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2 certainly is not, in an effort to condone what he did.
3 It was wrong, and he is aware of it. He stands before this
4 Court willing to pay whatever price your Honor in good
5 reason and humanity wishes to impose upon him.

6 What I have said, as I am sure your Honor is
7 aware and will take it in that spirit, is not meant as
8 justification for what occurred, but must be taken in the
9 light of mitigation and understanding of what happened.

10 I can only make the arguments to the Court.
11 It is, of course, the solemn duty of the Court to make
12 the ruling. But I know that this Court and the government
13 and our society does not need to incarcerate Stephen
14 Rombom at this critical time of his life, it does not need
15 to place once again in an institution a young man who has
16 already spent eight years of his life in one, since the
17 age of six.

18 I can just hope that society does not need to
19 run the risk -f ruining the firm and committed progress he
20 has been making and the type of realistic and viable program
21 that all the psychiatrists and even this Court has
22 indicated are necessary in this case.

23 I can urge the Court that even if the Court
24 sees fit, as I hope in reason and humanity it will not, to
25 place Mr. Rombom in an institution under the Federal Youth