

*Prime Minister
Singapore*

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Dear Walt W Rostow

Thank you for your letter September 28, 1988
and a copy of your tribute to President Johnson.

Yes, I still believe that the United States
bought time for the rest of Southeast Asia by her
intervention in Vietnam. Of course she could have
bought it at much less cost if she had intervened, not
in Vietnam, but in Cambodia. For Cambodia would have
been the next casualty. But that is hindsight.

I have stated this many times to American
mediamen in the States and those who visit me in
Singapore. They just do not report it.

I shall say it again when the opportunity
occurs, but unless the climate changes, it will not do
better.

A Pacific Basin international co-operation
organisation will make sense for the middle 1990s. Also
the OECD would be enriched by adding new members from
East and Southeast Asia.

With my warm regards to your wife and you from
both of us.

Yours sincerely



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