

PRIME MINISTER

SPEECHES IN KOREA

You will have two short speeches to make in Korea, together with an arrival statement.

I attach drafts for:

- a. speech at the President's State banquet in your honour; ✓ *SBTAAW*
- b. speech at the Prime Minister's lunch; ✓ *SP2AA X*
- c. arrival statement. ✓ *SP2AA4*

It would be very helpful if you could approve texts now (we can always add some flourishes) so that we can get them translated into Korean for distribution.

*C.D.P.*

*Do they want such a long 'State' speech? I have tried to shorten it a little. mb*

(C. D. POWELL)

26 April 1986

## SPEECH AT THE STATE DINNER ON THE EVENING OF 3 MAY

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND MRS. CHUN MOST WARMLY FOR THE WELCOME WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ME HERE IN KOREA AND FOR YOUR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY TONIGHT.

THERE CAN BE FEW PREVIOUS EXAMPLES WHERE ONE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT HAS CARRIED OUT A RETURN VISIT SO QUICKLY.

BUT THAT ONLY UNDERLINES THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH WE IN BRITAIN ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND OUR DETERMINATION TO GIVE THOSE RELATIONS MORE SUBSTANCE IN EVERY FIELD.

THE ARRANGEMENT ALSO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF ALLOWING US, THIS MORNING, TO CONTINUE THE VERY INTERESTING TALK WHICH WE HAD WHEN YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, <sup>made such a successful</sup> VISITED <sup>to</sup> LONDON, AND TO DEVELOP SOME OF THE THEMES WHICH EMERGED FROM IT.

AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GAIN AN IMPRESSION, TO WHICH I SHALL BE ABLE TO ADD TOMORROW, OF YOUR COUNTRY. EVEN ON A VISIT AS BRIEF AS THIS, ONE CAN SEE CLEARLY WHAT IMMENSE SUCCESS THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD IN REBUILDING THE COUNTRY AFTER THE RAVAGES OF WAR ONLY 35 YEARS AGO.

THIS IS AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH WE IN BRITAIN GREATLY ADMIRE.

YOU WERE ACCOMPANIED IN LONDON, MR. PRESIDENT, BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MINISTERS, OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN, WHO USED THE OCCASION TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LINKS WITH THEIR BRITISH COUNTERPARTS. I SEE MANY OF THEM AROUND THESE TABLES TONIGHT. I HOPE THAT THEY RETURNED WITH THE CONVICTION THAT THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

BOTH OUR COUNTRIES LIVE BY TRADE, AND BOTH MUST THEREFORE RESIST AND FIGHT THE TEMPTATIONS OF PROTECTIONISM. THIS IS SOMETHING ON WHICH THERE WAS CLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN US IN LONDON.

KOREAN BUSINESSMEN FIND A VERY OPEN AND PROFITABLE MARKET FOR THEIR GOODS IN BRITAIN: BRITISH EXPORTERS LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING THE SAME IN KOREA.

BUT OUR COOPERATION HAS TO GO MUCH WIDER THAN THAT.

WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE A MARRIAGE BETWEEN BRITISH TECHNOLOGY AND KOREAN MANUFACTURING SKILLS TO PRODUCE FOR THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

IN THIS AREA, OF COURSE, GOVERNMENTS CANNOT USURP THE PLACE OF BUSINESS.

COMPANIES HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS BASED ON WHAT THEY SEE AS THEIR BEST COMMERCIAL INTEREST. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENTS CAN HELP THE BUSINESSMAN'S TASK BY MAKING AVAILABLE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND BY CREATING THE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO FOSTER INVESTMENT.

~~THE BUSINESSMAN, BEFORE HE DECIDES ON AN INVESTMENT OR A LICENCING ARRANGEMENT, NEEDS TO KNOW VERY CLEARLY WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE.~~

~~HE HAS TO BE ASSURED THAT, WHATEVER THE UNCERTAINTIES MIGHT BE, THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO ADD TO THEM.~~

*The business man* ~~AND HE, AND INDEED HIS KOREAN PARTNER, WANT TO BE SURE THAT THEIR PRODUCT IS GOING TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST COPYING.~~

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE WELCOME YOUR PLANS TO LEGISLATE ON THIS QUESTION NEXT YEAR.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN OTHER KOREAN COMPANIES COME FORWARD TO JOIN THE SOLITARY KOREAN INVESTOR IN BRITAIN.

ACCESS TO THE MARKET OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST TRADING BLOC, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, MUST BE A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF KOREA, AND TO ACHIEVE THIS BY WORKING FROM WITHIN, FREE OF ANY FEAR OF PROTECTIONISM, IS AN ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT. I THINK TOO THAT YOUR MANAGERS WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO WORK IN ENGLISH, WHICH IS, I UNDERSTAND, TAUGHT AS THE FIRST FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN THE SCHOOLS.

WE GREATLY ADMIRE THE EFFORTS WHICH ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF ENGLISH SPOKEN IN KOREA, ESPECIALLY WITH THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN VIEW, AND WE SHALL, THROUGH THE BRITISH COUNCIL, DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP.

THE PROSPERITY WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED, THAT WHICH YOU HOPE TO ATTAIN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THESE

HOPES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,  
ALL DEPEND ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY.  
WE, LIKE YOU, HAVE LONG UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF  
BEING STRONG AND READY TO MEET AN AGGRESSOR IF WE  
WANT TO DETER HIS ATTACK.  
WE, LIKE YOU, SPEND OVER 5% OF OUR GNP ON DEFENCE.  
WE SEE IT AS THE PRICE WHICH HAS TO BE PAID FOR FREEDOM.

THIS AFTERNOON I HAD A GLIMPSE OF THE THREAT WHICH YOU FACE  
AND OF THE RESOLUTION WITH WHICH YOU AND YOUR ALLIES  
ARE MEETING IT.

IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE, I THINK,  
ESTABLISHED A CONSIDERABLE IDENTITY OF VIEW ON THE  
DANGERS WHICH SURROUND US, AND I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE  
SEEN FOR MYSELF WHY SECURITY IS - HAS TO BE - A MATTER  
OF SUCH OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE TO YOU.

THE MOST PAINFUL ASPECT OF THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY ALONG  
THAT CRUEL LINE IS THAT THOSE PEOPLE TO THE NORTH  
WITH THEIR MASSED TROOPS AND WEAPONS, ARE THE SAME  
PEOPLE, OF THE SAME BLOOD AS YOURSELVES, PERHAPS  
EVEN RELATED TO SOME OF YOU ROUND THESE TABLES.  
WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO OPEN UP SOME SORT OF DIALOGUE  
ACROSS THE LINE, AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOT ALWAYS  
MEET WITH THE INTRANSIGENCE WHICH WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR.  
WE MAINTAIN THAT THE FUTURE OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA  
IS SOMETHING FOR KOREANS TO DECIDE AND WE HOPE THAT  
YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE NORTH WILL BEFORE LONG PROVIDE  
A MEANS BY WHICH DECISIONS CAN BE TAKEN.

YOUR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, AND YOUR READINESS TO TALK TO THOSE WHO THREATEN YOU, PROVIDE THE GUARANTEES OF YOUR FREEDOM, FREEDOM UNDER WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CAN AND WILL BECOME A MODERN INDUSTRIALIZED STATE, FREEDOM ALSO TO BUILD UP A SOCIETY BASED ON THE RULE OF LAW, AND ON THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, I RECOGNISE THE EFFORTS WHICH YOU ARE MAKING TO CREATE SUCH A SOCIETY *AND WISH YOU WELL IN THEM.*

MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN I HAVE COMPLETED MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY, I SHALL BE ATTENDING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN TOKYO ~~WITH LEADERS OF THE OTHER MAIN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.~~ WE SHALL BE DEALING THERE WITH ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE WELCOME OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES: THE NEED TO CONTINUE PRUDENT *financial* ~~POLICIES WHICH HAVE BROUGHT SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH: THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL~~ TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST: AND ABOVE ALL CONCERTED ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM FROM WHICH YOUR COUNTRY TOO HAS SUFFERED. I AM VERY GLAD, MR. PRESIDENT, TO HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH YOU BEFORE GOING TO THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT MEETING.

OUR COUNTRIES HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS. SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WE HAVE STOOD BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND ON THE WORLD STAGE. I VENTURE TO SAY THAT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE

MADE IMMENSE STRIDES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CENTURY OLD RELATIONSHIP.

~~WE HAVE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER MUCH BETTER.~~

~~TWO COUNTRIES SO FAR APART GEOGRAPHICALLY HAVE TO WORK HARD TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.)~~

MAY I ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT MY GOVERNMENT

~~WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO ASSIST IN THIS, THAT <sup>CONTINUE</sup> ~~WILL~~ <sup>CONTINUE</sup> ~~DOES~~ TO BRING OUR TWO COUNTRIES CLOSER~~

~~I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME, HOWEVER, WHEN I SAY~~

~~THAT GOVERNMENTS CANNOT DO EVERYTHING IN THIS FIELD.~~

~~WE MUST LOOK TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PLAY ITS PART.~~

~~I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN WITH ME IN URGING THEM TO DO SO.~~

~~MAY I THANK YOU AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR WELCOME.~~

~~MAY I THANK YOU FOR VISITING MY COUNTRY, AND FOR MAKING ME FEEL SO MUCH AT HOME IN YOURS.~~

~~MAY I THANK YOU AND MRS. CHUN FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY TONIGHT.~~

AND ~~MAY~~ I INVITE YOU ALL TO RISE WITH ME AND DRINK TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT CHUN DOO-WHEN, OF MRS CHUN, AND TO FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

WILL DO ALL THAT IT CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE MOMENTUM IS KEPT UP.

## SPEECH AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH AT MIDDAY ON 3 MAY

PRIME MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU AND MRS. LHO FOR YOUR VERY WARM WELCOME AND FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY TODAY.

THIS IS AN HISTORIC OCCASION.

MY BRIEF REMARKS TODAY ARE THE FIRST TO BE PRONOUNCED BY A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER ON KOREAN SOIL.

GIVEN ALL THAT HAS PASSED IN OUR RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS NOW ENTERING UPON ITS SECOND HUNDRED YEARS, WE HAVE PERHAPS LEFT THIS RATHER LATE.

BUT NOW, WITH THE FIRST VISIT WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAS JUST PAID TO LONDON, WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME RAPID CATCHING UP.

THE FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR MODERN RELATIONSHIP WERE LAID IN THE TESTING YEARS OF THE KOREAN WAR, WHEN OUR SOLDIERS FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE IN THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM. I LOOK FORWARD TOMORROW TO VISITING THE UNITED NATIONS CEMETERY IN PUSAN WHERE THOSE WHO DIED IN THIS CAUSE ARE BURIED, AND TO HONOURING THEIR MEMORY, JUST AS THIS MORNING I HONOURED THE KOREAN DEAD AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

THE STRUGGLE, PRIME MINISTER, IS NOT YET OVER.

BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE TO BE VIGILANT.

IN THE TALKS THAT I HAD WITH THE PRESIDENT IN LONDON AND HERE, AND WITH YOURSELF THIS MORNING, I FOUND THAT OUR VIEWS ON THESE PROBLEMS WERE VERY CLOSE.

I HOPE THAT WE SHALL NOW BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR DIALOGUE



FORWARD SO AS TO BUILD UP A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS AND COOPERATION.

WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER EACH OTHER IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS, BUT WE HAVE MORE BASIC WORK TO DO IF WE ARE TO EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITIES FULLY.

WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, MORE EXCHANGES, ESPECIALLY AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL, ARE NECESSARY.

WE MUST WELCOME THE START THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS AREA.

YOUR OWN FAMILY PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE IN YOUR SON WHO IS STUDYING AT OXFORD, MY OWN UNIVERSITY.

I HOPE THAT YOUR PLANS FOR THE TRAINING OF POST- DOCTORAL STUDENTS WILL MEAN THAT WE SEE MANY MORE OF YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRITAIN.

THROUGH THE EMBASSY AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL, WE SHALL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO HELP.

IN THE OTHER DIRECTION THERE IS A CLEAR NEED TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF KOREA IN BRITAIN.

WE BOTH KNOW THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT GOVERNMENTS CAN DO IN THIS REGARD.

OUR FUNDS ARE LIMITED.

WE MUST THEREFORE LOOK TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE.

IF WE ARE RIGHT, AND I AM SURE THAT WE ARE, IN FORECASTING STEADILY GROWING TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WE CAN EXPECT THE BUSINESSES WHICH ARE GOING TO PROFIT FROM THIS TO CONSIDER PUTTING SOME OF THEIR INVESTMENT INTO THE FUTURE, AND INTO PEOPLE AS WELL AS PLANT.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, MY PROGRAMME TELLS ME THAT I MUST NOW LEAVE TO GO TO THE DMZ AND TO THE SCENE OF ONE OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF THE KOREAN WAR.

IT WILL REMIND ME HOW CLOSELY BRITAIN AND KOREA HAVE STOOD TOGETHER IN THE PAST.

I HOPE THAT MY VISIT HERE WILL, LIKE THAT OF THE PRESIDENT TO LONDON, HELP CONTINUE AND INCREASE THAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE IDEALS WHICH WE SHARE IN THE FUTURE.

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS A TRUE FRIEND IN GREAT BRITAIN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT FRIENDSHIP EXPRESSED IN PRACTICAL WAYS ACROSS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONS.

PRIME MINISTER, THANK YOU MOST WARMLY FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND FOR MAKING ME FEEL SO WELCOME HERE.

MAY I NOW ASK YOU ALL TO DRINK TO THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND TO THE SECOND HUNDRED YEARS OF KOREA/BRITISH RELATIONS.

E. R.

## ARRIVAL STATEMENT

I AM VERY PLEASSED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND I AM PARTICULARLY HONOURED TO BE THE FIRST BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO DO SO.

THE VERY FULL AND INTERESTING DISCUSSION WHICH I HAD WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, DURING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT WHICH HE AND MRS. CHUN PAID TO LONDON LAST MONTH, MEANS THAT I LOOK FORWARD KEENLY TO SEEING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF YOUR ENERGETIC AND FORWARD LOOKING COUNTRY. APART FROM VISITING THE DMZ, I SHALL ALSO BE SEEING FIRSTHAND KOREA'S STRIKING INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

THE TALKS THAT I SHALL HAVE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE SO HAPPILY BEGUN IN LONDON.

I HOPE THAT THESE TWO VISITS, WHICH TESTIFY TO THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WILL BE SEEN AS FORMING THE BASIS FROM WHICH WE BUILD A GROWING PARTNERSHIP NOT ONLY IN THE POLITICAL BUT ALSO IN THE COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELD.