



The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

*If you are thinking of a second home, I hope that you will not consider Malaysia. The Government of Malaysia is trying to seduce Hongkong people to settle in Malaysia, freely. The Government of Malaysia, recently, sent out a circular, making it very clear that everybody is welcome, regardless of age, race, religion, gender or sexual preference. All that one needs, it seems, is about \$HK200,000 in cash or a fixed monthly income of about \$HK14,368. It appears to me that the Malaysian Government is not looking for very much from prospective new settlers. Wouldn't you agree? If somebody wants to come to Hongkong in order to stay, permanently, on the other hand, I would demand at least \$HK6 million in cash. For what reason should my Government have to tempt fate for a prospective new settler with only \$HK200,000 in his or her pocket? Hongkong is not a pauper, as Malaysia, clearly is. Before telephoning the Malaysian Government, with a view to settle in that country, one should ask oneself this one question: Is that Government desperate for money? Of course it is! What is \$HK200,000 in the world, today? Nothing! You cannot even buy a small Japanese motor car for that kind of money. No, my dear, there is something smelly in the State of Malaysia, I am certain. I suppose you recall the race riots in Kuala Lumpur, the Capital City of Malaysia, back in the early 1970s. That was when it was 'Get the Chinese!' on the streets of that smelly city. I suppose, also, you will recall what my dear friend, Paramount Leader of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, said about the Malaysian Government, back in 1965: 'Stick it in your chapati!' As Singapore's Prime Minister, at that time, he told Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaya, who had proposed, in 1961, the creation of the Malaysian Federation of Malaya, comprising Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei, that Singapore and its predominantly Chinese population wanted equal rights and full representation in the Dewan Rakyat (Malaysia's House of Representatives) and the Dewan Negara (Malaysia's Senate). But Tunku Abdul Rahman would have none of that nonsense because Chinese are not Malays; and, that means that they are not able to understand the culture and aspirations of the various ethnic groups of Malaysia, the majority of whom are Muslims, you see. So, Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew threw his borrowed songkok, out of the window, and donned his mahkwa, again. I am told that no curry is, presently, being served in the house of Lee Kuan Yew. Then, do you know what Tunku Abdul Rahman did? He cut off the water supply across the causeway to Singapore! It nearly caused a war between Singapore and Malaysia, Grandpa reminded me, because about two million Singaporeans had little water to drink. But Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew won the day, again. There is, I have been told by Grandpa (who knows all about spying things), a secret memorandum between the Government of the US and the Government of Singapore, which states that the US Government would be willing to come to the aid of Singapore, by supplying pure spring water from the Rocky Mountains of Oregon to the people of the Island Republic if push ever came to shove. Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, however, preferred the water from the Ural Mountains of the then **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics** (USSR). That was the reason that the Moscow Narodny Bank was given a banking licence in Singapore, at that time – even though that USSR, State-Controlled bank was, at the time, technically insolvent. (I have it on good authority that Paramount Leader Lee Kuan Yew still enjoys 50 grams of Imperial Caviar from the Caspian Sea on a Friday night).*

Getting back to the present situation and the Malaysia entreaty to Hongkong people, you will note that Singapore is not sending round its begging bowl for prospective, Hongkong settlers to go to live in that democratic dictatorship: Lee Kuan Yew Incorporated does not need your money ... unless it is very big money. The Malaysian Government's policies have always been aimed at redistributing more wealth to Malays, as well as promoting a growing Islamic revival. This has been particularly worrying for the Chinese population of Malaysia because the Chinese are hard-workers, whereas Malaysians are a lazy bunch of chapatti-eaters, who take time off, five times a day, at least, in order to have a sleep. The New Economic Policy of the Malaysian Government, which was launched in 1971 and renewed as the New Development Policy in 1991, is designed to increase, greatly, Malay wealth and economic potential – at the expense of everybody else. Since only the Chinese have money in this country, it means, in essence, taking from the rich (the Chinese) and giving it to the poor (the lazy Malays). And you want to be a part of this? Huh! One day, there is going to be a war between Malaysia and some of the Western World, unless Singapore jumps in first.

As I have told you, many times in the past, if you don't want to get burnt, then, don't go too near the fire.

I must go, now, Grandpa will expect to eat his suckling pig, tonight, since it is Friday.

The Chief Lady of Hongkong

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