

TRANSCRIPT OF SPEECH BY THE FRENCH MINISTER
FOR LABOUR, M. JOSEPH FONTANET, WELCOMING THE
PRIME MINISTER, MR. LEE KUAN YEW, UPON HIS ARRIVAL
AT PARIS AIRPORT ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1970

(translated into English from French)

Mr. Prime Minister, I am happy indeed to greet you in Paris and to welcome you on this occasion, which is the first visit to France by the Head of Government of the Republic of Singapore. I am sure that your stay in our country will enable you to assess the sympathy of France for your young and prosperous Republic, our interest arisen by your successes in all the fields and our esteem for the statesman, yourself.

I am convinced that your visit, and that of Mrs. Lee Kuan Yew and Mr. Rajaratnam, while contributing to make closer the links of understanding and friendship already existing between Singapore and France, will be highlighted in the further development of our nations.