL LEGS OF THE JOURNEY SOUTH.

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SUYEONG AIRBASE US 051 - 73 - 5000