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**To:** Noam Chomsky  
**Subject:** Re: Marital Trust

You might add that if they feel a lawyer can explain the mutual release you have one that will sign off

On Sat, May 19, 2018 at 11:26 PM Noam Chomsky= [REDACTED] > wrote:

I'm glad that you find the idea interesting and think that you might consider it, though you have to consult lawyers first.

My own view is different. To me the proposal I suggested seems to be a very simple way of settling this matter, which to me is extremely troubling. I realize that this is just another case of a longstanding difference in the way we approach these problems, a difference that has been clear ever since we were discussing the interest on the loan from the Trust and found that we could not communicate because I mistakenly assumed that it was a discussion among family members while your letters made it very clear and explicit that you saw it as a legal issue to be settled among lawyers and Bainco, perhaps with a mediator in the adversary proceeding. All matters I find it very hard to comprehend, and to live with, but so be it.

So by all means consult with your lawyer, or perhaps a battery of lawyers, to make sure that your interests are properly protected. I don't need any lawyer's advice. The matter is perfectly clear and straightforward. So there is no reason for me to hire a lawyer to deal with the question and to have a lawyer contact yours and initiate a discussion in which we all participate.

The matter is very simple. We can proceed without delay if you agree to settle the issue in the simple manner that I suggested.

As for your proposals in your letter of March 29, as I wrote you, the letter was so shocking that it was hard for me to bring myself to respond, but I did, in detail, but decided not to send it. Perhaps I should. Will think about it.

As for your proposals, my response was the obvious one. I'm sorry for the stress you had to endure, but your efforts were a waste of time for reasons I have already fully explained before you undertook them. As I'm sure you recall, a few years ago, I requested tax payments from the marital trust when my IRA was being rapidly depleted by my advisers who were distributing half to family and using the other half to pay management fees and taxes for the entire estate, so that to pay Alex's medical expenses and the expenses for Wellfleet I had to withdraw excess funds with exorbitant taxes all that before withdrawing even a cent to live on again with exorbitant taxes. Your response was to refuse the request unless I agreed to intrusive and insulting financial investigations -- of a kind I never considered when providing funds to you for something you needed. I made it clear and explicit at the time that I would not submit to this procedure. So Since your efforts and proposals simply repeat the same procedure, they were a waste of time.

There were some things in your letter that were correct. You're right that despite what has happened, I'm still a "wealthy man," with income well above the median, though lacking a pension and accumulated property, not at the level of my peers. Furthermore, I can supplement my income by teaching large undergraduate courses, something I'd never done and that is not that common for people approaching 90, but something that I enjoy. And you too are a wealthy man, for the same reasons: the reasons are that I've worked hard all my life, lived fairly simply (and live even

more simply today), and was therefore able to put aside enough money to ensure that my children and grandchildren are very well cared for, indefinitely.

But I again suggest that we put all of this aside, and deal quickly and simply with what appears to be the one outstanding issue: dividing the Marital trust and then dissolving it, all very simple, needing no lawyer, at least on my part.

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On Fri, May 18, 2018 at 1:44 PM, Harry Chomsky [REDACTED] wrote:

As I wrote a little while ago, I did write a long response to your last -- deeply depressing -- letter, but decided not to send it. I may return to that letter later but will keep to some factual matters that ought to be cleared up.

But now I'm writing just about one point, which seems to be the core of the problem -- a problem, which, again, I don't understand. But let's put that aside, though I hope we can clear it up soon. All of this is a painful cloud that I never would have imagined would darken my late years.

The core issue seems to be the marital trust. I've explained how M and I actually set it up with Eric, which seemed to us just plain common sense. I've also explained Max's different interpretation. I've asked you for yours, but haven't heard it. But let's put that aside too, and just resolve the matter, as can be done very simply -- without need for lawyers to explain the fiduciary responsibility of the trustee I appointed years ago to replace me, something I never paid any attention to before.

The simple solution is to divide the trust into two parts. One part will go to you, to use as you wish. Another part will go to me, for me to use without any investigations of my financial situation and other such intrusions that I won't accept. Then the trust can simply be dissolved, and it is all over.

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So I suggest that we proceed this way, and end the whole matter -- at least, whatever it is that I understand about what is of concern to you.

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