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Rt. Hon. Charles Clarke MP
Home Secretary
The Home Office
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Dear Mr. Clarke,

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Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church

I was dismayed to hear last week that you have revoked the 10 year ban on Sun Myung Moon entering this country. I cannot agree with your argument that at the age of 85 he no longer poses a risk. His method of recruiting followers is to preach his doctrine to them and since he is fit and well he is as capable of this today as he was in 1985 when the banning order was imposed.

I know a number of Moonies and one ex-Moonie. I understand their teaching but do not agree with it. Several members of my close family have been Moonies for many years and I have seen the serious damage this cult has caused. You may not be aware of the repercussions in the second generation Moonies that this harmful teaching has resulted in. Allegiance to the cause often means that members do not complete their education and are therefore only able to take low paid jobs. Many spend much of their time working for the cause so are only able to work part-time. They are expected to have large families and so end up relying on State Benefits.

The teaching about family life and discipline often results in an unstructured and ill disciplined way of life. I have seen at first hand how this has led the children of Moonies into trouble with the Police, truancy and a failure to reach their potential as young people.

Although Mr. Moon may not pose a risk to public order his presence certainly cannot be seen to be conducive to the common good in 2005 any more than it was 10 years ago. His teaching is contrary to the teaching of the Church of England. It is full of deception and falsehood. I do not want to hear of even one more person being taken in by this flawed quasi-religious teaching and condemned to a life lived under the burden of this abnormal way of life.

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Rt Hon Charles Clarke, Home Secretary

Do you really wish to endorse a man who is still banned in many countries across Europe, a convicted fraudster and tax evader, a person whose ordination is questionable, a businessman with a company making armaments yet who preaches peace, a multimillionaire whose followers live in poverty? Your predecessors in your present role saw fit to keep this man out of Britain. I would urge you to follow their line and re-instate the ban on Sun Myung Moon visiting Britain. Many families that have suffered at the hands of this cult would like to see the ban extended to Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy: Adam Afriyie MP for Windsor & Maidenhead



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Date 11 December 2005

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 11 November to Mr Clarke, Home Secretary, about Reverend Moon.

I can assure you that the Government takes very seriously any suggestion that the presence of a particular person in this country might threaten public order or would be detrimental to any British citizens.

As you are no doubt aware, Reverend Moon was excluded from the UK. Deciding whether an individual should be excluded, or remain excluded, is a difficult assessment and it is important that the facts are separated from surmise and allegation. The Secretary of State therefore takes into account the views of relevant other Government departments as well as having regard for any representations made by groups and individuals such as yourself. The Secretary of State needs to form a view of the evidential value and weight to be attached to the information.

Exclusions are subject to regular review. After reviewing his case, the Secretary of State lifted the exclusion against Reverend Moon to allow him to apply for a twenty-four hour visa to enter the UK. He entered the UK on 5 November, attended the invitation-only event in London and complying with the conditions of his visa, left the UK the following day.

Yours sincerely


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16 November 2005

Home Secretary
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Dear Charles

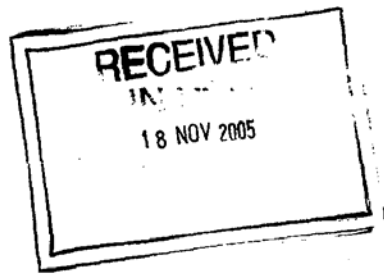
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I enclose a copy of a letter I have just received from my constituent, Mr Mathieson. I would be grateful for your comments on the issues he has raised.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Brown

Gordon Brown MP



Home Secretary
Reply Required

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The Right Honourable Gordon Brown
Member of Parliament for Kirkcaldy,

Dear Sir,

As a member of your Parliamentary constituency I write to you to express my dismay and anger on reading an article in the Daily Telegraph of Saturday 5th November 05. It stated that the Home Secretary, Charles Clark has cancelled the ban forbidding the entry into this country of Sun Myung Moon, leader of that vile movement the Unification Church. He is being allowed in apparently on the grounds of "gerontophilia", to quote the press. The journalist in question, Sam Leith is singularly naïve and ingenious when he describes Sun Myung Moon as being a benign, geriatric, harmless gentleman; nothing could be further from the truth. He is here principally to seek acceptability, respectability and power.

Unfortunately as a family we have experienced the corrupt practises of this movement for more than twenty years. We have seen for ourselves a cheery stable young man reduced to a mindless automaton, who was turned into a slave, and gave the best ten years of his life fund raising and working for no reward for this movement.

In company with thousands of others he was married off to [REDACTED]

I would therefore ask that you would inform the Home Secretary of the anguish that the entry of this man will cause to so many families in a similar position to us. Sun Myung Moon is still "persona non grata" in this country and for very good reasons.

I sincerely hope that this personal letter reaches your desk and I look forward to your comments on this distressing matter.

Yours truly,

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Rt Hon Gordon Brown, MP
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Reference: M28137/5

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Exclusions are subject to review every few years when I will form a view whether an exclusion should be maintained or lifted.

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