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Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 03:30 PM
To: Lee Wei Ling
Cc: 'lhy@caldecott.sg' <lhy@caldecott.sg>
Subject: Re: Cluny

No Loong and HC are in Vladisvatok for APEC so I took the opportunity to canvas your position with Papa at Sunday lunch.

I am still communicating with him now and trying to persuade him to be fair to you. You are special to him. Don't push him into a corner; I am still hoping he will come round.

From: Lee Suet Fern [<mailto:suetfern.lee@stamfordlaw.com.sg>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 03:36 PM
To: Lee Wei Ling
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Subject: Re: Cluny

He is sounding more resigned this afternoon. Please do not upset him. We might yet get him to be sensible. At least let me try.

On 11/09/12 15:36, Lee Wei Ling wrote:
I simply avoid him.

From: Lee Suet Fern [<mailto:suetfern.lee@stamfordlaw.com.sg>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 03:39 PM
To: Lee Wei Ling
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Subject: Re: Cluny

Ling,

Papa has just written to me to say that he now agrees to give you your share of his estate and Cluny outright!

I will try to get him to unwind the recent will he has done with Kim Li now.

On 11/09/12 14:54, Kuan Yew LEE (PMO) wrote to Lee Suet Fern:
Message Classification: Restricted

I wanted Cluny to stay with the family.
Mama decided that it would be a comfortable home.
But she had a major stroke in 2008. That makes Cluny too far for SGH doctors and nurses to commute. So we stayed put at Oxley.
If the two boys will be giving to Ling their share of the 40% that is in my and Mama's estate, then it makes no sense to have any trust or codicil to try and keep Cluny in the estate of the two boys. I had thought it would be a good family heirloom for one of the grandchildren to stay at Cluny.
But it is a fancy to believe that any grandchild would feel any emotional attachment to Cluny Hill.
So let it go whichever way the boys decide. My estate will go in three equal shares to my three children.
If they give their shares to Ling then so be it.

From: Lee Suet Fern [mailto:suetfern.lee@stamfordlaw.com.sg]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 September, 2012 3:28 PM
To: Kuan Yew LEE (PMO)
Subject: Re: Oxley Trust

Papa

Yes, I know that you and Mama had always intended for Cluny to be the family home. However, the children have no attachment to Cluny. Except for Yang who helped Mama with renovations for Cluny, I doubt any of them have even seen it. If there is any attachment by all the children and grandchildren, it is to Oxley Road which has been the family home for all their lives.

Are you therefore ok with the original arrangements which gave Cluny to Ling?

Also, will you also give her her share of your estate outright? The children and grandchildren are well provided for already.

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On 11/09/12 15:36, Kuan Yew LEE (PMO) wrote:
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Yes, equal shares outright.
Cluny has no emotional meaning for any of the children, except for Yang. And none for the grandchildren.

From: Lee Suet Fern <suetfern.lee@stamfordlaw.com.sg>
Date: 11 September 2012 at 15:47:55 SGT
To: "Kuan Yew LEE (PMO)" <Kuanylee@pmo.gov.sg>
Cc: Ms Kwa Kim Li <kwakimli@leenlee.com.sg>
Subject: Re: Oxley Trust

Papa

Noted. Thank you.

Copying Kim Li so that she can go back to your original will of August 2011.

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From: **Lee Suet Fern** <suetfern.lee@stamfordlaw.com.sg>
Date: 11 September 2012 at 20:01
Subject: Wei Ling
To: "K SHANMUGAM (MFA)" <Shan@mfa.gov.sg>
Cc: Lee Hsien Yang <lhy@caldecott.sg>

Dear Shan

After to-ing and fro-ing this afternoon and some persuasive leaning on my father-in-law, I have now got him to capitulate and to agree to give Ling her equal share in the same manner as her brothers. No restrictions at all. The inheritance would be outright and it would also mean she will get Cluny Hill, notwithstanding that he claims that it has sentimental value in that both he and his wife had bought it to be the family home, and he would have preferred that it eventually ended up with one of his grandchildren.

Frankly, after these several days, I had not dared hope for such a good outcome.

When you see Ling tomorrow, after she has had an opportunity to 'ventilate' her grievances, can you please

1. Persuade her NOT to mention that she intends to give her money to charity. Papa understands this and that she will not leave her estate to his grandchildren, which is his wish. However, if she mentions this giving to charity again, we fear it will set him off. She needs to be silent on this to him henceforth.
2. Could she try to be pleasant to him and end this cold war. It is not good for either of them and he is the one who has now capitulated entirely.
3. His birthday is this Sunday, 16 September and we will have the usual simple family dinner celebration at our home. He will not ask her to come (they are both so proud and stubborn), but I know it would be his wish to have his children around. She knows that no one can guess how many more birthdays, if any, he has left to celebrate. It would mean a lot to him if she can be persuaded to make an effort. You can tell her if she comes, I will work to keep conversation away from any sensitive issues.

Thank you so much for being a friend to her.

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