



Fri. Jan 9, 1971 Room 239, 2E,  
L 305 Salem Hospital,  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Bob:

Received your letter & enclosure yesterday... The fate of my letter to you on Dec. 8 is an index of what could only happen at Tewksbury. By comparison, the Clyde mail steamer which touched Haiti every eighteen days was good service.

My transfer here, occurred ten days ago because this hospital is licensed to care for my disease. My doctor assumes that I will be kept here rather than be sent to some other county's sanitarium. This county no longer maintains such a place.

However, I have cause to wonder, on account of, what seems to me almost prohibitive costs, even when taking into consideration Medicare, Health Insurance, Federal, State & County subsidies.

Anybody would wonder what treatment to expect at the rate of a hundred dollars a day for extended care. However a hospital is not adverse to great expense, when the bill can be collected.

In my own case, the expense entails private room; meals of choice; 18 medications daily of 3 varieties, daily injections of