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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Dear Charles

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Prime Minister's Visit to Korea

The Protocol Division of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs have, very belatedly, approached our Embassy in Seoul with the suggestion that the Prime Minister plant two trees to commemorate her visit while in Korea.

x One tree would be at the Postech Institute (to which the Prime Minister is presenting an item of British high technology computer equipment on 4 May). This we would recommend: it would take no more than a few minutes.

The other suggestion is for a planting at Gloster Valley, site of the heroic stand of the Gloucestershire Regiment at the Battle of the Imjin River during the Korean War.

5 The Prime Minister may feel that a tree specifically commemorating her visit might not be appropriate to what is essentially a British War Memorial.

In view of the very short space of time before the Prime Minister's departure, an early reply would be welcome.

Yours ever

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PS Since I dictated the above, we discussed this matter by telephone and agreed on x and 5 as recommended above. I read this letter morning to confirm that agreement

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER

1. PROTOCOL DIVISION, MFA, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT PLANT COMMEMORATIVE TREES DURING HER VISITS TO GLOSTER VALLEY AND TO POSTECH.

YES 2. THE IDEA OF THE PRIME MINISTER PLANTING A TREE AT POSTECH SEEMS TO US TO BE A GOOD ONE, BUT WE
NO — ARE NOT SO KEEN ON GLOSTER VALLEY:
IT COMMERATES THE REGIMENT AND ITS ACTION, AND PERHAPS OUGHT NOT TO BE USED TO COMMEMORATE OTHER THINGS. HOWEVER, BOTH CEREMONIES CAN BE ARRANGED QUITE EASILY AND WILL NOT TAKE MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES EACH.

3. GRATEFUL TO KNOW (IF POSSIBLE DESKBY FIRST CONTACT ON 29 APRIL) IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO THE INCLUSION OF ONE OR BOTH OF THE ABOVE IN THE PM'S PROGRAMME.

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