



## *The Betty Letters*

*My Dear Grandchild,*

*It really is a funny old world. As you are well aware, the first (and existing) Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Mr Tung Chee Hwa, is a man who had had no experience in politics or diplomacy, but he was chosen, nevertheless, by the high Muckamucks in Beijing in 1997 to lead the seven million people of the territory, following the return of the territory to the bosom of the Motherland from the British Imperialists. He muddled through, as history has proved, with the continued support of the highest Muckamucks in Beijing and, although he is not appreciated for his tenacity (I, personally, would never have stayed in office with millions of people, yelling for me to abdicate my crown), he continues to hold on to the reigns of power in spite of people, calling for his resignation. Comparing the 'elections' for the Chief Executive of Hongkong and the elections for the Presidency of the United States of America, one notes a number of rather amazing anomalies. To begin with, Mr Tung Chee Hwa, for all his failings – which he has never admitted, in any event – does not hold a candle to the failings of President George W. Bush, who is running for his second term in office in the November Presidential Elections. Here are two of the historical facts about President George W. Bush, which appear to have been brushed over by many people:*

- 1. In 1976, Mr George W. Bush was arrested in Kennebunkport, Maine for driving under the influence of alcohol. He pleaded guilty to the criminal charge and paid a fine. His driving licence was suspended for thirty days, the records indicate. As such, Mr George W. Bush became the first felon in the history of the country to be elected to the highest office in the United States.*
- 2. President George W. Bush was the first President of the United States to order the invasion of another country in spite of the fact that the unprovoked attack on Iraq in March 2003 was an illegal act, as far as the United Nations was concerned. The raison d'être for the attack on Iraq was a lie – because Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and the country was not a threat to the United States, having no links to al-Qaeda or the leader of al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden. Today, President George W. Bush claims that the means justified the end (or is it the other way round?). His handling of the Iraq situation caused the deaths of more than one thousand American servicemen. Those deaths occurred after the invasion of the country, which President George W. Bush labelled as its liberation from oppressive regime of Saddam Hussein.*

*Whereas Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa is a graduate of The University of Liverpool with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering, President George W. Bush nearly flunked out of Yale University, graduating with a low 'C' average Yale University has confirmed. One may speculate that, had President George W. Bush's father not been a member in good standing of the Texas plutocracy, whether or not his son would have graduated at all from this posh university. That must be the case because, prior to being elected as the President of the United States in January 2001, during an interview on television, he did not know a great deal about the geography of the world (except in respect of Texas, his home state) and he did not know the names of the most important leaders of the largest nations in the world. And even after his election as the fourth President of*

*the United States, he continued to fail to make the distinction between the country, South Africa, and the Continent of Africa.*

*I want to explain to you, My Dear Grandchild, that President George W. Bush is a pretty decent person, regardless of his many shortcomings. And so is Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa, regardless of his clear inability to lead Hongkong. But there are distinct differences between these two good men. For instance, Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa is not a felon, whereas President George W. Bush is a felon. Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa does not mislead the Legislative Council – he would not know how to do that because he does not have his finger on any pulse, anywhere in Hongkong, or in any other part of China. Not so for President George W. Bush, who is an accomplished liar, having uttered falsehoods to Congress as to the reason for his proposal to have US Marines invade Iraq in March and April 2003. Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa, to date, has not bankrupted the Hongkong Treasury, whereas, President George W. Bush has bankrupted the US Treasury. And he continues to spend about \$US1 billion a week in keeping his occupation troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa has never been much good with figures and that is one of the chief reasons that the territory is operating on a budgetary deficit. But President George W. Bush appears to be intent on not even trying to balance his country's books; and, he continues to spend more than the country earns, which must, eventually, lead to galloping inflation unless checked in good time.*

*Ah, yes! It is a funny old world, isn't it?*

*Love you, all.*

*The Chief Lady of Hongkong*

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