

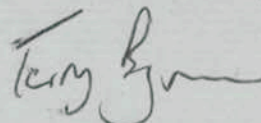
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CHOGM: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER
AND SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER

If the Prime Minister is to have a talk with Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singapore Prime Minister, and if she calls for brief PMVE (83) C49 on Singapore she may use the Points to Make in paragraphs 3 and 4 about technology transfer to the Soviet Union. If she does, she may refer to a note to hand to Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the text of which is annexed to the brief. But for convenience I attach a copy of the note in the form in which it should be handed over. If the note is to be handed over it should be appropriately dated.

T N Byrne
Delegation Secretary

21 November 1983



1. The British Government is concerned at the growing Soviet effort to acquire, by legal or illegal means, advanced Western technology and equipment which is of strategic benefit.
2. In common with our friends and allies we have strengthened our control over the flow of sensitive goods and technology from our countries to the Warsaw Pact. But we are aware that the Soviet Union and its allies make determined efforts to obtain these items through countries which do not participate in these joint arrangements. We believe that Singapore, as a large entrepôt centre and with a dynamic electronics sector, is a target for the Russians.
3. The British Government would welcome the opportunity to explain its concerns in greater detail and to discuss with the Singapore Government the wider implications of the transfer of strategic technology to the Soviet bloc. The British Government would therefore propose an informal exchange of views at a political level with the appropriate Singapore authorities.

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