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Speech by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture, Inche Shu'ari Tadin, when he received four albums of gramophone records of Indian Classical Music recorded at a United Nations recital, at the Ministry of Culture Conference Room on Thursday, 27th June 1968 at 12.00 noon

It gives me great pleasure to receive these four albums of records on behalf of Radio Singapore for two reasons.

Firstly because it is a recording of a recital given by the famous Indian Musician, Srimathi M. S. Subbalakshmi at the United Nations. This is symbolic because in a way we in Singapore are a miniature United Nations with our multi-racial society. And it is apt that the presentation to Radio Singapura should come from one of the smallest of our minority groups of citizens.

The second reason why I am happy to be associated with this presentation today is that the donors, Messrs. E.S. Isaac and Co. were one of the first gramophone record importers in Singapore who spontaneously came to the rescue of the Indian section of Radio Singapura when our record library was burnt down in a fire last year. I understand that they gave Radio Singapura as many records as they had at a very concessional rate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for this generous gesture at the hour of our need.

PRESS SECTION,
MINISTRY OF CULTURE.

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