STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

The Prime Minister has appointed Mr. Ong Teng Cheong to act as

Minister for Culture during the absence of Mr. Jek Yeun Thong. Mr. Ong will

continue to discharge his duties as Senior Minister of State for Communications.

The Prime Minister has also advised the President to appointed Dr. Ow

Chin Hock as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture from 1 October

1977.

The Ministry of Science and Technology, which has been looked after by

Mr. Jek Yeun Thong, will now come under the charge of Mr. E.W. Barker,

Minister for Law and the Environment. The Permanent Secretary (Environment)

will service this Ministry. rehives of Singapore

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