

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO KOREA

There will be little new to say to President Chun, given that you have seen him so recently, and we have therefore allowed relatively little time in the programme for talks. The main importance lies in the fact of the visit, both to Korea itself and in particular to the Gloster Valley and Panminjan. We are hoping for extensive press and TV coverage.

The main events of the programme are ceremonial, but there will be two sessions of talks: half-an-hour with the Prime Minister and three-quarters of an hour with the President. You will want to use these to reiterate:

- our continued support for Korea;
- our recognition of the threat from the North and the consequences of this for the internal situation in South Korea;
- our encouragement to the President to continue on the course of democratisation on which he has embarked;
- our support for Korean membership of the United Nations.

More specific points which you will want to pursue are:

- the need to press ahead with liberalisation of the Korean domestic market;
- to clinch the Marconi/Ferranti naval pre-control system contract;
- to maintain pressure on the Koreans to legislate soon to provide adequate copyright and patent protection;
- to press our interest in seeing a UK consortium obtain a



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share of World Bank funds to promote Science and Technology Training;

- to urge lifting of discrimination against foreign banks;

A potentially tricky part of the visit will be the press conference immediately after you have seen the President. I expect that the British press will press you hard on human rights and whether you raised the matter with the President. Your line might be that in a divided country such as Korea where the Republic faces a very real direct threat from the North, there obviously has to be particular attention to security; but that progress is being made towards liberal democratic institutions and that you encouraged the President to continue this; and that you are looking forward to meeting a number of opposition leaders.

You are also likely to be asked what assurances you received on copyright and patent law.

I attach the briefs and some cards, as well as the record of your last meeting with President Chun. I suggest that you read these on the aircraft. There are no particular points which need to be pursued at the briefing meeting.

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