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As a matter of common sense, at least some of the material would be published, she said. He added that Mr Lee Khoo Kian was quite different from an ordinary private citizen, and any agreement signed by the late Mr Lee’s family would not be binding on the estate. He said that what passed on to the estate held the copyright over their father’s interview transcripts, but did not have the right to publish the material. On the contrary, the late Mr Lee’s estate’s lawyers sought to describe the interview questions as part of a government oral history project in the 1980s. The Attorney-General’s Chambers (AGC), engaging in an open-ended argument, said that an interview agreement with the estate authorised the AGC to use or make copies of the transcripts, including the court transcripts contained in the interview’s transcripts. The transcripts contain accounts of affairs of state as observed and experienced by Mr Lee, who was prime minister when he gave the interviews. The terms of the interview agreement state that the transcripts would be kept in the Cabinet Secretary’s custody until 2005, or five years after Mr Lee’s death, whichever is later. During the moratorium period, no person should have access to, supply copies of, use the transcripts or be able to use the transcripts, they argued. After this period, the Government may hold the transcripts in the Director of Archives. The High Court ruled last September that the estate had no right to insert or add to the material, or to use the transcripts freely to the same extent as he could, said the AGC. It added that what passed on to the estate should be treated as a grant to the estate holders to publish the material. If he, however, wanted to make copies of the transcripts, they would need authorization from the Government under the official secrets act, said the AGC. Mr Lee’s estate lawyers argued that the transcripts could be kept in the estate’s custody or be used in any way. The Attorney-General’s Chambers argued that the estate was not entitled to publish the material. They were appealing against a decision by the High Court that the estate held the copyright over their father’s interview transcripts, but did not have the right to publish the material. Given this situation, it was not unexpected that the estate would want to obtain rights to the transcripts, but that the estate was not entitled to use or make copies of the transcripts, they argued.

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