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From the Private Secretary

5 May, 1983

VISIT BY ALAN WALTERS TO KOREA

Thank you for your letter of 4 May.

It is the case that Alan Walters has accepted in principle an invitation from the President of the Korean Development Institute to make a lecture visit to Korea. Alan would find it difficult to carry out such a visit in the immediate future and would prefer to plan to do so in October (a date which has already been mentioned to the Koreans). Perhaps you could kindly pass on this message to them and let us know their response.

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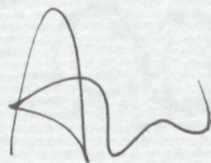
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MR. COLES

MY VISIT TO KOREA

The Korean Development Institute has been putting some pressure on me for some time to go to Korea and give a lecture or two. I was not entirely sure that I should go. But the FCO are so agreeably inclined that I am happy to oblige.

I originally thought about a visit in May, but events being what they were I thought I had better stay in London throughout that whole period. I have talked to them subsequently and they say they are very adaptable as far as dates are concerned. I tentatively scheduled it for October. But if the FCO think it desirable, I could of course go in June.



ALAN WALTERS
4 May 1983



Dr. Walters

What would you like
us to say?
A.J.C. 4/5.

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4 May 1983

Dear John,

I understand that Dr Alan Walters has accepted in principle an invitation from the President of the Korean Development Institute, Dr Kim Ki-Hwan, to make a lecture visit to Korea. Dates have yet to be fixed, but the Koreans are pressing, through our Embassy in Seoul, for an early visit.

This year is the centenary of Anglo-Korean diplomatic relations. The Koreans are anxious that as much should be made of this centenary as possible; we regard it as an opportunity to thicken bilateral relations generally but especially commercial links. A lecture by Dr Walters could usefully be presented as a part of the centenary programme. This would be well received by the Koreans. Perhaps you could pass this on to Dr Walters and let me know how he would like us to respond to the Koreans.

Yours ever

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