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## August, 3 2016 White House : The Singapore State Visit

### US Gov

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"10:30 am: The President receives the Presidential Daily Briefing

3:20 pm: The President participates in a Young African Leaders Initiative town hall

7:00 pm: The Vice President will deliver remarks at the World Affairs Council in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

President Obama Has Now Commuted the Sentences of More People than the Past Nine Presidents Combined

We are a nation of second chances. Today, President Obama granted clemency to 214 Americans incarcerated under outdated and unduly harsh sentencing laws. Since taking office, President Obama has issued more commutations than the previous nine presidents combined and more commutations than any individual president in nearly a century.

The Official Singaporean State Visit: The President Welcomes Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to the White House

After more than 30 years since the country's last official state visit, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong made an official visit to the White House yesterday.

President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama welcomed Prime Minister Lee and his wife, Mrs. Lee, to our nation's capitol -- eight years after he visited the country during his first year in office.

"Hello everyone, Lee Hsien Loong here-Singapore's Prime Minister. I'm in DC on an official visit. We'll be meeting President Obama and several of your Cabinet members. We are also deeply honoured to be invited to a State Dinner in the White House.

The US and Singapore enjoy a close and longstanding friendship. We cooperate in many areas, from defense to trade."

"Thank you America for the warm welcome this morning! It is a big honor for us to celebrate how far our peoples have come together.

When I travel abroad, I try to meet Singaporeans who are living there. In the US, I have encountered our citizens all over the country. They are living, working or studying here, in big cities and small towns, contributing to their communities. It's a good reminder that our ties are not just about government or company business, but thrive in the hearts and souls of our people."

"It was fun to meet the crowd at the Arrival Ceremony this morning. Lots of happy faces! :)"

"Over 50 years of diplomatic ties, Singapore and the United States have developed strong partnerships in many areas-defense, trade, education, R&D.

R&D. Underpinning it all is our close people-to-people ties, and the warm friendship between our peoples. So it's fitting to mark our 50th year of ties with a scholarship for US and Singapore students to do summer exchange programs in each other's countries. We have come far together-may our relationship grow from strength to strength over the next 50 years, and beyond."

"Over the past seven and a half years, I've worked to transform America's relationship with Africa -- so that we're equal partners."

-- President Obama"

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