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REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES

PETITION FROM MR. LEE KUAN YEW, PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE
CONCERNING SINGAPORE

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on Petitions at its 18th meeting on 18 July 1962)

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U THANT ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL
UNO NYK

I UNDERSTAND NINETEEN MEMBERS OF OUR FIFTYONE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAVE SENT A PETITION TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF SEVENTEEN IMPUTING IMPROPER OR UNDEMOCRATIC METHODS IN BRINGING ABOUT THE INEVITABLE REUNIFICATION OF SINGAPORE WITH THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA STOP THE BASIS FOR THIS REUNIFICATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THIRTYTHREE VOTES TO NOTHING ON SIXTH DECEMBER 1961 IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STOP ALTHOUGH THIS MOVE BY NINETEEN ASSEMBLYMEN IS PART OF THE DOMESTIC PLAY OF PARTY POLITICS IN SINGAPORE NEVERTHELESS MY GOVERNMENT IS READY TO PLACE ALL FACTS BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS STOP IF YOUR COMMITTEE TAKES COGNISANCE OF THIS PETITION THEN I MUST ASK THAT THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF THE CLEAR AUTHORITY OF MEMBERS OF OUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BE FIRST HEARD STOP ON FRIDAY THIRTEENTH JULY 1962 ON A MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MY GOVERNMENT THE PETITIONERS COULD ONLY MUSTER A MINORITY OF SIXTEEN VOTES STOP ONE PETITIONER MR C H KOH ABSTAINED COMMA TWO PETITIONERS MADAM HOE PUAY CHOO AND MR C V LINGAM ABSENTED THEMSELVES STOP

LEE KUAN YEW PRIME MINISTER SINGAPORE