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PRESS STATEMENT

President Ong Teng Cheong will leave for the United States on Sunday, 29 October 1995 for medical consultations, on the advice of doctors. He will be accompanied by the First Lady and his principal physicians.

The tests conducted on the President during his stay at the NUH last weekend have confirmed that the President has a recurrence of the same low grade lymphoma that he was diagnosed with in August 1992. The site of the recurrence is, however, very rare. It is located just below the skull. Because of this unusual presentation, the doctors have recommended that the President be evaluated by Dr Saul Rosenberg at the Stanford University Medical Centre. Dr Rosenberg has been involved in the President's case since 1992.

The President is expected to return on 2 November '95. During the President's absence, Mr Lim Kim San will be the Acting President from 30 October '95 to 2 November '95.

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