

Box 453
Soap Lake, Washington
January 20, 1960

Hayden C. Covington
124 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Dear Brother Covington,

Enclosed please find copies of letters which I sent to the State
and National Directors of Selective Service asking them to take an
appeal to the President for me. Also a copy of the cover letter to
the local board is enclosed.

I will keep you informed on the developments.

Your brother,

Richard M. Rawe

Box 443
Soap Lake, Washington
January 20, 1960

Selective Service
Local Board No. 22
Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of letters to the State and National Directors of Selective Service requesting them to take an appeal to the President in my behalf. Please include these two letters in my file.

I also want to ask the local board to delay any further action in my case until the Director's have acted on my request.

Sincerely,


Richard M. Rawe

Box 443
Soap Lake, Washington
January 20, 1960

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey
Director of Selective Service
451 Indiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to request you to take an appeal to the President in my behalf. Would you please call my file into your office for the purpose of a review. I am asking you to take this appeal to the President in the national interests to maintain freedom of worship for all and to avoid an injustice to me.

I believe that the local board and the appeal board have violated Section 16 (g) of the Act by not giving me a IV-D. My file contains ample proof that I am entitled to such and shows I am fulfilling every requirement of the Section 16 (g). The facts will show that I have been performing as a full-time minister for almost eight years and yet I have been denied my IV-D classification. The injustice I would be receiving is the same as any other recognized, duly ordained and regular minister that is preaching as a vocation would suffer if he received any other classification than IV-D.

The following is a brief history of my long case. I am registered as Richard M. Rawe. I registered May 12, 1952 with Local Board No. 22, Wenatchee, Washington. My number is 45-22-34-183. I was sent my classification Questionnaire November 12, 1952 and returned it on November 21, 1952. I filled out Series VI for ministers and requested a IV-D because I started my full-time service as a minister on May 1, 1952. Also I asked for a Conscientious Objector form. This form was filled out and returned on December 1, 1952. I have conscientious objections to both combatant and non-combatant service and training because of my status and duties as a full-time minister and because my conscientious has been trained by a study of God's Word. I also returned with these forms documentary proof that I am a minister. This document is entitled "Certificate For Pioneer" and is from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. It states that I am a "duly ordained minister of Jehovah's witnesses" and that my "customary vocation" is the ministry. It further shows I was ordained in a public ceremony on September 20, 1942. Also that I was "duly appointed on May 1, 1952 as a 'pioneer' minister" and "authorized to perform the ordinary rites and ceremonies...such as marriage ceremony, the baptismal ceremony, the burial ceremony, etc." and I am therefore certified by a recognized religious organization. This should be substantial evidence that I am entitled to a IV-D. Along with this my file show I have an authorized territory assignment by the Watchtower Society in which to preach, also that I serve as the Bible Study Servant, Theocratic Ministry School Servant, Magazine-Territory Servant and as a Congregation Book Study Conductor, to the Ephrata Congregation of Jehovah's witnesses. These appointments are by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Furthermore I have on file with the local board a number of letters

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and affidivats from other people stating that they recognize me as a duly ordained minister and that this is my vocation.

In addition to the above there is in my file a document from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society dated September 30, 1957. It is entitled: "To Whom It May Concern:" which testifies to the fact that I have a missionary congregation of which I am the spiritual advisor and religious leader and that I have been authorized as such by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

My file also contains several reports from the Justice Department and the F. B. I. which show that I am continuing to serve as a full-time minister and that several people interviewed stated that they view me as a ordained, full-time minister and said that they felt that I should be given a ministers classification.

The record of my classifications are as follows: On December 11, 1952 I was classified I-O by the local board, the following April 14, 1953 I was granted a personal appearance which resulted in another I-O from the local board. On June 1, 1953 the appeal board classified me I-O. The case was then appealed by the Director of Selective Service to the President and on October 29, 1953 I was put in class I-A. Following this the local board reopened my case and on November 12, 1953 again classified me I-A. On the following personal appearance it again classified me I-A on January 7, 1954. After an investigation by the F. B. I. the Appeal board classified me I-O on October 25, 1954. Again the good offices of the Director of Selective Service took an appeal to the President which resulted in another I-A on March 8, 1955. The local board reopened and on July 14, 1955 classified me I-A, on the following personal appearances it classified me I-A on November 8, 1957 and December 5, 1957. Another investigation by the F. B. I. resulted in the appeal to the appeal board. On January 11, 1960 the appeal board again placed me in class I-O.

In view of the above mentioned facts of this case I respectfully request your intervention in this case. Will you please call in this file for review and appeal to the National Selective Service Appeal Board so that I may be finally classified according to my vocation as a minister? Please let me know what action is taken in this case.

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State Armory
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