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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.

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