



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

29 April 1986

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(delivered to HM Amb,
Korea)

Dear Mr. Wang,

Thank you for your letter of 25 April and for the gift of silver spoons and chopsticks. These are very fine and I particularly relish the inscription wishing me a long life!

I am so sorry that we shall not be able to meet you and your wife during my visit to Korea but of course I fully understand the reasons. I hope that your visit to the United Kingdom is a success.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Sang-eun Wang, C.B.E.



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Mr. CD. Powell
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street

28th April 1986

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to ask your favour for forwarding
to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the
25 480 - enclosed letter and gift from Mr. Sang-eun Wang, who
is Member of the Korean National Assembly and
Honorary British Consul in Pusan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank
you in advance for your kind cooperation in this
regard.

With my best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Won Chan Rah

Charge d'Affaires



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25th April, 1986

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London

Dear Prime Minister,

May I please introduce myself. I am Wang Sang-eun, Honorary
British Consul in Pusan.

You are going to visit Korea in early May and I extend to you
a most hearty welcome to our country.

Your visit to Pusan reminds me of the Garden Party held at
Buckingham Palace in July 1982 to celebrate the birthday of Her
Majesty the Queen. It was a great honour for me and my wife to have
the opportunity of shaking hands with Her Majesty. I now take the
liberty of enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in the
Daily Telegraph at that time.

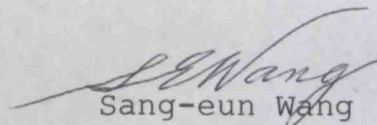
My wife and I were expecting to welcome you personally to our
city, but unfortunately this is not now possible. I am a member
of the Transportation and Communications Committee of the Korean
National Assembly and we plan to make an official visit to London
and other places in the United Kingdom to see ports and underground
railways. I very much regret my inability to see you at the United
Nations Memorial Cemetery in Pusan and offer my sincere apologies.

This exchange of visits between our leaders will play an
important role in further promoting interest among our people about
Britain. I hope that your visit may also be memorable and that it
will lead to even closer economic ties between our two countries.

- to be continued -

In closing may I mention that I would like to give you a small present. This consists of two sets of Korean silver spoons and chopsticks with an inscription wishing you and Mr. Thatcher a long life. I hope you will be good enough to accept this. The gift will be delivered to you by an officer from the Korean Embassy.

Yours sincerely,


Sang-eun Wang



STRICTER SYSTEM SOUGHT

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

A STRICTER system of identity cards for personal staff of MPs and peers is to be sought by the Government to meet fears about security in the Houses of Parliament.

The present system is regarded as too lax because the cards are undated and secretaries and research assistants often leave their jobs without returning them.

The fear is that the cards might fall into the hands of terrorists or enemy agents and would still be usable because they have no expiry date.

MPs and peers are supposed to notify the pass office when their secretaries and assistants leave, but frequently fail to do so.

Often the pass office does not know that a secretary has left until her successor asks for an identity card.

Requests fail

The office is continually writing to MPs asking them to return cards issued to their secretaries and assistants, but the requests often fail to recover the card.

Letters have gone out to 30 MPs, including the former Conservative leader, Mr Heath, and the Rev. Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist MP for North Antrim.

Making cards renewable annually is seen as an elementary requirement, but this has been opposed by MPs as an interference with Parliamentary privilege.

MORE COASTLINE FOR TRUST

By Our Property Market Correspondent

Four miles of South Devon coastline including 950 acres between Man Sands, south of Brixham, and Froward Point, at the mouth of the Dart Estuary, has been bought for more than £1 million by the National Trust.

The trust, which now owns or administers 450 miles of coastline, is also adding six miles of Dorset coast to its "collection" with the acquisition of the Kingston Lacy Estate, which includes Corfe Castle.

SAILING SHIP SINKS

By Our Perth Correspondent

One of the world's oldest active sailing vessels, the 132-year-old Baltic two-master Klaraborg, caught fire and sank off Western Australia yesterday. Three women and seven men on board were rescued.



The Queen meeting guests at the Royal garden party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Murmurs on the Palace lawns

By CHARLES NEVIN

GUESSING the main topic of conversation at the first Buckingham Palace garden party of the summer yesterday required little imagination.

"Appalling," "scandalous," "incompetent," and "ought to resign" rose in snatches above the hats, umbrellas, meat paste, chocolate cake and brass band in beautiful grounds which have seen more than their fair share of the public just recently.

But not in front of the Queen. Those among the 7,000 attending selected to meet her were guided by their own discretion, the subtle promptings of equerries and the fact that she chooses the topic of conversation.

The result of all this was that while there were conversations about racing pigeons, the National Health Service, charities, declining rolls at primary schools, Korea and the Falklands, "the incident" did not get a mention.

As each little exchange ended and the Queen, animated, charming and all smiles, moved on, the recipients of her words

were pounced on by eager scribes.

Nothing of what they were really interested in emerged, but it did reveal the depth and breadth of the Monarch's knowledge of her kingdom and people.

And there was a goodly cross-section of them at the Palace yesterday, from Mrs Thatcher to parish council chairmen, from county councillors to the honorary consul in Pusan, South Korea, from the chairman of the council of the British Medical Association to Mr Terry Duffy.

Their opinions on "that incident" were surprisingly varied. Mrs Tilly Thorpe, a Northamptonshire county councillor, represented the robust sector.

'Blue murder'

"I was very shocked," she said. "I think there has been an appalling slip-up. The people guarding her have become complacent."

"But wasn't she fantastic? Very cool, but then you expect that. I'd have screamed blue murder."

On the other hand, Suffolk county councillor Freddie Gales conceded that it was a

"terrible thing," but stressed that "the police are doing a wonderful job in what throughout the whole country is a very difficult job."

Back with the royal conversees, Mr S. E. Wang, the honorary consul for Pusan, was replying with a scrutable twinkle to questions about the intruder. "I was invited," he said, firmly.

Most people even forgot to ask about the new grandson—"We didn't have time, she was too charming," was one explanation—but Mr Anthony Grabham, the chairman of the council of the BMA said that the Royal Family were enjoying the second heir "very much."

Experienced garden party watchers confided that security might have been just a little tighter than usual, with perhaps more members of the Royal Protection Squad present, three constables at positions where there used to be two.

Admission was by invitation, checked twice. Was the security adequate? "You know better than to expect me to answer that," said the inspector. "Well yes, that's right, you don't expect trouble from these sort of people, do you?"