

*Ops cc subject matter*

*Foreign Policy: PM's visit to Far East - Policy  
Aug '84*

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T157/84

CONFIDENTIAL

41547 - 1

ZZ KUALA LUMPUR

GRS 250

CONFIDENTIAL

FM FCO 291029Z AUG 84

TO FLASH KUALA LUMPUR

TELEGRAM NUMBER 283 OF 29 AUG 84

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

BEGINS:

1. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD KEENLY TO MY VISIT TO MALAYSIA. IN PARTICULAR, I HAVE BEEN HOPING TO LEARN FIRST-HAND ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES, TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERN AND FORWARD-LOOKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
2. IT IS THEREFORE WITH PARTICULAR REGRET THAT, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION HERE, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT FOR ME TO BE ABSENT FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THIS TIME. I FEEL SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THESE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, AND THE NEED FOR UNPALATABLE DECISIONS WHICH THEY SO OFTEN REQUIRE.
3. THIS IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME PERSONALLY AS I HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS. I ALSO VERY MUCH REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE TO YOU, MR PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA, FROM THIS CHANGE OF PLAN. I HOPE THAT THE VISIT CAN BE REARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME. OUR HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT THIS.
4. MEANWHILE, MAY I SEND YOU MY BEST PERSONAL WISHES.

ENDS.

*HOWE*

DISTRIBUTION  
*LIMITED*  
H/SEAD

COPIES

MR POWELL NO 10

H/SAD

H/HKD

H/NEWS DEPT

H/PROTOCOL DEPT

PS

PS/LADY YOUNG

PS/MR LUCE

PS/PUS

SIR P CRADOCK

SIR W HARDING

MR BOYD

CONFIDENTIAL