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Dear Bob:

I received yours of Dec. 30 & enclosure. Your resume of tuition fees at Yale & Harvard & the "breakdown" of the costs of a formal education is just the material that I needed. Whereas all other facets of human nature have been appealed to, & without result, for dealing with alcoholism, I hope to appeal to general cupidity & enunciate in the public courts that it would be less costly to send all the perennial drunks to at least two of the world's leading universities rather than year after year in jail. It should not be difficult to obtain a per capita cost in our penal institutions. Of course I recognize that in most cases this education must be "forced fed" just as those geese in Germany & France develop over-sized livers that serve as a table delicacy.

And there is a precedent for this sort of a thing. A number of years ago, there was a mayor of Woburn, who proposed that the town drunks should be drawn thru the streets in a lion's cage. Everybody asked "How did this screw-ball get elected?" And again, there is the ^{one} ~~three~~-time mayor of ^{Calumet} ~~Newburyport~~ who is given to bombast & irresponsible utterance. In his case, also, everyone asked "How did this screw-ball get elected?" The answer was as evident as a barracuda in a bath tub. Because they reduced the taxes & appealed to the tax payers wallet. Hence my idea of every drunk with a Phi Beta Kappa key.

All I have heard of for the past few years is the talk of the "New Frontier," while I have been considering what I believe to be the "Last Frontier" for social scientists - the human economy as applied to the thousands of drunks in penal institutions throughout the country. If this alcoholism is a disease, is a