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 9 YOUR TELNO 303, PARA 8: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE  
 10 MALAYSIA/BRITISH SOCIETY  
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 12 1. Message from the Prime Minister to be delivered at the  
 13 Malaysia/British Society banquet on 18 September.  
 14 BEGINS: (Mr Premier, Tun Ismail, Lord Richardson, High  
 15 Commissioner) distinguished members. 18 September marks the  
 16 start of an important new venture. The Malaysian/British  
 17 Society is born tonight. I send your new and important society  
 18 my very best wishes.  
 19 I am confident that the Society will make a major  
 20 contribution to the strengthening of ties between Britain and  
 21 Malaysia. Indeed, the quality of your membership ensures that  
 22 this will be so.  
 23 I am myself keenly disappointed not to be with you tonight.  
 24 I had hoped very much to attend this banquet. I assure you that  
 25 I shall follow your affairs with interest. And, as you know,

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I look forward to undertaking my planned visit to Malaysia  
before too long. I shall hope to meet many of the distinguished  
Malaysian members of the Society then. ENDS.

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*From the Private Secretary*

13 September 1984

Malaysian/British Society Banquet, Kuala Lumpur  
18 September

Thank you for your letter of 13 September enclosing the draft of a message from the Prime Minister to be read at the inaugural meeting of the Malaysian/British Society.

The Prime Minister agrees to send a message and its content with the draft.

As predicted in your letter, Lord Richardson has been in touch with us and clearly wants very much to be able to read out the text of the message himself. The Prime Minister recognises that it would be proper for the High Commissioner to do this but wonders whether in the particular circumstances Mr Gillmore would be ready to allow Lord Richardson to do so in his stead. I should be grateful if Mr Gillmore could be informed of the Prime Minister's suggestion.

Charles Powell

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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It agreed by  
Telefax from Charters  
ce PC  
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Prime Minister.

London SW1A 2AH

13 September 1984

1. Agree to send  
attached message?

2. Lord Richardson has been in touch and  
is very keen to read it on your behalf.

Dear Charles, Agree that we ask Mr. Gillmore to  
let him do so? CDP 13/9.

Malaysian/British Society Banquet, Kuala Lumpur

18 September

Our High Commissioner at Kuala Lumpur suggests that the Prime Minister might send a personal message to mark the inaugural meeting and banquet of the Malaysian/British Society in Kuala Lumpur on 18 September. The banquet was in the Prime Minister's programme for her planned visit to Malaysia. The Society subsequently decided that it should still go ahead.

Mr Gillmore has pointed to the importance of maintaining the momentum in Anglo/Malaysian relations following the postponement of the visit. The banquet is a useful element. We expect a number of senior Malaysian figures to attend. As regards British participation, Lord Richardson has told us that he expects no falling off in quality and the latest list of participants which we have seen confirms this.

On presentation, Mr Gillmore recommends that he should read out the message himself at the banquet. However, Lord Richardson has indicated that he would himself like to take this on in his capacity as President of the British counterpart organisation, the British/Malaysian Association. He proposes to get in touch with you himself about this. If the Prime Minister agrees, this point might be left for Mr Gillmore and Lord Richardson to settle between them when Lord Richardson gets out to Kuala Lumpur.

I enclose a draft telegram containing a draft message.

Yr ever,

Peter Ricketts

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 305 OF 30 AUGUST

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MY TELNO 303: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT.

1. I HAVE NOW TALKED PERSONALLY TO TUN ISMAIL WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE WANTS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE BRITISH MALAYSIA SOCIETY MEETING AND BANQUET. HE IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT THE FACT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NO LONGER BE PRESENT SHOULD NOT LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF ATTENDANCE ON THE BRITISH SIDE. THIS CONFIRMS ME IN THE VIEW, EXPRESSED IN MY TUR THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DAMAGING IF BRITISH BUSINESSMEN WERE TO PULL OUT NOW: THE MALAYSIANS WOULD READ THIS AS A SIGNAL THAT THEIR REASONS FOR COMING IN THE FIRST PLACE WERE MORE CONNECTED WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER THAN THEIR INTEREST IN MALAYSIA.
2. TUN ISMAIL IS SENDING A TELEX TO LORD RICHARDSON EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT ALL THE BRITISH SIDE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO COME. I SHALL DO THE SAME. PERHAPS THE DEPARTMENT TOO CAN REINFORCE THIS DIRECTLY WITH LORD RICHARDSON AND SIR DONALD HAWLEY.
3. I HAVE ALSO NOW CALLED ON TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN, THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID HOW DISAPPOINTED HE WAS THAT THE VISIT HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED. BUT HE ENTIRELY RECOGNISED THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAD BROUGHT THIS ABOUT. HE SAID THAT BOTH HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S GESTURE IN STICKING TO HER DINNER ENAGEMENT WITH KASSIM THIS EVENING. IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED HERE THAT, AT SUCH A BUSY MOMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD NONETHELESS BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE TIME TO EXPLAIN TO KASSIM PERSONALLY THE BACKGROUND TO HER DECISION.
4. PRESS REPORTING OF THE POSTPONEMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN FAIR AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS.

GILLMORE