

Box 1576  
Grand Coulee, Washington  
June 23, 1959

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

Dear Brother Covington,

This will bring you up to date on developments in my draft case. Enclosed please find copies of letters to Hearing Officer, Draft Board and of F.B.I. Supplemental Inquiry. I am to have a hearing on my conscientious-objector claim in Spokane, Washington on July 7, 1959. The enclosed letters are as per suggestion in April 55 'New Procedure'.

Concerning your last letter of Dec. 16, 1957: The supplemental certificate to the Pioneer Certificate which was enclosed in your letter was a duplicate of one that I received dated Sept. 30, 1957. This Sept. copy was photographed and included in evidence presented to the board in my personal appearance before it on Dec. 3, 1957. The appeal board would therefore have this copy which will probably suffice. All the copies of letters that I have sent you you may keep for your files, unless of course I send you something and specifically ask for it to be sent back.

Since considerable time has elapsed since my case was active if there is anything new on procedure be sure to inform me. Also if you note anywhere that I am falling short or could improve in presenting my case before the boards do not fail to mention it.

I hope to be thoroughly prepared for the hearing by the date set. I am spending considerable time in considering the Bible, Societies publications and your memorandum's. I plan to have a stenographer to take notes at this hearing and I also note from their "Instructions To Special Hearing Officers"... that I can have an attorney and others to give testimony in my behalf. Do you think it advisable to employ an attorney for this Hearing? If so, whom could you recommend? Since my file is bulging with affidavits from others as to my sincerity as a conscientious-objector do you think it necessary to have others appear before the hearing officer or have more affidavits from others? If you have any suggestions along these lines I will be glad to hear them.

Your brother,

Richard Rawe  
Ordained Minister

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Selective Service  
Local Board No. 22  
Chelan County Court House  
Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Sirs:

On June 17, 1959 I was notified by Daniel W. Kaiser, Special Hearing Officer for the Department of Justice that my hearing is to be held on July 7, 1959 at Spokane on my conscientious-objector claim.

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which I wrote to the hearing officer and also a copy of the F.B.I. resume of Supplemental Inquiry. Please forward these on to the Appeal Board for me so they can be placed in my file for the benefit of the appeal board and the local board.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard H. Rawe*  
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Ordained Minister

Box 1576  
Grand Coulee, Washington  
June 28, 1959

Graves, Kizer & Gaiser  
1224 Old National Bank Building  
Spokane 1, Washington

Attention: Daniel W. Gaiser, Special Hearing Officer

Sir:

I have received your Notice of Hearing, 'Instructions' and 'Resumé'. Although the resumé didn't contain any adverse evidence I would like to request that I be sent a copy of the full report in order to make a copy of it to put in my draft board file so that the appeal board and the draft board can have the full advantage of it in considering my ministerial claim as well as my conscientious-objector claim.

If the full report is not available to me then I request that you and the Department of Justice have a copy of the full report available for me to consider at the hearing and also have a copy of this full report so that it can be sent to the appeal board together with the Department's final report so that they can compare the two and can have the advantage of it's contents in considering my ministerial claim as well as my conscientious-objector claim.

It is not my desire to call the informers mentioned in this report before the hearing officer to cross-examine them or to delay the proceedings. I do feel, however, that it is only fair that I see the contents and be allowed to use the contents of this entire report in defending my claims as a minister and as a conscientious-objector. The reasonableness of this request can be seen in the fact that this case has continued over a period of years and no doubt the inclusion of said report would expedite matters. Then to, being able to use this full report would reduce the time and expense involved in having, perhaps, some of the same persons appear in my behalf at the hearing to give the same testimony which may already be contained in the full report.

Enclosed please find a copy of the 'resumé' which I made. Please include this copy or one of yours in my file that is sent to the appeal board together with a copy of your report so that the appeal board will have the benefit of comparing all of these together.

May I also request that you have the Department of Justice or the appeal board send me a copy of the Department's report and recommendation before the appeal board classifies me. I would like to have at least 10 days in which to file a reply to this report and make comments on it. I have previously made this request to the appeal board through the local board on December 11, 1957 in my "Statement On Appeal". Because considerable time has elapsed since, and it may be overlooked, I wanted to make this request here so I would be sure to receive a copy of this report and recommendation before the appeal board classified me.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard M. Rawe*

Richard M. Rawe, Ordained Minister

1- TO DRAFT BOARD  
1- TO BA 1520.  
2- TO COMMISSIONER  
1- MY FILE

*Donny Capps*

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*AND INCLUSIVE OF SAID REPORT, NO DOUBT ESSENTIAL MATTER*

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*AND IT MAY BE OVERLOOKED*

## Resumé of Supplemental Inquiry

Re: Richard Martin Rawe

Conscientious-Objector Claimant

First Resumé of Supplemental Inquiry  
prepared December 28, 1955

A person who has employed the registrant as a part-time plumber on two or three different occasions, said that the registrant always displayed and excellent moral character and conduct. This person was aware of the registrant's extensive activities with the Jehovah's Witnesses and said he did not work on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays because this would interfere with his ministerial work. The registrant's father, who has employed the registrant part-time over the past three or four years, gave a substantially similar opinion concerning the registrant and his religious activities. He said that he is absolutely certain the registrant is sincere in claiming exemption as a conscientious objector. Other relatives, associates, neighbors and references stated that the registrant devotes a great deal of time to his religious activities and is undoubtedly sincere in making a conscientious-objector claim. Several of these persons gave favorable reports concerning the registrant when they were interviewed during a previous investigation of the registrant's claim. These persons indicate that their previous remarks concerning the registrant are still valid. They point out that the registrant and his mother have been active in the Jehovah's Witnesses for the past 10 year period, and they not only believe in the principles of the Jehovah's Witnesses religion but practice those principles in their everyday life. Several of these persons pointed out that the registrant is presently serving as a full-time minister in the Soap Lake, Washington, area, and were of the opinion that the registrant should be granted a ministerial classification. On this point, the registrant's mother advised that the registrant would like to go into missionary work for the Jehovah's Witnesses and attend the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society Ministry School in New York City. She stated that before the registrant will be accepted for this school he should have the classification of a minister and that this is one of the main reasons why he has appealed his conscientious-objector classification in an effort to obtain a IV-D classification.

An Official of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society reported that records reflect the registrant is still a Pioneer and devoting approximately 100 hours per month to his ministerial activities.

Credit and criminal records are negative.

Prepared May 23, 1958