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London SW1A 2AH

22 April 1986

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister
This is an
imaginative idea.
Agree to present
the computer
equipment
as proposed?

Prime Minister's Visit to the Republic of Korea:
2-4 May 1986

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In your letter of 8 April, you asked us to pursue the idea of presenting an item of British high technology equipment to the POSTECH centre for research and post-graduate studies which the Prime Minister will be visiting on 4 May.

We have identified an item of computer equipment (costing approximately £4,400) which POSTECH would warmly welcome. This equipment, produced by INMOS, is ahead of Japanese technology and compatible with POSTECH's present computer equipment. We would see obvious advantage in a newly established Korean research centre being exposed to UK produced software at such an early stage in its development. (Its precise description is an IMS D 700 transputer development system and programmes, together with compatible transputer boards.) INMOS have indicated that they would be prepared to donate this equipment free of charge.

Yes
not

One problem in presenting such equipment is that it does not lend itself to bearing an inscription that it was a gift from the Prime Minister. In the circumstances the Embassy have suggested a commemorative wall plaque in English and Korean. We would suggest the following wording:

"To commemorate the visit of
The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland
4 May 1986"

Could I ask if a decision on this gift might be given by telephone in order to expedite supply of both computer equipment and plaque in the rather limited time available?

Yours ever

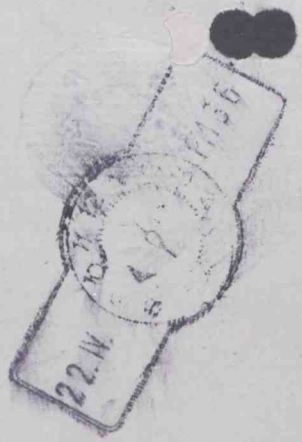
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From the Private Secretary

23 April 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Thank you for your letter of 22 April with the suggestion that the Prime Minister should present an item of British high technology equipment to the POSTECH centre for research and postgraduate studies in Korea which she will be visiting on 4 May.

The Prime Minister agrees to the idea of presenting the IMS D 700 transputer development system and programmes. She is most grateful to INMOS for agreeing to donate the equipment free of charge.

I like the idea of a commemorative wall plaque. The words which you propose ^{are} just right.

Charles Powell

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