

PRIME MINISTER

NOW! SPEECH

~~MR. LANKESTER~~
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I attach a further revise in the light of our discussion this evening and further work with Ian Gow.

Also please find at Annexes I and II the Lee Kuan Yew cutting from the Daily Telegraph of September 6; and the Bill Ness letter of September 5.

The position with Tony Shrimpsley, Editor of Now!, is as follows:

- he is anxious to have a cover story this week on your speech;
- because of this we are now a long way beyond his normal deadlines;
- unless he can have a text by 10 am tomorrow he will, reluctantly, have to abandon the idea;
- he does not have to have an absolutely final text at 10 am; he can take limited corrections up to 2 pm;
- he will call in person at 10 am in the hope of picking up a text.

It will be a great pity if we miss out on a cover story, and I hope you will find the attached acceptable. It does not, of course, matter whether you put the attached into your own words; what matters is that you are happy to stand by the attached as the written sentiment you wish to express on this occasion.

I should add that Tony Shrimpsley likes what he has heard of the attached.

/John

John Vereker will be available before E to receive
your instructions.

John Vereker

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