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TO IMMEDIATE KUALA LUMPUR  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 155 OF 27 APRIL

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 58A/82**

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO DR MAHATHIR.  
BEGINS: PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY IN  
THE MALAYSIAN ELECTIONS. GOOD RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PEOPLES  
OF BOTH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER.  
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*From the Private Secretary*

27 April, 1982

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 24 April. The Prime Minister agrees that the following message may be sent to Dr Mahathir:-

"Please accept my congratulations on your victory in the Malaysian elections. Good relations between our two countries are to the advantage of the peoples of both, and I look forward to working together. "

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24 April 1982

*Slightly amended - Prime Minister  
Yes*

*Agree to message?*

*A.F.C. 26. 4*

*Dear Idm,*

Congratulatory Message to Malaysian Prime Minister

Dr Mahathir's National Front coalition would appear to have won a predictably sweeping victory in the parliamentary and state elections held in Malaysia on 22 April.

Although we are still suffering the effects of discrimination against British bids for Malaysian Government contracts, a policy instigated by Dr Mahathir, and Malaysian reaction on the Falklands has been in Lee Kuan Yew's words "wishy-washy", Mr Pym recommends that the Prime Minister should send the usual message of congratulations. We have some, if not high, hopes that once the dust of the elections has settled Dr Mahathir will feel able to relax his attitude towards us. And the absence of any message would be noticed as yet another slight.

I enclose a draft couched in terms which Dr Mahathir could not mistake for warmth but will hopefully find strikes a note of realism. It would be helpful if the telegram containing the message could be despatched by the evening of Monday 26 April.

*Yours ever*

*J E Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

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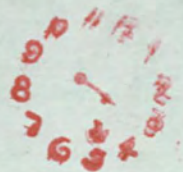
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	9	1. Please convey following message from the Prime Minister
	10	to Dr Mahathir.
	11	BEGINS: Please accept my congratulations on your victory in
	12	the Malaysian elections. <del>I have no doubt that</del> Good relations
	13	between our two countries are to the advantage of the peoples
	14	of both, and I look forward to <del>continuing to work</del> <i>with you.</i>
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