

this will be 8 million before we are much older. And so, anything less than a billion, again, is not really very much. I would think that if we are to use such sums for purposes of facilitating the achievement of higher education, there probably is a more efficient and more effective way to achieve that objective than through tax credit or tax deduction. We do subsidize higher education very substantially. Our people in Michigan, in-State residents, pay \$300 per year for tuition for a college education that costs us close to \$2,000 a year per student. And what I see this \$1,700 subsidy subsidizing in very large part is not an education, but an automobile. And I do not want to see the Federal Government playing that game. And it would be playing that game in substantial degree were we to provide for aid to higher education through the income tax.

One final point relates to the first point I made. You allow deduction or credit to higher education and there is no end of things that Congressmen can think about for which there ought to be a special deduction or a credit. One of the favorite means of increasing employment that has been proposed by a group of Congressmen is a deduction under the income tax for wages paid to domestic help; gardeners, chauffers, maids, et cetera. Why? Because this will encourage the employment of people who are relatively unskilled. But it has a good many other kinds of repercussions, most of which would be regarded as undesirable.

If you think of doing anything through the income tax by way of subsidization, think of it in these terms. It costs, say, a billion dollars. It produces a distribution of assistance that looks like so. Could you, in full conscience, offer a bill that would provide for an appropriation that would distribute the money in that way? Because, in fact what you are doing is appropriating Federal funds otherwise available. If your income tax scheme is justifiable in terms of what you think would make sense through an appropriation of funds, then, and then only, I think, would I regard it as a good scheme. But I find it difficult to believe that an income tax deduction or credit scheme would fit that category.

It is an appealing notion, and my fear is that it is so appealing that it may pass. And the other fear I have is that if it does ever pass, it will represent a very serious blow against prospects for Federal aid to higher education. Because, it will then provide the excuse for not doing it.