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U-1 [Doc 43] [Doc 44] [Doc 45]	Note	re: Paul Davies's concerns [attached to cover note, "asked for Murray Chotiner's," n.d.] <u>Attachments:</u> 1) Letter, Davies re President, re idea which may be "far out," 5/15/70 2) Original hand-written copy of attachment #1, 5/15/70	n.d.	(copy)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Paul Davies

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the Rep. Natl. Finance Comm.

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discussed his concerns with Lang)

Thinks President should send
more of his specially inscribed
pictures to old time supporters
and friends

Copy of hand-written letter

Held for possible suggestion

Paul L. Davies
One William Street
New York

May 15, 1970

Dear Mr. President:

Faith and I have been thinking about Mrs. Nixon and you a lot in recent days and weeks and only wish there were ways and means we might be helpful in these difficult times.

I appreciated being appointed on the National Industrial Pollution Control Council and will try to be helpful as I have some background and experience in this critical field.

I have written Reed Hunt, a good friend of mine over many years, offering the assistance of Lehman Bros. partners and staff in the work of his study group if he would like to have assistance.

I have one idea I would like to suggest which may be "far out" but I know from my personal experience it would be helpful with some of my friends.

The thought came to me yesterday when I was sitting in General Clay's office which is next door to mine and I was looking at a picture of General Eisenhower with a long hand sentence in the General's handwriting "To Lucius Clay with lasting admiration and affection from his old and devoted friend Dwight D. Eisenhower."

I think this is one of Lucius's proudest possessions.

As you know, I am concerned about the defection of many of the close friends you had had over the years because of the iron ring that has been forged around you by some members of your White House staff and the constant loss of these relationships because of minor rebuffs and policy determinations which are really not necessary.

I have been closely associated with you and your close group of staunch supporters during your campaign with President Eisenhower when at times the going was rough, then in your ill fated Presidential campaign - then as Chairman of your Finance Committee in Northern California during the Governor's race and finally as the original suggestion and subsequent co-organizer of the Industry for Nixon Group nationwide.

I think next to General Clay and one or two others I know as many of the major contributors to your past campaign funds as anyone else. Maury Stans, of course, knows many more currently.

I am very much disturbed about the defection of former large givers from our cause because of lack of information and sincere but lackluster leadership in the finance area of the Republican Party.

You know Judy and her husband Lang Washburn. I may be wrong but I think General Clay and he did a great job in the handling of Republican Finances.

I am very much disturbed about the present status of the Republican Finance Committee and the complete disintegration of the formerly competent staff by poor leadership. Until I came to Lehman Brothers as a senior partner I had been on the Board of Chase Manhattan for many years - I had to resign because of legal

restrictions as an Investment Banker I could no longer serve.

Jerry Milbank was on for a few years before I resigned - he couldn't be a nicer fellow but during his whole term of service he never expressed an opinion. I had negotiations with him when he was Chairman of the Executive Committee of Commercial Solvents. He couldn't have been nicer but he always depends on someone else for decisions. In short he is not a leader.

Jerry has really no acquaintance nationally and can't attract leadership around the country to serve in next several years in key spots where raising money is going to be most important for your and the Party's future.

I have never discussed any of this with my son-in-law, Lang Washburn - he is most happy in his job as Director United States Travel Service - just got his new budget bill past both houses - now goes to Conference - substantial increased appropriations for what I consider important as a future contributor to Balance of Payments.

In my opinion we must find a way to bring back to our former close group of your friends who can help financially and by services a feeling they are needed and are part of your team - and not have them feel alienated and completely out of the picture because rightly or wrongly you have surrounded yourself with a group of young men who do not realize what these leaders of industry can and are willing to contribute if they feel as they used to - part of your great family of admirers and co-workers.

I sent you a wire from Hot Springs at the conclusion of the Council - part of the feeling of necessity of expressing the views in this letter comes from your many friends then who talked to me about their concern for you and the party - not because your not doing a wonderful job but because they don't feel part of the team any more. They feel you are being divorced from your real friends by the group around you altho everyone admits they are great -- In my opinion what's really needed is a combination of old time friends who've been thru precious trying times and the new younger men who haven't. Also some co-workers who know your real friends over the years as well as those who don't.

If you ever read this letter or a summary of its contents I can well understand if you throw it in the wastebasket.

However, I have been lying awake over the past several nights thinking about your problems and wondering if there was anything I could do to help. I decided early this morning to write this letter - at least I'll feel better now it's done.

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I'm sure you know that if at any time there is anything I can do to be helpful in any way to lighten your heavy load all you have to do is to call on me.

Faith joins me in sending our affectionate regards - we remember you nightly in our prayers that you may be given health, strength and Divine Guidance to continue on the course you are pursuing which we know is for the best interests of all our citizens - our country and the world.

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