No. 1.

McGill.

14th Sept. 76

Dear Dad and Mom.

I have finally got all my courses sorted out. They only gave 20 of the 30 credits for my first year but have said that if I do well this year they may give me the other 10. The advisors I saw were not much help - and I saw plenty of them - all they really did was tell me what courses I could be exempted from. I decided that the accounting major was too much directed towards those who wished to become CA's and so I have taken a slightly different path. I am doing a B. Com. with honours in Economics and a major in Finance. The finance seemed to contain the sort of thing I wanted and does contain quite alot of accounting.

I started going to classes on Thursday and I have found that I am in a special Economics for honours students and Economic statistics for honours students. Looking through the course plans I have done most of the work in both but what I do need in order to keep up the high marks required by honours students is my old notes from Rugby. Now I know from past experience that you don't read my letters, because when I have asked

you to do things before you haven't. But this is very important - And don't just sit there and send Charlie up to do it, cause it won't be done properly. Between the two beds in my room there is that box thing. Inside it you will find two very thick files (binders). One of them has economics in side it, all my old school notes. I need that file-all of it. There is also a dark blue hard back book with "Mathematics to 'A' level" written on the inside and written by me. I need that. There is also in the other big thick file or some where around the rest of my maths notes - on binder papers -. I need those (you can take them out of the physics file if that is where they are and send them alone.) There is also a big thin greenish paper back book of mathematical tables - it has got a clear plastic cover-stuck on it. I need that. And I think that there are some economic text books from England in there, if there are I need those too. Then in my chest of drawers top right drawer I need my red travel alarm clock. Try to do this as soon as possible and don't say I'll wait till I go up I have no notes to work from. If you want; spend some of the money I earned in the summer to send it airmail it can't cost more than $200. Or an even better idea is to use

the money earned in bringing those contracts to Canada for you. Pay someone to do the same they can call me from whatever in [redacted] Montreal they are and I will go to collect them. Otherwise the work I think is going well.

Did Dad tell you that I did so well the second time when I took the test that he even gave me my light truck license as well. How is Graham settling into Rugby. I'm glad you got to meet some of the boys from the house. From checking up I have found that the exams for honours students in Economics are even being held on the days of the 22nd of Dec. I feel that it is too expensive and too far to go for just 5 days of skiing, especially when I'll have 3 months of it here. You know now we all enjoy skiing together but someone ought to stay home with Grandma and I'll have to or so I could give her or take her out to Christmas dinner.

Anyway I'll see you soon

love John

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DON'T FORGET

Check list.

Economics Notes File	
My written Maths Book	
My math notes papers	
The Mathematical tables	
Economic textbooks (if available)	
Clock.	
Have I packed it.	
Have I sent it.	

McGill

2nd October 76

Dear Mom & Dad.

Thank-you very much for the notes. At first I couldn't believe that they were here so fast and second that I got exactly what I wanted - no more, no less. I wrote a letter to Mr Buckney telling about the Summer and asking him to write me a letter "regarding moral character and athletic skill under Confidential Cover" which he will send to Dad for my Bda scholarship. I want to send the Haygarth one as well but I did little sports at Saltus and the Rugby one should be more beneficial

I have been play football (soccer) for the Caribbean team as well as for McConnell residence team, and have thus been doing quite alot of sports already. I was coming out of the gym after practicing basketball with a friend and met Peter Card. He said that Dad had been speaking to Mr Card. There are about 6 other Bermudians here, that I have met anyway.

I registered on Tuesday in the late registration period and it took 2 hours but anyway at least everything has been settled and cleared up. I am finding that I have just about caught with the work in my Accounting and Finance

courses. In to Economics and Economic statistics courses I had done all the work and most of the work to come in Maths + Economics A level.

I bought a calculator the other day, a very good one because I need it for alot of the work. It was $30 and was on sale down from $59, it has a year guarantee and is constructed in such away that it is very useful. I also bought 4 four foot long pieces of wood off a friend in the hall and along with some screws and nails and a few borrowed tools I have built some very nice book shelves.

My nose gave me alot of ~~trouble~~ trouble at first but is slowly getting better although I must say that I don't notice the breathing being any easier. I have made very good friends with this French Canadian guy - who is fluent in English and French - so I am going to learn Canadian French.

When you next feel like sending something or when Dad comes up, I need my track suit (top and bottom) my plain white rugby shirt (same style as the stripped and in my chest of drawers) And don't let him forget my radio cassette - I am deafened by the noiseless silence of my room when I work. love John

P.S. As long as we're sending news paper clippings.....

McGill.

22nd Oct. 76

Dear Mom,

I received a telephone message from Mr Poord yesterday and today I went to his office and collected the stuff. Thanks alot for sending them It was getting too cold to play soccer without it. As you probably heard they had that nation-wide strike and so I had to cross picket lines to get my classes on the 14th. This week they have had a blood drive going and so I went and gave a pint. It was alright because my blood pumped out very quickly but the girl in the bed beside me was in pain because her arm was ~~bend~~ bent, or something.

I wrote a letter to Mr Bodeney asking him to write a certificate for the Beta Scholarship, he has already sent it to Dad I think. He wrote me a really nice-chatty-letter back telling about his summer and about how everybody had done in their 'A' levels.

It getting cold now the past two weeks it has been going below 0° and we have seen hints of snow. I wrote my first Canadian exam on ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday in Social Psychology - a compulsory course in

management.

Before I forget, Mr Pound said that he couldn't bring the radio up but you were — I hope it's a radio / cassette tape recorder because that is what I need. I brought my tapes and Dad said he would get something similar to what I took to Rugby. I will come and see you in OTTAWA if you tell me when you're here and then if you want you can come down and see McGill.

How is everybody doing and Charlie home alone, he'll be spoilt - imagine going to Ottawa for 'half-term' - you make it sound like it's just up the street.

See you soon

John.

McGill.

October 28th

Dear Mom,

The weather is coming in fast. It snowed the other day - about 2 inches - and we had a soccer match to play during it. In your letter you said that you were arriving on Monday but not which one - I presume Nov. 8th. When you mentioned the radio I hope were talking about the same thing. Not that radio amplifier with speakers but one of those radio / cassette tape recorders similar to what I had in England. I left that one here for Graham so Dad said he would get me another one for here. I've also thought of something else you can be me. Tell Charles to buy me ~~some of the~~ a few of the Bermuda posters (you know the ones he gets from the dept. of tourism or whatever - the nicest ones) Roll them up in a cardboard tube or something so that they don't bend.

When you come over you should bring some money from Dad for my bank account and ask him what he thinks about buying skates and skibooks. At the McGill ice skating rink there is no place to borrow or rent skates and with my small feet its hard to find some one

who is not only willing but able to lend me theirs.

You do realize that if you come on a Monday I have classes all week and won't be able to come up to OTTAWA until the weekend - if you are still going to be there. Has the boat been taken up to - dare I say it - Hemmings yet. Even if it hasn't I don't suppose it will be being used much, since by the time October comes most of the motivation is missing. Did Sallie have its usual Halloween fair, I suppose if it did Charles was over there winning all the prizes.

Anyway you know my phone number here so you can call me when you arrive.

See you then

John

McGill.

Dec 7th 1976

Dear Mom,

Well in less than a week you guys will be off on your way towards the snow. Whats Graham doing in England until you get there? When you see him that there is a girl in one of my classes called Joanne Bell. Tell manual that I am not very pleased about his ski-boot policy. I was so pleased to find such a comfortable pair of boots that, when I get to France I am buying them 'regardless' of price and if they don't have them well look out! They were Kastinger - 'Spyders' size 11.

I told you I think that they did a really good job on the bottom of the skis and I got some very nice poles cheaply so I'm almost ~~diff~~ all ready.

Exams start next week and I'll have alot of work to do I think, but we shall see how it goes. That reminds me Howard (Palmer) never called back like he said he would to invite me out for lunch, and the other man should being doing the same soon. Tell Charles that I have got a new record for him. Don't buy the transformer on the way to skiing let me look first. I haven't had time yet but will do so before I leave and if I don't find anything then we can get it on the way back.

Well I had better get back to be studying - sounds good hey. John.

It was -23°C Wednesday