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cc Home Secretary  
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Mr Farrage  
Mr Osborne

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Mr Kirkhope

REV SUN MYUNG MOON DoB 6 JANUARY 1920 S. KOREAN  
MRS HAK JA MOON HAN DoB 6 JANUARY 1943 S. KOREAN

Issue

To reply to the attached letters from Sir John Hunt MP and from [REDACTED]

Timing

2. Although not urgent it would be helpful for replies to issue quickly, as the subject matter has provoked much media attention.

Background

3. The correspondence has been prompted by the announced intention of Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church, to come to the United Kingdom to address a gathering of his followers at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre on 4 November. Sir John Hunt takes a close interest in the cult scene and [REDACTED] is said to have joined the Moonies 2 years ago.

Recommendation

4. To write to Sir John Hunt and [REDACTED] as in the attached drafts.

Consideration

5. Information contained on our files relating to foreign nationals is considered confidential between the Home Office and the person concerned. It is not our practice to disclose information to third parties. This is not simply to maintain a veil of secrecy for its own sake. It is to protect the privacy of the individual. Both Sir John and [REDACTED] must be deemed to be third parties.

6. For this reason the drafts do no more than reiterate what is already in the public domain: that the Home Secretary made a personal direction excluding Rev Moon, that this was not quashed by the court and that, in the light of what the judge said, it is open to Rev Moon to make representations.

7. [REDACTED] also raises the question of Rev Moon's wife and says that she should be excluded in the same way as her husband. Mr Rawsthorne's submission of today to the Home Secretary advises on this issue. Our Embassy in Seoul has not received an entry clearance application from her and does not know her whereabouts. The ports have been told not to admit her or grant her temporary admission without reference to headquarters. We cannot go into this with [REDACTED] who is a third party.

Handling/presentation

8. The case has reawakened interest in the Moonies. Both these letters are sympathetic to the line which has been taken by the Home Secretary, the essence of which was in no way diluted by the judgment of 1 November.

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FOR THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE

October 30th 1995 STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Minister,

[redacted] with whom I have a friendship stretching back to our schooldays, was kind enough to pass on to you recently submissions concerning Mr Moon, who is alleged to be the Messiah whose coming was foretold in the new testament.

I am delighted that your recommendations have been accepted by Michael Howard and that Mr Moon will not be granted an immigration visa. I am writing to ask as a matter of urgency that the same ban should be applied to his wife, Mrs Hak Ja Han Moon, who is currently planning to speak in her husband's place.

#### REASONS FOR BANNING MRS MOON

Mr Moon has been banned on the grounds that 'his presence was not conducive to the public good'. This presumably has nothing to do with the fact that he was jailed in the USA for tax evasion, which is of little significance to the British & would not warrant exclusion by itself. Presumably the decision was made for the reasons stated in the Mail on Sunday's front page lead - that he is leader of a corporation which breaks up families, "brainwashes" recruits, is a British libel jury found some 15 years ago, indulges in deceptive recruiting policies, and requires its members to marry partners picked out of a hat, usually from a culture and language group with which they have nothing in common.

Anyone who knows the Moonie organisation and its ideology will be aware that Mrs Moon is not 'just' Mr Moon's wife. She leads the so-called "Womens Federation for World Peace" and is the founder of what Moonies believe to be the first 'true family'. Young recruits worship her alongside her husband as the "True Mother". Together the couple are believed to be the TRUE PARENTS who have created the world's first sinless family.

Young English people working virtually as slaves (no pay, no National Insurance contributions, & sleeping in a small room) consider that Mrs Moon not their actual physical parents has become their true mother. I know of many English families up and down the country who have lost all contact with their children as a result of Mr & Mrs Moon's activities.

Mrs Moon was allowed into the country last year to address a meeting in a central London hotel which I attended. It created scenes of near hysteria and reinforced the entrapment of her young devotees as well as providing emotional ammunition for a

recruiting drive. I believe it would be unfortunate and against the public interest for a repeat performance to be held.

SUMMARY: All the arguments for keeping Mr Moon out apply to Mrs Moon. She leads the women's movement in the so-called Unification Church, is worshipped as the creator of a sinless family & is as responsible as her husband for the deceptions & dishonesty the church uses.

PERSONAL FOOTNOTE:

4. I have raised these issues with the leader of the English Church, Mark Branne, & asked him to mount an enquiry. He has refused to do so.

Please treat all the contents of this letter as confidential, preferably destroying it next week. I do NOT wish this letter to be seen by [redacted] Home Office adviser on cults, who has admitted to wishing to neutralise the anti-cult movement, and is believed to have worryingly close relations with various cults, especially the Moonies.

Yours sincerely,

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Your Reference

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Date 31 October 1995

*Dear David,*

REV SUN MYUNG MOON DOB 1920 SOUTH KOREAN

I attach a copy of representations sent to Mr Kirkhope by [REDACTED] dated 30 October. This may be useful to put before the judge today.

I am also enclosing a copy of a telex sent to us yesterday from the entry clearance officer in Seoul. It confirms that the refusal notice has been issued but also mentions that Rt Hon Edward Heath has been an almost annual visitor to Korea over the past 5 years to conferences organised by the Unification Church.

*Best wishes,  
Roger*

ROGER BLACKSTONE

cc Mr Osborne

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SUBJECT: KOREA: REV MOON - VISA REFUSAL

1. The Korean press preoccupied with a major political scandal, has failed to pick up the news of the Home Secretary's decision to exclude the Rev Moon. It was, however, carried on BBC World Service on 29 October. TUR arrived on 30 October.

We have issued a refusal notice (GV51) and are responding to enquiries from Moon's solicitors and local representatives, and may yet get press enquiries. Grateful therefore for a line to take. In comment on Moon's church, it will need to take account of the fact that Edward Heath has visited Korea almost annually for the last five years to attend conferences organised by the Unification Church. For the moment, we will refer any press enquiries to the Home Office.

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Dear Entry Clearance Officer

REV SUN MYUNG MOON DOB 6 JANUARY 1920 S KOREAN

Thank you for your telex of 30 October, telno 20 about A/N.

2. Please fax me a copy of the GV51 which you issued (our fax number is [REDACTED]).

We suggest the line to take is as follows:

- ♦ The Home Secretary personally directed that the exclusion of Rev Moon from the United Kingdom was conducive to the public good.

(This power is enshrined in the Immigration Rules HC 395 paragraph 320(6).)

- ♦ In reaching this decision the Home Secretary took into account the views of Members of Parliament and others of the undesirable activities of the Moonies in the United Kingdom.

4. Rev Moon's solicitors have sought leave to appeal for judicial review of the decision. Hearing is today, 31 October. At the time of writing this I do not know the outcome but will keep you posted.

Rev Moon's wife

5. We are receiving representations that Hak Ja Hao Moon be refused entry to the United Kingdom. She is said to be planning to speak in her husband's stead to the meeting in London on 4 November.

6. Have you received an EC application on her behalf or have you any news of her whereabouts/intentions?

7. Looking forward to your urgent comments.

Yours sincerely

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cc [REDACTED]  
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