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PRIME MINISTER'S

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TO IMMEDIATE KUALA LUMPUR

TELEGRAM NUMBER 282 OF 19 SEPTEMBER

YOUR TELNO 353: DR MAHATHIR'S VISIT TO THE UK

A. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO DR MAHATHIR'S OFFICE:-

BEGINS:

I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU MAY BE SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS ON HOLIDAY WITH YOUR FAMILY IN LONDON AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR STAY. I WOULD HAVE LIKED VERY MUCH TO CONTINUE THE INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAD LAST MARCH. UNFORTUNATELY, I SHALL BE IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT WHEN YOU ARE HERE, AS WILL GEOFFREY HOWE. BUT IF THERE IS ANY ASSISTANCE I CAN ARRANGE I WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO HELP. I KNOW THAT WILLIE WHITELAW WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ENTERTAIN YOU AND YOUR WIFE AT THE THEATRE ONE EVENING IF THAT SUITED YOUR PLANS. B

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(Malaysian High Commission)

Card - before this tel was

sent - that Dr M. would

1 CONFIDENTIAL not want anything done for

him. let us hope he does not

change his mind at the last

moment!).

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The following message was sent by Mrs Thatcher to Kuala Lumpur for Dr Mahathir on 19 September:

I have heard that you may be spending several days on holiday with your family in London at the end of September.

I do hope that you will enjoy your stay. I would have liked very much to continue the interesting discussions which we had last March. Unfortunately, I shall be in the United States on an official visit when you are here, as will Geoffrey Howe. But if there is any assistance I can arrange I would be very glad to help. I know that Willie Whitelaw would very much like to entertain you and your wife at the theatre one evening if that suited your plans.