



MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SINGAPORE

24 August 2016

Dr Lee Wei Ling

Mr Lee Hsien Yang



Dear Dr Lee and Mr Lee,

I refer to your letter of 8 August 2016.

I would like to clarify that the Government has no intention or plans to do anything with the property now. We agree with you that this is not a matter of "urgency".

The Committee has been set up to look at the different options for the property (if and when a decision has to be made), and the implications of these options, including for the neighbourhood.

For example, if the property were to be converted to a park, we would like to examine the implications for other properties in the vicinity (including zoning and planning options), and the extent to which the treatment of the neighbourhood will be consistent with Mr Lee's wishes for the property. This is highlighted by way of illustration.

The basic point is that the government should prepare ahead to understand its options, and their implications.



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I can also confirm that the Committee will not be considering the question of what should be done with the property (including whether it should be gazetted as a national monument). Nor will the Committee be making any recommendations in this specific regard. These matters are not within the terms of the Committee's considerations.

In essence, the Committee will be listing the different options, and the implications of those options, and setting them out in the context of Mr Lee's wishes.

Any relevant information that you give us will assist us in our deliberations. But if you prefer not to respond, then we understand and respect your decision.

If you are going to respond to us, then the Committee would appreciate your response, as you have indicated, by 31 October 2016.

Yours *Sincerely,*

**Lawrence Wong**