

ADDENDUM NO. I TO INSTRUCTIONS TO HEARING OFFICERS APPOINTED
PURSUANT TO THE UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AND SERVICE ACT

NOTICE OF HEARING AND INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRANTS WHOSE CLAIMS
FOR EXEMPTION AS CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS HAVE BEEN APPEALED

1. Pursuant to the provisions of section 6(j) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (P.L. 51, 82nd Cong., 1st Session; 50 USC App. 466(j), hereinafter referred to as the Act, and section 1626.25 of the Selective Service Regulations, the Department of Justice will make an inquiry and hold a hearing with respect to the character and good faith of the registrant's objections to training and service under the Act on the ground that the registrant is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. The scope of the hearing is restricted to consideration of the merits of the conscientious objector claim. Consideration of ministerial claims and all other claims is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Selective Service System.

2. The hearing will be conducted by the undersigned, a Hearing Officer duly designated by the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States.

3. It is incumbent upon the registrant to establish that he is entitled to the conscientious objector classification he claims.

The registrant has a right to appear at the hearing and make a full and complete presentation of his claim. The registrant may testify orally and may present witnesses in support of his claim. However, no Government funds are available for the payment of witness fees or travel expenses.

4. The registrant may also submit at the hearing written statements or documents, or certified copies thereof, in support of his claim. Written statements shall be sworn to or affirmed before a notary public or other persons authorized to administer oaths.

5. Attached hereto is a resumé of the information developed by the inquiry conducted pursuant to the aforementioned Act. At the hearing the registrant will be entitled to discuss the information contained in the resumé and to present witnesses to refute or corroborate such information.

6. The hearing will not be in the nature of a trial or judicial proceeding, but will be informal and non-legalistic. Legal rules of evidence will not apply at the hearing, but reasonable bounds will be maintained as to relevancy and materiality. In addition to his witnesses, the registrant may have an attorney, relative, friend, or other adviser present at the hearing. Such person, whether an attorney or not, will not be permitted to object to questions, or to make any argument concerning the proceeding. In order that the conduct of the hearing may comport

with the necessary requirements of dignity, orderliness, and expedition, the Hearing Officer will be the sole judge in the matter of choice of a method of procedure designed to effectuate the desired result.

7. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in the termination of the proceeding.

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Attorney General