



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 an 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.

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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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Spokane Washington June 17, 1959
(City) (State) (Date)

TO: RICHARD MARTIN RAWE
(Name of Registrant)

P. O. Box 1576 Grand Coulee Washington
(Street Address) (City) (State)

You are hereby notified that before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at
334 Federal West 904 Riverside
(Room) (Building) (Street Address)
LINCOLN

Spokane Washington , at 10:00 a.m.
(City) (State) (Hour)

o'clock on July , 7 , 1959 , a hearing, at which you are
(Month) (Day)

requested to be present, will be held by the Department of Justice to consider your claim to exemption from training and service under the Universal Military Training and Service Act by reason of your alleged conscientious objection to participation in war in any form. Only your conscientious-objector claim will be considered by the Department of Justice.

Daniel W. Gaiser , Special Hearing Officer
for the Department of Justice

ADDENDUM NO. I TO INSTRUCTIONS TO SPECIAL HEARING OFFICERS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CONSCIENTIOUS-OBJECTOR MATTERS

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 (50 U.S.C. App. 456(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 only. 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 Special Hearing Officer for the Department of Justice, appointed by 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 conscientious-objector claim. Written statements shall be sworn to or affirmed before a notary public or other persons authorized to administer oaths. Such statements or documents will be considered for whatever bearing they may have upon the registrant's conscientious-objector claim. They will not be considered in connection with any other claim whatsoever.

5. Attached hereto is a resumé of the information developed by the inquiry conducted pursuant to the aforementioned Act. If the registrant wishes to deny, explain, or otherwise comment upon any information contained in the resumé, he should do so in a written statement to the Hearing Officer. 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.

Technical 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 arguments 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.

Daniel W. Gaiser, Special Hearing Officer
for the Department of Justice