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October 20, 1995



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

20 October 1995

Mr Sergio Contrevas
Senior Financial Analyst
The World Bank
Washington, DC

Fax: (202) 477-0861

Dear Mr Contrevas

I refer to our telephone conversation this morning and am happy to confirm that Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong will be pleased to receive the President of the World Bank, Mr James Wolfensohn at 5.30 pm on Saturday, 21 October 1995 at the Prime Minister's suite in the New York Palace Hotel, 455 Madison Avenue (between 50th/51st Streets), New York. Please inform Mr Wolfensohn that he will be met at the lobby by one of our New York Mission staff, most likely Mrs Iris Geddis, and will be escorted to the Prime Minister's suite.

As you requested, a copy of our Prime Minister's bio-data is attached.

Yours sincerely

A SELVERAJAH
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GOH Chok Tong
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- 1961-64 University of Singapore
(Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class) in Economics).
- 1966-67 Williams College, USA
(Master of Arts in Development Economics).

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Managing Director (Nov 73 to Sep 77).
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- 1977 Senior Minister of State for Finance.
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 - Assistant Secretary-General (Sep 84 to Jan 89).
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February 1993

A L L - I N - 1 N O T E

DATE: 20-Oct-1995 11:56am

TO: Paula Donovan (PAULA DONOVAN)

FROM: Sergio Contreras, FRMRP (SERGIO CONTRERAS)

EXT.: 30413

SUBJECT: RE: Singapore and JDW

This is to confirm the Singapore-JDW meeting.

The meeting will take place tomorrow Saturday at 5:30 p.m in the Prime Minister's suite at the Palace Hotel (455 Madison Avenue, between 50th and 51st Streets) in New York. Mr. Wolfensohn, who will be accompanied by Mr. Cheetham, will be received at the entrance of the hotel and escorted to the Prime Minister's suite by one of the Singapore New York Mission staff, most likely Mrs. Iris Geddis.

I received a confirmation fax from the Embassy together with a bio-data of Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, which I copied to Josie. I acknowledged the fax and copied the bio-data of JDW and RS.

The brief, which includes F. Colaco's sentences, is now with Paula. After Paula's clearance I will clear with F. Colaco on his request. I will then copy the final to Josie, RC's and FC's offices with the bio-data of the PM.

Sergio

CC: Josie Bassinette	(JOSIE BASSINETTE)
CC: Kenichi Ohashi	(KENICHI OHASHI)
CC: ALLISON TSATSAKIS	(ALLISON TSATSAKIS @A1@WBHQB)
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DATE: 20-Oct-1995 04:49pm

TO: Russell Cheetham (RUSSELL CHEETHAM@A1@WBWASH)

FROM: Sununta Prasarnphanich, EAPVP (SUNUNTA PRASARNPHANICH@A1@WBWAS

EXT.: 82008

SUBJECT: New York, Saturday, October 21, 1995

I suggest you take the 11:30 shuttle, arriving at 12:30.
Normal time from La Guardia to the Waldorf is 45 minutes.

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(212) 355-3000

(Waldorf Towers has a separate entrance but is in
the same complex. Use the main entrance at 301
Park Ave. to go to the main lobby & Peacock Alley)

2:00 pm Mr. Aiyub Mohsin, Counselor for Economic Affairs
Indonesian Mission to the UN
(212) 971-8333

Peacock Alley Coffee Shop
(across from the registration desk)

2:30 pm Mr. Wolfensohn & Ms. Hiroguchi
(also Peacock Alley Coffee Shop)

3:00 pm President Soeharto

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5:25 pm Palace Hotel
455 Madison Ave. (bet. 50th & 51st St.)
(Use the 50th St. entrance)
(212) 888-7000

Mrs. Iris Geddis
Singapore New York Mission Staff
will meet your party in the lobby
(she will be wearing long black suit with a scarf;
her room at the Palace Hotel is 4911)

5:30 pm Mr. Goh Chok Tong
Prime Minister of Singapore

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Atsuko's contact in New York (from Friday evening):

c/o Lissie & Jay Chandler
50 Central Park West
Apartment 6C
New York, NY 10023
(212) 496-2917

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