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THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

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Personal

Dear Allen:

A week or two ago I had luncheon with one of the trustees of the Avalon Foundation to discuss a possible contribution toward the endowment of the Hughes Chair, either by the Foundation or by Mrs. Bruce personally. I was advised that the Foundation itself is in the process of reorganization but that Mrs. Bruce might well be interested because of her father's relationship with Judge Hughes--especially if her brother Paul would either take the lead or follow suit. The contributions we discussed were of the order of \$25,000 each.

Although, as you will recall, I once made such a suggestion in a letter to Paul Mellon, which Ernest Brooks of the Old Dominion Foundation declined in his behalf, I could not help being reminded of the generous offer you subsequently made in Joe Grew's home to speak to Mr. Mellon yourself about a personal contribution. If you have already done so, please ignore this note. If not, it would be immensely helpful if you could contrive to do so either personally or through the good offices of your law partner, Mr. Stoddard Stevens.

Our efforts to complete this endowment have suffered over the past year from the priorities we have had to accord to the completion of Colgate's \$4,000,000 Development Fund. Thus the contributions to date total only \$100,000, including \$25,000 gifts from Mr. A. V. Davis and Mr. Rockefeller, Jr.--the latter of these recorded anonymously at the donor's request. Could we now secure similar contributions from Paul Mellon and his sister, the University would be prepared to establish the Chair at once, making up the income deficiency through annual giving pending later completion of the endowment. My excuse for bothering you is that I know neither Paul nor his sister, and this is the kind of thing to which the approach through the foundations as such is, perhaps, too impersonal to be effective. It is true, of course, that the conversation which led to this letter occurred prior to the \$15,000,000 gift to Yale which Whit Griswold announced earlier this week. Since that was made through Old Dominion, I am sanguine enough to hope that it would not preclude consideration of this more personal and modest contribution to the Hughes Chair.

Sorry you couldn't come up to speak next month at Colgate's

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Foreign Policy Conference, but I have some awareness of the pressures to which you are subject. I had selfish reasons for wanting to see you because my wife and I have a leave of absence next semester and a Carnegie grant for travel and study abroad. Since our original plans failed to win your brother's approval, we shall probably spend most of our time in Southeast Asia with a special eye to educational developments in that area.

Ever faithfully yours,



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