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London SW1A 2AH

31 May 2001

Dear Anna,

Prime Minister's Reply to the Mongolian Prime Minister

The Prime Minister of Mongolia, Mr Nambariin Enkhbayar, wrote to the Prime Minister in April, outlining his suggestions on how to address the problem of global climate change. I enclose a self-explanatory draft reply.

Yours ever,

Patrick Davies

(Patrick Davies)
Private Secretary

Ms Anna Wechsberg
10 Downing Street

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF MONGOLIA

Thank you for your recent letter setting out Mongolia's support for the Kyoto Protocol and for your suggestions on how to move forward in the negotiations. Like Mongolia, the UK and other EU Member States, believe the Kyoto Protocol is the best international framework available for taking action to address climate change. The UK is committed to the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and aims to achieve its entry into force in 2002. We are doing everything we can to prepare for the resumed session of the climate change negotiations in Bonn this July.

I agree that if we are to tackle successfully the problem of climate change we need to continue to build partnerships, both with other Parties in the negotiations and with local communities. That is why the UK continues to support the intensive diplomatic effort required to generate enough ratifications for the Kyoto Protocol to enter into force. We are also working closely with civil society and industry in the UK to set up our own national Climate Change Programme that will deliver substantial reductions in emissions and improve energy efficiency.

I was interested to read about the partnership you are developing world-wide to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency and "green sourcing" across a range of sectors through the Alliance of Religion and Conservation's "Climate Change Initiative". I fully agree that community initiatives are important in finding ways to reduce CO_2 emissions. I look forward to hearing more as the programme develops.

[Beverley Darkin
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can you check whether the foreign Sec's office have seen this, pls? Not clear from these papers. ta. Anne 22/5

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From: Beverley Darkin

Date: 18 May 2001

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cc: Robert Mason
Lucy Moore, DETR
Susan Curtis, NEAPD

File please - Patrick will deal & send a revised draft back to us. Anne 24/5

PS/Prime Minister

PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO THE MONGOLIAN PRIME MINISTER

Issue

1. How to respond to a letter from N. Enkhbayar, Prime Minister of Mongolia inviting the UK to join the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (Flag A).

Timing

2. Priority.

Recommendation

3. That the Prime Minister replies along the lines of the attached draft (Flag B).

Background

4. Enkhbayar, Prime Minister of Mongolia has written to you about a Mongolian initiative designed to find a way forward in the climate change negotiations. The initiative advocates a return to the "original principles" of the Kyoto Protocol through the development of a formal partnership between Governments and faith groups, through the Alliance of Religions and Conservation's (ARC) Climate Change Initiative.

5. The partnership is designed to facilitate exchange between the moral, spiritual and ethical guidance provided by the faith communities and the practical information and expertise offered by the Mongolian Government. The Alliance has also developed practical programmes of energy-use reduction, improved efficiency and "green sourcing" which is having an impact on religious institutions, schools, hospitals, homes and businesses.

6. Enkhbayar suggests that the ARC offers to facilitate similar contact with the faith groups within the UK. Although there is no strong impetus within the UK to improve information flows between the faith community and Government on environmental issues at present, this initiative does fit in with the UK's objective of working with civil society in environmental

decision-making. This is an initiative that the UK can broadly support. I therefore recommend that you reply to Enkhbayar, congratulating him on the work he has done to date, and offering suggestions on who he might usefully contact to develop this initiative further.

7. Mr Meacher has already written to the Mr U Barsbold, Minister of Nature and Environment, on the same topic (copy attached at Flag C).

Beverley Darkin
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LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO N. ENKHBAYAR, PRIME MINISTER OF MONGOLIA

I am grateful to you for your recent letter setting out Mongolia's support for the Kyoto Protocol and for your suggestions on how to move forward in the negotiations.

Like Mongolia, the UK and other EU Member States, think that the Kyoto Protocol is the best international framework available for taking action to address the problem of climate change. The UK is therefore committed to the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and aims to achieve entry into force in 2002. We are doing everything we can to prepare for the resumed session of the climate change negotiations in Bonn this July.

I agree that if we are to successfully tackle the problem of climate change we need to continue to build up our partnerships, both with other Parties in the negotiations and with local communities. That is why the UK continues to support the intensive diplomatic effort which is required to generate enough ratifications for the Kyoto Protocol to enter into force. The UK is also working closely with our European partners, particularly the Presidency, in an EU-wide dialogue with the key countries with the aim of maintaining momentum in the negotiations – the EU Troika visit to the Washington, Tehran, Ottawa, Moscow and Peking is one example of this.

We have been working closely with partners at the domestic level, from civil society and industry, to set up our own national Climate Change Programme that will deliver substantial reductions in emissions and improve energy efficiency. More generally, the UK also remains committed to working with communities across the world to help address environmental problems, such as climate change, through practical assistance and projects. I was troubled to read about the terrible consequences of the zud. Following the Government of Mongolia's appeal for US$11.8 million humanitarian assistance through the United Nations, the UK Department for International Development gave GBP £1 million in March for the provision of emergency relief. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is also involved in providing funding for "Emergency Planning and Disaster Management" training courses to reduce the impact that these sort of disasters have upon the environment.

I was very interested to hear about the important partnership that you are developing world-wide with the Alliance of Religion and Conservation's "Climate Change Initiative" to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency and "green sourcing" within a range of sectors. In general, the UK supports all community initiatives designed to find ways to reduce CO_2 emissions and I am interested to hear about how your programme develops. To provide further impetus to your initiative and to seek wider support, I suggest that you contact Adnam Amin, Director of UNEP/New York Office. Mr Amin has been closely involved in developing a greater commitment for the protection of our environment through his work with the faith communities.

TONY BLAIR

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Thank you

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Translation from Mongolian

April ……, 2001 No. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Excellency,

I am writing to you personally to commend to you a major new initiative which may help to move forward on climate change issues. I would ask you to give serious thought to your country joining this venture with civil society.

Mongolia is intent on moving forward from the recent breakdown on intergovernmental negotiations on halting climate change. The interim nature of the most recent talks in The Hague, The Netherlands this November illustrates more than ever the departure of the process from the principles and intentions of the Kyoto Protocol. Mongolia is thus advocating a return to the original principles of the Protocol through the establishment of emission reduction partnership programmes with its faith groups.

Mongolia, a landlocked country far from the worlds oceans has been experiencing climatic disasters in the form of the Zud –extremely cold winters following dry summers- for two years in a row now.

During the ministerial presentations at COP6 Mongolia tabled a proposal advocating the establishment of formal relationships between the Nation States and their Faith Communities to build programmes aimed at implementing the Kyoto Protocol by means of practical energy reduction projects, education and advocacy. A copy of the original proposal is enclosed. Along with other pioneer nations, Mongolia is now working with its Faith communities to create formal Religious/Secular Partnerships. It is in the light of this that I am writing to you, following discussions with the UNFCCC secretariat, to seek a formal response to our proposal and the faith's offer of partnership in preparation for the first meeting of the Climate for Change Programme Group in the summer of 2001. At this meeting joint targets will be agreed, energy reduction programmes will be established and mutual-monitoring structures will be put in place.

In the light of the interim nature of COP6 and in discussion with our religious coordinating partner, the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), we have of course adapted the original proposal that was laid before your minister at The Hague summit. As you will gather, our revised plans are a logical development from the realities of the COP process.

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Through the Alliance of Religions and Conservation's Climate Change Initiative Faith communities world-wide are already forging ahead with CO2 emission reduction through practical programmes of energy-use reduction, improved efficiency and "green" sourcing. These programmes not only impact on religious institution but also reach beyond into associated organisations such as schools, hospitals, homes and businesses.

Within the Partnership, the faith groups can offer the traditional strengths of educating and advocating. For the faiths, such programmes arise from a moral, spiritual and ethical framework, allowing them to separate the ethical from the commercial.

For the Nations, the partnership demonstrates the public support of a significant section of the electorate for climate change programmes. The religions, as a major constituency, stand together as a direct contradiction to arguments that energy reduction programmes are intrinsically unpopular. The Nations themselves offer vital practical information, expertise and experience to the faith communities. By supporting and joining with their faith communities the Nations can make a visible sign to the international community of the intention of the National Governments to take seriously, and work with their own people on resolving, this issue.

We advocate that all Nations (both Industrialized and Developing) should consider joining us in the Climate for Change group and accept the invitation to work in Partnership with their main faith groups. The Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) offers to facilitate initial contact with the faith groups.

My Minister for Nature and Environment sends his counterpart in your country a document to sign and return to ARC and copied to us indicating a willingness to meet for discussion with your Faith groups. Working together we can start to address one of the major issues of our time in a way which is at once, poignant, significant and practical.

Yours truly,

(Signed)
N.Enkhbayar
Prime Minister

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Эрхэм хүндэт

Уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлттэй холбоотой асуудлаар гарч буй зарим шинэ, чухал санаачилгуудын хувьд би өөрийн санал бодлоо Танд илэрхийлэхийг хүсэж байна. Юуны өмнө энэхүү үйл ажиллагаанд танай орон эвсэн хамтарч нийт иргэдийн хамт түүний цаашдын үйл ажиллагаанд тодорхой хувь нэмрээ оруулаасай гэж би хүсч байна.

Монгол Улс уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийг сааруулах талаархи одоогийн үйл ажиллагааг сэргээн идэвхжүүлж, бусад улс орнуудтай Засгийн газар хоорондын хэлэлцээрийн дагуу эрчимтэй хамтран ажиллахыг зорьж байна. Дөнгөж саяхан 11 дүгээр сард Нидерланд улсын Гааг хотноо болсон уулзалт нь Киотогийн Протоколын зарчимд тусгагдсан зорилтуудын хүрээнд янз бүрийн үйл ажиллагаа хэзээ хэзээнээс илүү өргөн хэмжээгээр өрнөж байгааг харуулсан билээ. Итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлгүүдтэй хамтран уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийг сааруулах хөтөлбөрийг боловсруулснаар Монгол Улс Протоколын анхны үндсэн зарчмыг биелүүлж байна гэдгийг нотолж байна.

Монгол улс далайн эргээс алслагдсан, эх газрын хуурай, хүйтэн эрс тэс уур амьсгалтай орон бөгөөд сүүлийн 2 жил дараалан өвөлдөө маш хүйтэн, зундаа хуурай, халуун болж ган зудын гамшгийг даван туулж байна.

Монгол Улс Талуудын VI хурал дээр тавьсан сайдын илтгэлд улс үндэстнүүд болон тэдгээрийн итгэмжлэгдсэн байгууллагуудын хооронд албан ёсны харилцааг тогтоох, эрчим хүчний хэрэглээг багасгах, боловсрол, сурталчилгааны чиглэлээр үр дүнтэй төсөл, арга хэмжээг хэрэгжүүлэх замаар Киотогийн Протоколын биелэлтийг хангах тухай санал дэвшүүлсэн юм. Энэхүү саналын эх хувийг энд хавсаргав. Монгол Улс анхлан санаачлагч бусад улс орнуудтай хамтран холбогдох итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүд хоорондоо эвсэж шашны болон иргэний төрийн бус байгууллагуудыг үүсгэн бий болгохыг эрмэлзэж байна. Энэ ялдамд 2001 оны зун болох “Уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн хөтөлбөрийн хэсгийн анхдугаар уулзалт”-д итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдийн түншлэлийн тухай санал болон НҮБ-ын Уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн Конвенцийн нарийн бичгийн дарга нарын газартай ярилцсаны дагуу миний Танд толилуулж буй дээрх саналд албан ёсны хариу авах боломжийг Танаас хүсэж байна. Энэхүү уулзалтын үеэр Талууд уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн талаархи нэгдсэн зорилтуудыг хэлэлцэж, цаашид эрчим хүчний хэрэглээг багасгах хөтөлбөрийг боловсруулж хяналтын харилцан шүтэлцээтэй тогтолцоог бий болгох юм.

Талуудын VI хурлын тухай болон шашны талаар гол түнш болох Шашныг Хамгаалах Холбоотой тохиролцсоны дагуу бид энэхүү саналын эх хувийг танай сайдыг Гаагийн дээд хэмжээний уулзалтанд очихоос нь өмнө өөрчлөн сайжруулсан байсан юм. Таны ойлгож байгаатай адил бидний өөрчлөн сайжруулсан энэхүү санал бол Талуудын хурлын үйл ажиллагааны бодит байдлаас урган гарсан алхам болох билээ.

Шашныг Хамгаалах Холбоо болон дэлхийн Уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн санаачилгын итгэмжлэгдсэн байгууллагатай хамтарч эрчим хүчний хэрэглээг багасгаж, улмаар “ногоон” эх үүсвэрийн үр ашгийг дээшлүүлэх хөтөлбөрийн хүрээнд дэлхий даяар нүүрсхүчлийн хийн ялгаруулалтыг багасгах арга хэмжээ авч болох байна.

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Иймээс энэ хөтөлбөр нь зөвхөн шашны байгууллагуудад биш, мөн түүнчлэн сургууль, эмнэлэг, айл өрх болон бизнесийн байгууллагуудын холбоонд ч адил хамааралтай болно.

Түншлэлийн хүрээнд итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүд боловсрол болон өмгөөллийн уламжлалт хүчин зүйлийг хамаарсан байж болох юм. Итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдийн хувьд, эдгээр хөтөлбөр нь ёс суртахуун, оюун санааны хүрээг хамаарах бөгөөд аливаа худалдаа арилжааны ашиг сонирхол нь оюун санааныхаас ангид байхыг эрмэлзэх болно.

Гишүүн орнуудын хувьд, түншлэл нь чухал ач холбогдолтой бөгөөд тэрээр уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн хөтөлбөрийг олон нийтээр дэмжүүлэхэд ихээхэн тус дэмжлэг болно. Хэрэглэгчдийг төлөөлсөн томоохон хэсэг болох шашны байгууллага нь "Эрчим хүчний хэрэглээг багасгах хөтөлбөр"-ийн хувьд эсрэг байр суурьтай байх нь олон нийтийн дургүйцлийг хүргэж болох юм. Ардчилсан нийгэмд зайлшгүй шаардлагатай амин чухал мэдээлэл, шударга байдал, итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдийн ажлын дадлага туршлага нь гишүүн орнуудад аяндаа бий болдог. Ардчилсан нийгмийн шударга зарчимтай нэгдэн түүнийг дэмжсэнээр итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүд нь Засгийн газрынхаа зорилтыг жинхэнэ ёсоор хүлээн зөвшөөрч, түүнийг өөрийн орны ард түмэнтэй хамтран шийдвэрлэх талаар гишүүн орнууд чухал алхам хийх боломжтой билээ.

Дэлхийн аль ч /хөгжингүй болон хөгжиж байгаа/ улс орон уур амьсгалын өөрчлөлтийн талаар холбогдох итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдтэй нэгдэх санаачилга гаргаж, хамтран ажиллах эрмэлзлэлийг бид дэмжиж байна. Түүнчлэн Шашныг Хамгаалах Холбооноос эдгээр итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдтэй хамтран ажиллах санаачилга гаргахыг бид уриалж байна.

Манай орны Байгаль орчны сайд нь танай улсад өөрийн төлөөний хүнийг илгээж итгэмжлэгдсэн бүлэглэлүүдтэй уулзаж, холбогдох асуудлыг хамтарч хэлэлцэх, тохиролцож хамтран ажиллах тухай хүсэлтээ албан ёсоор илэрхийлж, гарын үсэг зурсан бичиг баримтаа Шашныг Хамгаалах Холбоо болон бидэнд ирүүлэх болно. Эрхэм хүндэт Таныг энэхүү хүсэлтийг дэмжиж, эдгээр цаг үеэ олсон чухал асуудлын хүрээнд цаашид ч хамтын ажиллагаагаа улам өрнүүлнэ гэдэгт би гүнээ итгэж байна. Бидний энэхүү хамтын ажиллагаа нь аливаа тулгамдсан асуудлыг шийдэж чадахуйц, үр ашигтай, ирээдүйг харсан, дайчин үзэл баримтлалтай байна гэдэгт бат итгэлтэй байгаагаа давтан илэрхийлье.

Таныг хүндэтгэсэн,

Н.ЭНХБАЯР

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12 December 2000

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 November.

I too value the friendship between our two countries, and am pleased that it continues to strengthen. The UK-Mongolia Round Table meetings are an important component of the relationship and I am delighted that we were able to host the Sixth Round Table on 16 and 17 November.

Mongolia has shown dedication and vision in its commitment to reform over the last decade. The UK fully supports this process and I wish you continued success.

I look forward to further strengthening of our relationship in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Tony Blair

His Excellency Mr Nambaryn Enkhbayar

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From the Private Secretary

12 December 2000

Dear Tim,

I enclose the top copy of a letter the Prime Minister has written to His Excellency Mr Nambaryn Enkhbayar. I have not faxed a copy of the letter to his office and I should be grateful if you could arrange for it to be delivered as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter by fax to the Ambassador in Ulaanbataar.

Yours,

Anna.

ANNA WECHSBERG

Tim Barrow
FCO

Foreign &
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London SW1A 2AH

24 November 2000

Dear Anna, cc JRO JS Press

Mongolia

The Sixth UK-Mongolia Round Table was held in the FCO on 16 and 17 November. To coincide with the Round Table, the Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Nambaryn Enkhbayar, sent the ... enclosed letter to the Prime Minister, which the Deputy Leader of the Mongolian delegation, Mr Suhbaatar Batbold (Vice Foreign Minister), handed over during a call on Mr Battle on 20 November.

We actively support Mongolia's transition to a democratic society with a free market economy. A short response from the Prime Minister to Mr Enkhbayar's letter would reinforce our support and encourage the Mongolians.

... I enclose a draft reply to Mr Enkhbayar's letter from the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

Sherard

(Sherard Cowper-Coles)
Principal Private Secretary

Ms Anna Wechsberg
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The Embassy of Mongolia presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to forward the following message from H.E.Mr.Nambaryn Enkhbayar, Prime Minister of Mongolia, to Right Honourable Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

" Your Excellency,
I express my deep gratitude for your warm congratulations extended to me on the occasion of my appointment as the Prime Minister of Mongolia.
I always proudly recall my student days in your beautiful country where I had a brilliant opportunity to learn your language and rich culture. Even now I keenly follow after the political and social developments in Britain.
It gives me a great pleasure, Mr.Prime Minister, to express the sincere desire of my Government to co-operate with You and your Government towards further expanding and developing in the new millenium bilateral relations between our two countries and peoples both having long and ancient history.
Please accept my heartfelt wishes for Your good health and happiness and the prosperity for the friendly people of Britain.

Yours' sincerely

NAMBARYN ENKHBAYAR
Prime Minister of Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar, 25 September, 2000"

The Embassy of Mongolia would be grateful if the message would be forwarded to its highest destination.
The Embassy of Mongolia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 2 November 2000

To:
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Foreign & Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

28 July 2000

Dear Anna,

Message of Congratulation to Prime Minister Enkhbayar

Following the successful completion of Mongolia's fourth democratic election, Nambaryn Enkhbayar was confirmed on 26 July as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia.

Prime Minister Enkhbayar's appointment represents a return to power of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP). The new Prime Minister faces the challenging task of tackling Mongolia's numerous economic difficulties and continuing the reform process. We actively support Mongolia's transition to a democratic society with a free market economy. A short message of congratulation from the Prime Minister to Mr Enkhbayar would reinforce our support and encourage the Mongolians.

Enkhbayar is forty-two years old and has been leader of the MPRP for three years. He has a fond regard for the United Kingdom, having studied at the University of Leeds in 1986 as a participant in the FCO's Cultural Exchange Programme. He has also often expressed his admiration for New Labour and the Third Way - citing the Labour Party as a model in the MPRP's post-election press conference.

I enclose a draft telegram to Ulaanbaatar which contains a suggested form of words for the message. I should be grateful if you would confirm that you are content for this message to issue.

Yours ever,

Sherard

(Sherard Cowper-Coles)
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SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER ENKHBAYAR

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to Prime Minister Enkhbayar.

Begins

I send you my warm congratulations on your appointment as Mongolia's Prime Minister.

I was pleased to learn that you spent time in the United Kingdom as a student, and that you have retained a keen interest in UK politics. I value the relationship between our countries and look forward to working with you and your government to further strengthen UK-Mongolia relations.

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Mr. Jonathan Powell - Head of Policy Unit

P.S my regards to Cherie x P.M.

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WITH COMPLIMENTS

Dear Jonathan,

I am delighted we met yesterday. You handled some googlies & a tortile pace bdl so well. Congratulations. I hope you enjoy the book of Indian paintings. I had mentioned to the Prime Minister my availability to assist in promoting U.K Plc in Asian countries with discretion. As you will see from the enclosed I am in Abu Dhabi next week with close support from the British Embassy. The countries where I can play an effective role are India, China & Middle East with Sarah Zaiwalla 7/4

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Dear Ms Chapman

VISIT OF MR ZAIWALLA AND MS ANNIE GEDYE

I am pleased to be able to report that we have been making progress! The Ministry of External Relations has been making appointments and coordinating closely with us, so I am now able to send you a reasonably fleshed out programme. Mr Zaiwalla should not be surprised if it changes as time goes on, but at least we seem to have the main elements in it.

I note that Mr Zaiwalla has made his own arrangements for accommodation and transport.

We have arranged for him to do a TV interview on the Monday, which should go out on the main news bulletin that night. This should help whet appetites for the Chamber of Commerce meeting the next day We have also arranged for drinks and nibbles to be served after the Chamber of Commerce meeting, in order to give people time to introduce themselves and chat further. Please let me know by fax by the end of your today if this is acceptable.

For the meetings with the legal profession on Monday, the Legal Department of the MER is providing an interpreter. Mrs Shurentsetseg herself, who has been organising things at the MER, will act as interpreter at the meeting with Mr Enkhtaivan. Otherwise all interlocutors speak English. I am checking on arrangements at the Chamber of Commerce.

Unless I hear otherwise, I shall expect Mr Zaiwalla and Ms Gedye at the Embassy at 19.00 hrs on Sunday evening. The doorbell is not working, so they should use the heavy knocker. This will be for a very informal supper for the three of us, so no need to dress up. They should please not hesitate to phone me if they have any queries – I plan to be at home all day Sunday because I have rather a lot to do. My home number is 458 332.

Yours sincerely

Kay Coombs

HM Ambassador

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VISIT TO MONGOLIA OF MR SAROSH ZAIWALLA & MS ANNIE GEDYE
8 – 12 APRIL 2000

Saturday, 8 April

16.30 eta Ulaanbaatar

Sunday, 9 April

Day free.

19.00 Supper with Miss Kay Coombs, HM Ambassador
British Embassy, 30 Enkh Taivny Gudamzh.

Monday, 10 April

10.00 Meeting with PM Amarjargal, Government House
11.00 Mr Seseer, Director of Legal Department, Ministry of External Relations
12.00 Mr Tserendorj, Director Legal Bureau "Heltcel"
13.00 Lunch, hosted by Mr Tserendorj

15.00 Mr Amarsanaa, Judge of Constitutional Court
16.00 Mr Boldkhet, MP (diverse business interests)
17.00 TV interview, UB hotel
18.00 Mr Tsagaan
19.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Tsagaan

Tuesday, 11 April

10.0 Meeting with FIFTA (Foreign Investment & Foreign Trade Agency)
11.0 Chamber of Commerce, followed by drinks at approx 12.15
13.0 Lunch
14.0 Mr Munkhbat, Director Foreign Trade & Cooperation Dept, MER
15.0 Mr Batbold, President "Altai Trading" Co Ltd
(Head of Mongolia-UK Friendship Society)
16.0 Mr Enkhtaivan, President Tsagaan Shonhor Co Ltd (trade & tourism)
19.0 Dinner hosted by Mr Batbold

Wednesday, 12 April

10.30 etd Ulaanbaatar

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Date March 24, 2000 № Ulaanbaatar-12
State House

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RT HON TONY BLAIR
BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Your Excellency,

Keeping in mind our friendly and useful meeting during my visit, I send my warmest thanks to you for your time and wonderful hospitality.

It is especially gratifying to see our bilateral relations develop in many areas, including education, trade and investment, and exchanges between our government officials. I believe my visit, the first-ever visit by Mongolia's Prime Minister to Britain, has contributed in a substantial way to the further intensification of our cooperation.

I look forward to working with you and your government to strengthen still further the friendly ties between our two nations. It is my honor to reaffirm my invitation to you by virtue of this letter to pay an official visit to Mongolia at a time of your convenience.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest respect.

R Amarjargal.

RINCHINNYAM AMARJARGAL
PRIME MINISTER

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The Rt Hon Tony Blair, MP
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Dear Prime Minister

It is with great pleasure that I send you a letter from His Excellency Mr Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, Prime Minister of Mongolia, who visited the United Kingdom early March.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Tsedenjav Suhbaatar
Ambassador

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From the Private Secretary

13 March 2000

Dear Ms Long,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February about the visit of the Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, to the United Kingdom from 27 February to 3 March and the role of The British Council in the administration of the Chevening scheme.

Mr Amarjargal was clearly pleased with the programme arranged for his visit to the United Kingdom and made a particular point of expressing his gratitude when he met the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary on 1 March. The Prime Minister has asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone at The British Council involved in Mr Amarjargal's day in Bradford.

Mongolia is a particularly good example of the success of the Chevening scheme - Mr Amarjargal's Foreign Minister is also a former Chevening scholar. Such examples confirm the value of British postgraduate education. We believe more people throughout the world should have the opportunity to benefit from postgraduate study in the United Kingdom. That is why, in June 1999, the Prime Minister announced a package of measures to encourage more international students to study in the United Kingdom.

The aim of the Prime Minister's initiative is to increase the United Kingdom's global market share of international students to 25% by 2005 (an additional 50,000 students a year). The work of The British Council will be vital to the success of the Prime Minister's initiative and to ensuring that Mr Amarjargal's success as a former Chevening Scholar is repeated by others.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Barton

PHILIP BARTON

Ms Jan Long

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Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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Dear Jan

Mongolia: British Council

Thank you for your letter of 1 March enclosing one from Ms Jan Long re the visit of the Mongolian Prime Minister. I enclose, as requested, a draft Private Secretary reply.

Yours ever

Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick)
Private Secretary

Ms Jan Taylor
10 Downing Street

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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE MONGOLIAN PRIME MINISTER, 1 MARCH

SUMMARY

1. Amarjagal sets out an ambitious agenda for cooperation with the UK. Foreign Secretary responds sympathetically, highlighting the success of the Chevening Scholarships Scheme. Prime Minister meets Amarjagal briefly to welcome him to the UK.

DETAIL

2. The Foreign Secretary had a half-hour meeting with the Mongolian Prime Minister on 1 March. The Prime Minister dropped in to the meeting towards the end to welcome Amarjagal to the UK.

3. Amarjagal set out his wish to enhance and deepen the

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relationship between Mongolia and the UK. One way to achieve this was through the continuing process of round tables, which he found effective. He was also keen to encourage inter-Parliamentary links. Amarjagal went on to set out particular areas where he would like to encourage cooperation with the UK: the education sector; cooperating to protect the environment; and on disaster relief (he set out the terrible effects that the present snow fall was having in Mongolia). He also wanted to encourage private enterprise and promote tourism. He set out his efforts to promote human rights and strengthen the courts and judicial system in Mongolia. Another important area was the training of the police and prison officers. Amarjagal admitted that this was an ambitious and comprehensive agenda.

4. The Foreign Secretary expressed sympathy for the suffering caused by the present natural disaster. He was pleased that DFID had been able to provide assistance. We admired Mongolia's maintenance of democratic values. We were pleased with the success of the Chevening Scholarship Scheme (and particularly pleased that the Prime Minister and his Foreign Minister had both been Chevening scholars). We would look sympathetically at what more we could do to help in the education sector, including on English language training.

5. Amarjagal was grateful. He also hoped the UK and Mongolia could continue to cooperate in international organisations, in particular the UN. Amarjagal was grateful for UK support for Mongolia's desire to become a nuclear weapons free zone. He hoped the UK would support Mongolia's candidature for ECOSOC in 2002/3.

6. The Foreign Secretary confirmed we were happy to continue to work closely with Mongolia. Their decision to become a nuclear weapons free zone was courageous and far-sighted. We hoped a way could be found to recognise this status, though the present draft

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resolution might prove too wide-ranging to secure the necessary support.

7. Amarjagal set out his wish to see Mongolia's territorial independence and economic security secured. Great problems were created by Mongolian dependency on Russia for power and gas. He was trying to encourage inward investment in part so that Mongolia could develop self-reliance. He hoped that the UK would be able to help train Mongolians in the necessary skills. One plan to bring Mongolia closer to the international mainstream was to switch from Cyrillic to Latin characters.

8. In a brief conversation with the Prime Minister, Amarjagal extended an invitation to visit Mongolia. The Prime Minister warmly welcomed Amarjagal to the UK.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Mongolian PM

You are dropping into the last five minutes of a meeting Robin is having (in the White Room) with the Mongolian Prime Minister. There will be a photo and a chance for a brief (5 mins) chat. He is a former Chevening scholar and a good thing. Points to make:

- congratulations re honorary degree from Bradford;
- want increased educational links:
  * will help with English language training;
  * more Chevening scholars.
- hope his wife and son enjoyed the Dome!

Philip

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29 February 2000

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Dear Philip

Call by the Prime Minister of Mongolia, Mr Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, on the Prime Minister, 1 March 2000 at 1700

The Foreign Secretary will be holding talks at Number 10 on 1 March with the Prime Minister of Mongolia, Mr Rinchinnyam Amarjargal. The Prime Minister has agreed to drop in during the course of the meeting. Mr Amarjargal, who is a Guest of Government, is the first Mongolian Prime Minister to visit the United Kingdom.

Mr Amarjargal is an economist and received an MBA in Macro-Economics from Bradford University as a Chevening Scholar in 1995. Mongolia provides a particularly good example of the success of the Chevening scheme; both the Mongolian Prime Minister and his Foreign Minister are former Chevening Scholars. Mr Amarjargal will receive an honorary degree from Bradford University on 29 February. The Prime Minister might like to give Mr Amarjargal the news that we propose to offer Mongolia two additional Chevening scholarships in 2000-2001, bringing the total to seven.

Mr Amarjargal is in the United Kingdom primarily to promote and strengthen the bilateral relationship. He has a full programme of calls and visits, including an address at the Confederation of British Industry (immediately before the call on Number 10), lunch with the Duke of Kent, calls on Sir John Vereker (DFID), the Leader of the Opposition and Baroness Thatcher, attendance as guest of honour at the Asian Business Breakfast Club, and calls on the European Bank of Reconstruction Development and BP Amoco. His Minister for Infrastructure Development will have signed the UK-Mongolia Air Services Agreement with Lord MacDonald on the afternoon of 1 March. Mr Amarjargal's wife and twelve year old son will have visited the Millennium Dome on 1 March.

As the Prime Minister is likely to have a very brief encounter with Mr Amarjargal of approximately five minutes, we do not anticipate any difficult matters being raised. We understand that Mr Amarjargal's chief interest will be to stress how highly the British education system is held in

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Mongolia and of his Government's hope to make British English the compulsory foreign language to be taught in schools throughout the country. It is also likely that Mr Amarjargal will state a need for increased British investment in Mongolia.

We expect Mr Amarjargal to be accompanied by an interpreter, his Minister of Infrastructure Development Mr Gavaa Batkhun, the Mongolian Ambassador Mr Tsedenjavyn Suhbaatar and State Secretary at the MFA, Mr Ochir Ochirjav. John Shepherd, HMA Ulaanbataar, Kay Coombs and I will sit in.

Yours ever

Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick)
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE
10 Downing Street

CHECKLIST FOR PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MONGOLIAN PRIME MINISTER, 1 MARCH 2000

POINTS TO MAKE

1. Congratulations on honorary degree from Bradford. Attach considerable importance to making British higher education even more widely accessible to foreign students. We propose to offer Mongolia two extra Chevening Scholarships in 2000-2001 (bringing total to seven).

2. Comment on strength of UK-Mongolia relationship. UK proud that it was first western country to establish diplomatic relations with Mongolia in 1963. Pleased that Mr Amarjargal is able to visit.

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3. British investment in Mongolia: modest at the moment. But British businesses showing interest in investing. Hope Mr Amarjargal will have tapped into this when he addressed CBI (immediately before the call on Number 10).

4. British aid to Mongolia: UK contributes bilaterally and multilaterally to fund various projects from small-scale poverty reduction/human development programmes to larger scale environmental projects. UK is also quick to respond to humanitarian crises. Have just contributed $30,000 in relief aid for victims of Mongolia's worst snowstorms in thirty years.

5. Importance of English language in Mongolia: pleased British English is regarded highly. UK wants to assist Mongolia's development through English Language Training and is exploring ways to assist with a programme to raise the standard of English in the Ministry of External Relations.

6. Mongolia's various bids for membership (ECOSOC, ASEM, EBRD, Commission on Sustainable Development): UK will consider all bids carefully.

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22 February 2000

Dear Mr Blair

Visit of the Mongolian Prime Minister

I am writing to you about the visit to Bradford next week of the Prime Minister of Mongolia, His Excellency Rinchinnyam Amarjargal.

The Prime Minister was a student at Bradford University in 1994/95 and gained his MSc. He then went on to be an MP, then a Minister and last year became Prime Minister.

The visit to Bradford on Tuesday 29 will include W Fein and Sons, the large Cashmere Mills in Rodney Street and then a reception and lunch at the University followed by the conferment of the honorary degree, Doctor of the University of Bradford.

I understand you will be meeting Mr Amarjargal on Wednesday 1 March and thought you would like to know that it was a member of the British Council's Yorkshire/North East Team who administered the day to day running of his Chevening Scholarship when he was a student in Bradford. This endorses and helps to illustrate the success of bringing International Students to the UK for study.

All good wishes

Yours sincerely

Jan Long

Jan Long
Regional Manager
Yorkshire, Humberside and the North East
UK Regional Network

The British Council

Mongolian Prime Minister given Bradford degree

The Prime Minister of Mongolia visits Bradford next week (Tuesday 29th February) to receive an honorary degree from the University of Bradford - part of an itinerary in the UK, which includes special talks with Tony Blair.

Rinchinnyam Amarjargal graduated with an MSc from the University's Development and Project Planning Centre, in 1995 when he was 34, having been awarded a prestigious Chevening Scholarship from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which was administered by the British Council.

He became a Member of Parliament in Mongolia a year later, Minister of External Relations in 1998, and Prime Minister in July 1999. His visit to the UK follows a longstanding invitation made by former Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind.

Current Chevening Scholars at Bradford have been invited to attend the degree ceremony which will also be attended by Mongolian Government Ministers, the Mongolian Ambassador, senior officials from the Foreign Office and British Council, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor of Bradford, and representatives from Bradford's textiles industry. Four members of the Mongolian media will also be part of the entourage.

Mr Amarjargal, who will be accompanied by his wife and 12-year-old son, will fly into Leeds/Bradford Airport early on Tuesday morning, then visit one of Europe's largest cashmere producers, W. Fein & Sons of Bradford. Managing Director Ronnie Lamb established one of the first joint ventures trading in cashmere with Mongolia and has made frequent visits there. The President of Mongolia presented Mr Lamb with one of Mongolia's highest honours last year, The Friendship Medal.

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The Prime Minister will then travel to the University to meet Vice Chancellor Professor Colin Bell and other members of the senior management before receiving the honorary degree. Later he will meet staff and students of the University's Development and Project Planning Centre where he studied.

Photocall at 2.30pm on Tuesday 29 February. Report to the PR Unit, Richmond Building, Richmond Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire

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From the Private Secretary

20 January 2000

Dear Andrew,

POSSIBLE CALL BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF MONGOLIA

Sherard Cowper-Coles wrote on 20 December and you on 5 January about the possibility of Amarjargal calling on the Prime Minister between 28 February and 3 March. Subject to the pressures on the Prime Minister's time in this period, we are inclined to arrange a very brief encounter between the Prime Minister and Amarjargal. This might most easily be done if the Foreign Secretary were to see him for 30 minutes in No. 10 with the Prime Minister dropping in either at the beginning or the end of this meeting. Would the Foreign Secretary be able to take this on?

Yours ever,

Philip

PHILIP BARTON

Andrew Patrick Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

cc: MP
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Foreign & Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

5 January 2000

Dear Philip

Possible Visit to the UK by Prime Minister of Mongolia

Sherard Cowper-Coles wrote to you on 20 December 1999 about the proposed visit to the United Kingdom by the Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Rinchinnyamin Amarjargal.

Mr Amarjargal will not now be visiting the UK on 24 January - 2 February. Instead, Mr Amarjargal plans to combine a visit to the United Kingdom with a visit to Moscow. The suggested dates for a visit to the United Kingdom are now sometime between 28 February and 3 March.

Yours ever
Andrew Patrick

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Private Secretary

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20 December 1999

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Dear Philip,

Possible Visit to London by Prime Minister of Mongolia

The Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Amarjargal, hopes to visit the UK either immediately before or after the World Economic Forum in Davos in late January/early February 2000. We welcome this and propose to invite him as a Guest of Government. A brief call on the Prime Minister is, however, probably essential if he is to accept.

The main objective of a call would be to recognise and encourage Mongolia's remarkable post-Communist success story of democratic and free market reform. Amarjargal has strong UK connections. Since becoming Prime Minister on 31 July 1999 he has confirmed his government's determination to press on with reform despite growing opposition from the former Communists, and to continue the fight against bureaucratic corruption. The UK was the first western country to establish diplomatic relations with Mongolia, in 1963. This long association has given us a special position in which Mongolians continue to look to us for advice in their transition to democracy and a market economy.

Amarjargal was a Chevening Scholar at Bradford University in 1994-1995. In his reply to the Prime Minister's message of congratulations on his appointment he expressed his deep regard for the Prime Minister's thoughtful reference to his Chevening studies. The Prime Minister may be able to use a short meeting with Amarjargal to publicise his initiative to attract more foreign students to British higher education. He is young (38 years old) and has been a leading light in Mongolian politics since entering Parliament in 1997. He was previously Minister For External Relations and a past Chairman of the Mongolia-UK Parliamentary Group.

There is growing Parliamentary interest here in Mongolia. Two groups of British MPs have visited in the last year. Amarjargal made time to receive the more recent, an IPU delegation led by Peter Pike MP, in October within hours of returning from New York. The delegation has expressed a strong interest in seeing Amarjargal if he comes to the UK.

An invitation in 1998 to Amarjargal's predecessor (to include a call on the Prime Minister) was not pursued because of the start of the political crisis that brought Amarjargal

to power. So, although the Visits Committee have accorded a relatively low priority to a call on the Prime Minister by Amarjargal, Mongolian expectations of a call are high. He has indicated a willingness to be flexible on dates: possibilities are 24, 25, 26, or 31 January or 1 or 2 February 2000. We also understand that on his visit to Peking in 1998 the Prime Minister expressed personal interest in Mongolia. A very short courtesy call (with photograph) would suffice.

I should be grateful if you would let me know what we should say to the Mongolians about the prospects for such a call.

I am copying this to Sebastian Wood (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
Sherard

(Sherard Cowper-Coles)
Principal Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE
10 Downing Street

1. cc Andrew Patrick, FCO

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3 December 1999

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cc: JS Paris

Dear Philip

Message of Commemoration to Mongolian Prime Minister

On 10 December 1999 Mongolia will commemorate its Democratic Movement of 1989. After nearly seventy years of Soviet domination, the Democratic Movement emerged as a popular and effective vehicle of protest. Within months, Mongolia had a multi-party political system and had embarked on a programme of reform that continues today.

The reforms implemented in the past decade have enabled Mongolia to move ever closer to the Democratic Movement's vision of a full democracy and a free market economy. Given our efforts to support Mongolia's transition, the bilateral relationship would benefit if the Prime Minister were to send a short message of commemoration to Prime Minister Amarjargal.

... I attach a draft telegram to Ulaanbaatar which contains a suggested form of words for the message. I should be grateful if you would confirm that the Prime Minister is content for this message to issue.

Yours ever
Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick)
Private Secretary

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TO ROUTINE ULAANBAATAR

TELNO

OF 291635Z NOVEMBER 99

SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to Prime Minister Amarjargal.

Begins

On the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Democratic Movement, I extend my sincere ~~regard~~ best wishes to you and the people of Mongolia.

The events of 1989 marked a watershed in your country's history, paving the way for the advent of democracy and a series of far-reaching reforms. The people of Mongolia's commitment to the Democratic Movement's vision is widely admired. At this time of commemoration, I congratulate the people of Mongolia on their achievements and ~~reaffirm~~ the United Kingdom's support for their continued efforts. I take the opportunity to repeat

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3. In order to maximise impact, you should aim to inform the Mongolian Press of this message. MER/Prime Minister Amarjargal's Office might need to be consulted.

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12 August 1999

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Dear Philip

Message of Congratulation to Prime Minister Amarjargal

Following the resignation of Prime Minister Narantsatsralt, Mr Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal was confirmed as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia on 31 July.

Prime Minister Amarjargal's appointment represents a successful resolution to his predecessor's sudden departure. The new Prime Minister faces the difficult task of stabilising both Mongolia's fragile economy and its coalition government.

Given our efforts to support Mongolia's transition to a democratic society with a free market economy, it would be helpful if the Prime Minister were to send a short message of congratulation to Mr Amarjargal.

... I attach a draft telegram to Ulaanbaatar which contains a suggested form of words for the message. I should be grateful if you would confirm that the Prime Minister is content for this message to issue.

Yours ever
Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick)
Private Secretary

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[DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER AMARJARGAL]

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TO PRIORITY ULAANBAATAR
TELNO
OF 111659Z AUGUST 99

SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER AMARJARGAL

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to Prime Minister Amarjargal.

Begins

I send you my warm congratulations on your recent appointment as Mongolia's Prime Minister.

You assume office at an important stage in Mongolia's transition process and I very much support your early commitment to promote political and economic stability in your country.

I ~~am~~ was pleased to ~~see~~ learn that you spent time in the United Kingdom as a Chevening Scholar. I hope your studies will be of value to you in tackling the difficult tasks that you face.

I look forward to working with you and your government to strengthen still further the friendly relations between our two countries, which you have done so much to promote through your chairmanship of the Mongolia-UK Parliamentary Group.

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17 December 1998

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Dear Philip

Following the resignation of Prime Minister Elbegdorj in July 1998, Mr Janlavyn Narantsatsralt was named as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia on 9 December.

Prime Minister Narantsatsralt's appointment represents a successful resolution to the political impasse that gripped Mongolia for almost five months. But the new Prime Minister faces the difficult task of balancing the need to stabilise Mongolia's fragile economy with that of protecting the vulnerable in society from further hardship.

Given our wish to support Mongolia's transition to a free market economy, it would be helpful if the Prime Minister were to send a short message of congratulation to Mr Narantsatsralt.

... I attach a draft telegram to Ulaanbaatar which contains a suggested form of words for the message.

Yours ever
Andrew Patrick

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TO PRIORITY ULAANBAATAR
TELNO
OF 161505Z DECEMBER 98

SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER NARANTSATSRALT

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to Prime Minister Narantsatsralt.

Begins

I send you my warm congratulations on your recent appointment as Mongolia's new Prime Minister.

You assume office at an important stage in Mongolia's transition process and I very much support your early commitment to intensify the democratic, economic and social reform processes in your country.

1998 has marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of diplomatic relations between the UK and Mongolia. I look forward to working with you and your government to strengthen still further the existing friendly relations between our two countries.

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8 October 1998

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PRB 11/10

Dear Philip

Possible Visit to London by Prime Minister of Mongolia

I wrote to you on 7 July about the proposed visit to London in late autumn by the Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Elbegdorj. We hoped that during his visit Mr Elbegdorj could make a brief courtesy call on the Prime Minister, and had given this bid Priority 2 status.

Unfortunately Mr Elbegdorj lost a vote of confidence in the Mongolian Parliament on 24 July and was obliged to resign. We had hoped that another dynamic young Minister would succeed him. However, political deadlock in Mongolia has so far prevented the appointment of a new Prime Minister. Even if one were appointed immediately, it would probably be too late to arrange a visit this autumn. In the circumstances, therefore, we think it would be better to withdraw our present bid for a call on the Prime Minister.

Nevertheless, to demonstrate UK support for Mongolia as it develops its democracy and moves towards a free market economy, and to enhance bilateral trade relations (such as Rio Tinto Zinc's gold mining interest), we remain keen for the next Mongolian Prime Minister to visit London in the near future. We therefore hope that the new Prime Minister might visit in spring 1999, ideally to coincide with the sixth meeting of the UK/Mongolia Round Table.

If this spring visit went ahead, we would submit a fresh bid for a brief call (with photograph) on the Prime Minister. I will revert with further details in due course.

Yours ever
Andrew Patrick

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7 July 1998

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PRB 23/11

Dear Philip

Possible Visit to London by the New Prime Minister of Mongolia

The new Mongolian Prime Minister, Mr Elbegdorj, has told our Ambassador that he hopes to visit the UK in late Autumn 1998. We would welcome this, and would propose to invite him as a Guest of Government.

Following the collapse of the USSR and the end of Soviet assistance in 1991, Mongolia has been making determined and commendable efforts to introduce democracy and to switch to a full market economy. As in other former Soviet bloc countries, the short term cost has been considerable, but the efforts are now beginning to show fruit. Since becoming Prime Minister on 23 April 1998, Mr Elbegdorj has reiterated his government's determination to press on with reforms. Just thirty-five years old, Mr Elbegdorj has been a key figure in Mongolia's young democracy movement since taking part in the 1990 hunger strikes that prompted the resignation of the former communist regime. He is one of the youngest Prime Ministers in the world.

Britain was the first western country to establish diplomatic relations with Mongolia, thirty five years ago. For years, our Embassy in Ulaanbaatar was the only window onto the non-Soviet world for most Mongolians. This long association has given the UK a special position, in which the Mongolians continue to look to us for advice in their transition to democracy. An invitation to Prime Minister Elbegdorj to visit the UK would be a further clear signal of our support for this emerging democracy. However, it

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is unlikely that he would accept the invitation if there were no chance of his meeting the Prime Minister. A brief courtesy call (with photograph) is all that would be required. Mr Elbegdorj proposes to visit in either early October or late November, but is prepared to adjust the timing according to the Prime Minister's availability. I would be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister would, in principle, be prepared to receive Mr Elbegorj. If so, we will revert on precise timing.

Not least because of Rio Tinto's active interest in gold extraction in Mongolia, we have given this bid Priority 2 status.

Yours ever

Andrew Patrick

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27 April 1998

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Dear Philip

Mongolia: Message to the New Prime Minister

Following the recent resignation of Prime Minister Enkhsaikhan, Mr Tsahiagiyn Elbegdorj has been named as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia.

Given that relations between the United Kingdom and Mongolia are warm, and to underline the UK's support for Mongolia's young democracy and the economic reform process, it would be helpful if the Prime Minister were send a short congratulatory message to Mr Elbegdorj.

... I enclose a draft telegram to Ulaanbaatar which contains a suggested form of words for the message. I would be grateful for your confirmation that the Prime Minister is content for such a message to issue.

Yours ever

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TO PRIORITY ULAANBAATAR
TELNO
OF 270000Z APRIL 1998

SUBJECT: MONGOLIA: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ELBEGDORJ

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to Prime Minister Elbegdorj.

Begins

I send you my warm congratulations on your recent appointment as Mongolia's new Prime Minister. ~~It is particularly gratifying to see another young democrat join the Prime Ministerial club.~~

You assume office at an important stage in Mongolia's transition process. I very much support your government's commitment to entrench democracy and to develop a market economy in Mongolia.

I look forward to working with you and your government to strengthen still further the existing friendly relations between our two countries.

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