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To ANGELA who was there too



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#### Abbreviations

ABL Anti-British League

ARO Assistant Resettlement Officer
ASP Assistant Superintendent of Police

AWC Armed Work Cell
AWF Armed Work Force

BCM Branch Committee Member
BCS Branch Committee Secretary
BMA British Military Administration

CEP Captured Enemy Personnel

Com Person interviewed who was involved with the

Communists

CP Commissioner of Police CPO Chief Police Officer

CSBO Circle Special Branch Officer

DCM District Committee Member DCS District Committee Secretary

DO District Officer

DSP Deputy Superintendent of Police
DWEC District War Executive Committee

ER Emergency Regulations

ESI English-Speaking Intelligentsia

FTU Federation of Trade Unions

GLU General Labour Union

GOC General Officer Commanding

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

Gov Person interviewed who was in Government service HE His Excellency (The British High Commissioner) HQ Headquarters HSB Head, Special Branch IS Internal Security ISC Internal Security Council MCP Malayan Communist Party MDU Malayan Democratic Union ME Masses Executive MIO Military Intelligence Officer **MPABA** Malayan People's Anti-British Army **MPAJA** Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army **MPAJU** Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Union **MRLA** Malayan Races' Liberation Army NDYL New Democratic Youth League NRIC National Registration and Identity Card NV New Village **OSPC** Officer Superintending Police Circle PAP

People's Action Party

PKI Indonesian Communist Party

PLEN Plenipotentiary of the Malayan Communist Party

**PMFTU** Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions

**RCM** Regional Committee Member RCS Regional Committee Secretary

SATU Singapore Association of Trade Unions

SB Special Branch

**SCMSSU** Singapore Chinese Middle Schools Students' Union

SCM State Committee Member SCS State Committee Secretary SEAC South East Asia Command SEP Surrendered Enemy Personnel

SF Security Forces

#### ABBREVIATIONS

SFSWU Singapore Factory and Shop Workers' Union

SFTU Singapore Federation of Trade Unions

SHBEU Singapore Harbour Board Employees' Union

SHLU Singapore Harbour Labourers' Union

SLA Singapore Legislative Assembly

SMAA Students Mutual Assistance Association

SMB South Malaya Bureau

SPA Singapore People's Alliance

SPC Self-Protection Corps

SWA Singapore Women's Association

SWB South Wales Borderers

SWEC State War Executive Committee

TUC Trade Union Congress

UMNO United Malay National Organization

UPP United People's Party

Malay and Chinese Words Used in Text

Barisan Sosialis Socialist Front

Blukar Secondary Jungle or Undergrowth

Kampong Malay Village

Kattie Measure of Weight (1\frac{1}{3} lb.)
Min Yuen Peoples' Organization