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Mr. John Buescher  
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Dear John:

You doubtless have not forgotten our conversation that we had on Sunday morning after we returned from Dr. Anderson's office. Of course I had no idea then nor did you that you would be laid up just before finals. But I did make the statement that your cutting classes as you had done would jeopardize your chances to make the best grades in the subjects you were best fitted for, and if such a thing should happen that you would be ill then those classes would suffer, and in addition the ones that you were low in would cause you to fail.

As it is now, I do not know what you can salvage out of your days of inertia and lassitude. The fact that you have utterly failed to accept the kindnesses of your friends and people who care to help you makes me wonder just what sort of appreciation you have.

I have written to John Glenn and told him of my experiences with you. I have also told him how all of us have endeavored to help you but how on the other hand you rejected those offers of help in such a way that your actions have caused resentment among the boys on the team, and others who are associated with you. So impervious were you to these feelings that you even went to the point to be dumb enough to send for your pipe. This act shows a premeditated disregard for the things that should appeal to you.

The fact that your team mates want to win should at least stimulate your common decency to the point that you would not discourage their efforts. I just wonder, John, what really is in your makeup that would cause you to turn down so many of your friends.

I told you that I dictated a letter to you before we left for Madison Square Garden and my secretary mailed to the wrong street address here in Lawrence and it was returned. The letter that I wrote then, which was before Christmas, was similar in tone to this letter. I do not believe you can make a fellow believe that you care very much for the better things of life or for an opportunity to be somebody. At least by your actions you have not convinced anybody of that fact.

I wish you good luck in your examinations, but I have always learned that a fellow has to have more than luck when he goes into his examinations.

Sincerely yours,

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