

**LEE SAID TO REGARD
C.I.A. ISSUE AS ENDED**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 5 — The Central Intelligence Agency's offer of a bribe in 1960 to Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, is now a closed matter as far as the Singapore leader is concerned, informed sources said here today.

On the basis of a 30-minute conference Friday between Mr. Lee and James D. Bell, the United States Ambassador to Malaysia, these sources believe that Singapore's attitude toward the United States is not as hostile as the Prime Minister indicated earlier in the week.

Mr. Lee had said that a C.I.A. agent attempted to subvert a member of the Police Department in 1960 and that after the agent was arrested a bribe of \$3.3 million was offered to Mr. Lee to release the agent. The State Department has confirmed the bribe-offer charge.

Neither Mr. Bell nor Mr. Lee would discuss what took place

during the Friday conference.

When Mr. Bell called on Mr. Lee at the Prime Minister's office, the bribe attempt, it was said, was mentioned only in passing, and the Prime Minister indicated the matter had been dropped. Mr. Bell represented the United States in the interview because the appointment of an ambassador to Singapore, until recently part of Malaysia, is still pending.