



Resume of the Investigative Report

Re: Richard Martin Rawe

Conscientious Objector

Registrant's father was interviewed and he advised that his son had been employed on a part-time basis for the past three years in the informant's lumber mill at Grand Coulee, Washington. The informant continued that registrant had been working in this capacity three days a week and it was noted that he devoted the remainder of the week to the performance of his ministerial duties in the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

One interviewee in Miles City, Montana, who is an ordained minister in the Jehovah's Witnesses organization, stated that he had known the registrant since 1948. According to this interviewee registrant had received instruction in the teachings of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society since early childhood and there was no reason to question the registrant's bona fide affiliation with this religious sect.

Registrant and other members of his family have resided for many years in Grand Coulee, Washington. Persons who were interviewed stated that registrant was a hard worker and they described him as a conscientious student. He and his family are well regarded in the Grand Coulee, Washington area. Former instructors advised that registrant would not salute the flag or enter into social or athletic events while a high school student. His refusal to do so was based upon his religious training and convictions. Associates of the registrant in the Jehovah's Witnesses organization and references said that he was an active and devout member of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and they had no reason to question the sincerity of his professed religious convictions. One church official said that registrant was presently serving as the Theocratic Ministry School conductor and it was further noted that registrant was holding the office of Bible Study Servant. Several interviewees explained that

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registrant was also classified as a "pioneer" minister and in this capacity he was required to devote at least one hundred hours a month to the performance of public church duties. Credit and criminal records are negative.

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