Dear Santa

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I have made some boo-boos recently. I need even more cover and protection this Christmas for next year; please do not listen to anyone who says I could not possibly be more of a ghost around here. I know I have it good. I teach few classes with few students and do almost no research, but it can be better. I do a bunch of service, and I have been working really hard to try to keep Economics as a separate department, as it is meant to be. If you can give me a "get out of jail free card" that I can hand the dean for the Academic Council "misunderstanding", I would be very appreciative. If I can ask for one more present, may I please have an Economist as my next boss? I voted for and celebrate the change that is coming, but this is not what I had in mind.

Remember I am an Ivy Leaguer,

Mark K.