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Dear Sir

I was recently given a computer and have found using it is mentally stimulating. Recently I saw in the press a statement claiming that there was a 70% reduction in dementure if the brain is kept mentally stimulated.

I believe that learning and using a computer can help achieve this outcome.

I am aware that there many older citizens even in their ninety's using computers. One problem is that the cost of using the internet is too expensive for many who are on a pension.

I would like to see our Government help to get these people connected to the net. This I believe could be cost effective, saving on medical, hospital and retirement home expenses.

I have been attending T A F E and have found that this has been a great exercise for my brain and has created whole new interests. For instance this is the first letter I have created using a word processor.

I thank you in anticipation of you showing an interest in this matter

Yours sincerely

Ron Coleman

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PS If funding is a problem then an alternative could be a modest annual fee.