

Mr. Powell

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: THANK YOU LETTERS

∴ Thank you letters from the Prime Minister should be sent to the following (surname in capitals):

- ① - Mr. LEE Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.
- ② - Professor S. JAYAKUMAR, Minister of Home Affairs and Second Minister for Law. (He was also the Minister in Attendance in 1985.)
- ③ - Dr. YEO Ning Hong, Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Defence (Policy).
- ④ - Rear Admiral Peter WoodHEAD, Flag Officer, 2nd Flotilla.
- ⑤ - Mr. Michael FAM, Chairman of the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation.
- ⑥ - Mr. Fock Siew Wah, Chairman of the Singapore Mass Rapid Transit.

⑦ - Mr KOH Boon Hwee, Chairman of the Telecommunications Authority of Singapore.

⑧ - Mr. Alan E. FRENCH, Managing Director/Chief Executive of Robinson and Co (s) Pte. Ltd.

3 In addition to the above, the High Commissioner recommends that the Prime Minister writes to

⑨ Mr. Goh Chok Tong, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence recalling their meeting in London in 1986 (when Goh was a Category I Sponsored Visitor) and expressing pleasure at the renewing of the acquaintance. Although Goh did not act as host to ~~any~~ the Prime Minister, ^{handling the day to day} he is effectively ^{or} running the country and is likely to become Singapore's Prime Minister after the next election (expected to be held either in September or December).

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29 July 1988



M. C. STREETON

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REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO FCO

FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM CHARLES
POWELL, PERTH

The following are texts of the Prime
Minister's thank you letters for her
visit to Singapore. I should be grateful
if you could arrange delivery. Signed
originals will follow by bag.



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1983

Dear High Commissioner,

Thank you very much for arranging my visit to Singapore and for your help and advice while I was there. I am always impressed by Singapore's achievements and you must find it a very stimulating place to live and work. And of course it is always good to have a chance to talk to Lee Kuan Yew.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all the members of your staff who helped in the arrangements for my visit for their hard work. Please also thank Catherine for her very kind hospitality. She made us most comfortable and welcome which added very much to the pleasure of the visit.

Denis joins me in sending you both our warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Roger Douglas White

His Excellency Mr. M. E. Pike, C.M.G.



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Roger Shalton

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Harry,

It was a tremendous pleasure to visit Singapore again. I never cease to be amazed by what you have achieved. The evidence of success is everywhere you look, and nothing brought it home to me more than my brief helicopter flight over the Island to visit the Ark Royal. No-one else could have done it.

I very much enjoyed our talk. As always it was refreshing to hear such trenchant and original views, but also reassuring to find that we still think very much alike on so many issues. I am particularly grateful for your advice and views on matters so important to the region and indeed to the world as a whole. The dinner beside the pool was a delight and it was very good of you both to make us so welcome. Please thank your wife especially for her kindness and for the really wonderful flowers.

Denis join me in sending you both our warm good wishes.

Yours ever

Margaret

The Honourable Lee Kuan Yew, C.H., C.C.M.G.
Prime Minister of Singapore



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Orchids - thanked
in L-K-Yew's
letter
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WITH COMPLIMENTS FROM PRIME MINISTER
AND MRS. LEE KUAN YEW TO PRIME MINISTER
MARGARET THATCHER AND MR. DENIS THATCHER.

AT THE MARCO POLO HOTEL SHOPPING ARCADE, G1 TAI PAN ROW,
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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Admiral Woodhead,

Thank you very much for the excellent lunch aboard HMS Ark Royal. It was as always a great privilege to visit one of Her Majesty's ships and I am very glad that the happy co-incidence of Ark Royal's visit to Singapore and mine made it possible on this occasion. The deployment to the Far East is clearly bringing home to the countries of the region our continued interest in their defence and the fact that we still play a world role. I wish you every success for the remainder of the voyage. I should be grateful if you could pass on my gratitude to all the officers and crew of the ships of Second Flotilla.

I am sorry that you had such a wretched journey out to Singapore. It was very good of you to go ahead with the lunch all the same.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalder

Rear Admiral Peter Woodhead
Flag Officer, 2nd Flotilla

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Mr. Fam

Thank you very much for escorting me on my visit to the Singapore MRT. It is a most impressive undertaking and I congratulate you warmly upon it. It will certainly make a major contribution to Singapore's development and is a tribute to the country's farsightedness and determination always to have the best.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajant Kalita

Mr. Michael Fam
Chairman, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Mr. Koh

I was delighted to be able to attend the commissioning ceremony for the Teleview project. The project itself is most impressive and it was good of you to explain it to me in such detail. I am of course particularly pleased that GEC-Marconi are involved because this underlines just the sort of co-operation in high technology between Britain and Singapore which I particularly wish to encourage.

I send you my best wishes for the success of the project and should be grateful if you could convey my thanks and congratulations to all your staff.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Lambert

Mr. Koh Boon Hwee

Chairman, Telecommunications Authority of Singapore



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Mr. Yeo,

Thank you very much for coming with me on my visit to the Singapore MRT and for the Teleview commissioning ceremony. The MRT is very impressive indeed and I do congratulate you on the achievement which it represents. I was glad to find major British and Singapore companies co-operating on the Teleview project and I hope very much it will be a success.

It was also very helpful to have the chance to talk to you and to learn more about Singapore's remarkable progress. I am most grateful to you for giving up so much of your time.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalker

Dr. Yeo Ning Hong
Minister for Communications and
Information and Second Minister for Defence (Policy)



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Professor Jayakumar,

Thank you for so courteously escorting me throughout my visit to Singapore. It was a great pleasure to have your company and to learn so much from you about Singapore's remarkable development. It made my visit exceptionally interesting and worthwhile and I am most grateful to you for having given up so much of your time. May I also thank your wife for her very kind help. I hope you will both soon come to London when we can return your kindness. With warm good wishes to you both.

Yours sincerely
Rajiv Gandhi

Professor S. Jayakumar
Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Law

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Mr. Fock.

Thank you very much for showing me Singapore's marvellous Mass Rapid Transit system. It is a great tribute to your planning and foresight: indeed the most impressive system I have seen anywhere in the world, and confirms Singapore's reputation as a leader in all areas of advanced technology and its application to improving the quality of life. I should be grateful if you could pass on my congratulations and good wishes to all concerned.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Mr. Fock Siew Wah
Chairman, Singapore Mass Rapid Transit Corp.



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Dear Mr. French

Thank you very much for escorting me around the St. Michael store. I was delighted to see a British company active in the very competitive and successful market which Singapore represents. I thought the range of goods and the way they were displayed quite outstanding, and I should be grateful if you would pass on my congratulations to all the staff.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Nayana Kaur

Alan French, Esq.

Man. Dir./Chief Exec. of Robinson and Co (S) Pte. Ltd.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1988

Dear Mr. Goh,

I was very pleased to meet you again during my brief visit to Singapore and to have the opportunity to renew the contact began on my visit in 1985 and your subsequent visit to London. My admiration for what you are achieving in Singapore grows with every visit, and I wish you continued success in the future. May I also say how very grateful I was for the excellent arrangements for the visit which made it possible for me to see a great deal in a short time.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Hunt

Mr. Goh Chok Tong

First Deputy PM and Minister for Defence