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185 East 3rd. St. #2G  
New York, N.Y. 10009  
March 12, 1967

Local Board No. 62  
900 Peachtree St., N.E.  
Room 218  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is SSS Form No. 150. I expect to submit additional material supporting my claim to conscientious objector status shortly.

Please be advised of my current address which is indicated above.

I am presently employed full-time as a reporter for the National Guardian, 197 East 4th St., New York, N.Y.

I am also still a full-time student at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th St., New York, N.Y., as I have been for the past year and a half.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SS No. 9-62-42-359)

## General Background

### Schools:

E.R. Carter, Atlanta, Ga., 1949-1955.

B.T. Washington, High School, Atlanta, Ga, 1955-1958.

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., 1958-1963.

University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, 1961-1962.

Columbia University, New York, N.Y., 1963-1964.

New School For Social Research, Graduate School, New York, 1965-Pres.

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Answer to Series II, Question 3.

I acquired this belief from my early training in Christianity; from my study of other religions and cultures while a college student; and from the study of the thought of such men as Henry Thoreau, W.E.B. Du Bois, A.J. Muste and Malcolm X.

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Answer to Series II, Question 6 (continued)

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Mr. Robert Paehlke 219 West 78th St. New York, N.Y.	Student	Friend	✓
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interview 9 am 10/5/66

Mr. Carl C. Burgess, Special Agent  
Mr. Robert G. IBBOTT, " "

FBI interview  
in NYC

Trudy Stepper

106 W. 13 St, #4

989-5823

Dr. Staughton Lynd  
26 Court Street  
New Haven  
Conn. 06511

Mr. William Zinn (McGirt)  
Center for Liberal Studies  
American University  
Massachusetts and Nebraska Aves  
Washington D.C. 20016

Mr. Conrad Lynn Esq.  
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St. Lambert P.Q.  
Canada

Howard Zinn  
Dept. of Hist B. U.

STATE DIRECTOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

~~On~~ I recently received an "Order To Report For Induction" dated 22 June 1966 from Local Board No. 62 in Atlanta. I believe this Order is an error and I am appealing to you to cancel this Order.

My appeal to you is based on the following circumstances:

1. I am enrolled in a graduate program at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City. For the past two semesters I have been enrolled in a full-time course of study and I will be enrolled in a full-time program in September. I expect to earn my Master's Degree in June, 1967. I have evidence that this information has been officially furnished to my Local Board. As further evidence of my serious intentions, I have been awarded a competitive scholarship to ~~continue~~ enable me to continue my studies in the Fall.

2. I have advised my ~~Local~~ Local Board that I recently opened a small place of business (a bookstore). I own and operate this place of business myself and I have no employees (my wife works to support us both until the bookstore becomes self-sufficient). My wife and I have invested our life savings and considerable time and energy in this business. It is impossible to liquidate this business on such short notice (I am due to report on July 7th) without inflicting heavy losses and undue hardship on myself and my wife.

3. I am unalterably opposed to <sup>present</sup> United States ~~participation~~ policy and participation in the war in Vietnam. I believe we are fighting against the people we should be helping. I believe in helping the poor and underprivileged. I worked for the N.Y.C. Department of Welfare for a year, and I am currently doing what I can to help my people (my bookstore is located in Harlem). As a

man of color I do not see the logic of participating in a war against other <sup>deprived</sup> people of color.

I don't approve of this racist war against the colored people of Vietnam, and I don't care to have any part of it.

Therefore, I am <sup>now</sup> appealing to you to have this Induction Order cancelled, and I trust that I will hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.

(SS #9-62-42-359)

→ I appealed my I-A classification on ~~the~~ 6/14/66 on the grounds that my circumstances have changed considerably since I originally received this classification. The Local Board denied my appeal.

State Director of S/S

901 W. Peachtree St N.E

Atlanta, Ga

Statement prepared in anticipation  
of arrest by FBI

On \_\_\_\_\_ I was arrested by the FBI and brought before the U.S. Commissioner. I was arrested because on August 1, 1966, I had refused to submit to induction into the U.S. Armed Forces. My refusal was based on my belief that the war in Vietnam is immoral and basically racist, and that, as a Negro, I should have no part in it. I am a conscientious objector to this war. However, my local board did not allow me to register my C.O. claim and instead attempted to draft me. I refused to cooperate and hence was arrested.

The U.S. Commissioner set my bail at \$\_\_\_\_\_, which is unusually high for this type of case and imposes an impossible burden on my family. The official reason for such high bail is that it will deter me from leaving the country. Let me point out that I was scot-free from August 1st until the time I was arrested. If I intended to leave the country I could easily have done so then. However, I have no intention of leaving the country. I have a just grievance which I wish to have redressed in the courts. My fight is here and this is where I will make my stand.

American legal tradition dictates that I am presumed innocent unless <sup>Proven</sup> ~~found~~ guilty. However, the U.S. Commissioner has decided otherwise. The real reason for such high bail is that the U.S. Comm. is attempting to punish me without benefit of a legal trial. Acting as judge and jury he has sentenced me to an indefinite stay in prison because I refused to cooperate with this blatant attempt to collect ransom. I believe that I am innocent. I am willing to go to court to prove my innocence. I have already adequately established that I will not leave the country. Yet I am now serving time in prison without having been tried nor allowed any form of due process of law. Is this what is meant by the much vaunted "American Way"? To punish a man whom the govt decides to persecute before he has had benefit of a trial? All Americans had better fear for their freedom if this form of arbitrary ransom-collecting is not stopped. ~~After all,~~ clearly "freedom" is only a farce when certain individuals are allowed to imprison others without due process; and there is little difference between prison and ransom when one is poor.



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL COLLEGE STUDENT CERTIFICATE

Date Sept. 14, 1966

1. Name and Address of Student

Mr. Robert L. Allen Jr.  
201 East 165 St., Apt. C  
Bronx, N.Y. 10456

Selective Service No.

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PART I - GRADUATE STUDENTS

- 2 (a). The student identified above has been accepted for admission to graduate school for a full-time course of instruction leading to a graduate degree, in the class commencing \_\_\_\_\_ and being the first class commencing after he completed the requirements for admission.
- 2 (b). The student identified above has entered upon a full-time course of instruction as a candidate for a graduate degree, which commenced on 9/20/65, and currently is meeting degree requirements, and is expected to attain the degree of M.A. in Sociology, on or about June 1967.

PART II - PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

- 3 (a). The student identified above has been accepted for admission to \_\_\_\_\_ school in the first year class commencing \_\_\_\_\_ and being the first class commencing after he completed requirements for admission.
- 3 (b). The student identified above has entered upon, the \_\_\_\_\_ year of his professional studies, and is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of study leading to graduation with the degree of \_\_\_\_\_ on or about \_\_\_\_\_.

PART III - GENERAL

4. The student identified above is (check one)
- Not eligible to continue
- No longer enrolled full time
- Graduated

5. Remarks

This form is to be prepared by authorized representatives of colleges and universities who are certifying the scholastic status of students to selective service local boards. The form is to be completed by filling in all appropriate blank spaces and placing "X's" in appropriate boxes. Submit the original of this form to the local board with which the student is registered, at the address shown in item 6. A copy may be furnished to the registrant and a copy retained. Submission of this form does not constitute a request for deferment. Authentication of information on this form may be by any means evidencing that a responsible official of the institution has verified its preparation.

A graduate college student, for the purposes of classification by a local board, is defined to be a student who has been accepted for, or has entered upon a full-time course of instruction at a graduate school as a candidate for a graduate degree, including, in addition to course work, teaching and research assistance, preparation for foreign language and other required examinations, and supervised work on graduate theses.

A professional college student, for the purposes of classification by a local board, is defined to be a full-time student who has been accepted for admission by, or who is in attendance at a professional school, including law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, osteopathy, optometry, pharmacy, chiropractic, or chiropody. A student at the preprofessional level of instruction preparing to become a student in a professional school is considered to be an undergraduate student.

6. Address of Local Board

U. S. Selective Service System  
Local Board # 62  
900 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

7. Authentication

*Michael Oubre*  
Michael Oubre  
Assistant Registrar  
New School for Social Research  
66 West 12 St.,  
New York, N.Y. 10011

Name and address of Institution

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in items below and complete instructions on other side, if applicable. Moisten gummed ends, attach and hold firmly to back of article. Print on front of article RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

RETURN  
TO  
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REGISTERED NO.

484470

NAME OF SENDER

Robert L. Allen, Jr.

CERTIFIED NO.

STREET AND NO. OR P. O. BOX

201 E. 165 ST. #C

INSURED NO.

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

Bronx, N.Y. 10456

POD Form 3811 Sep. 1963

## INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVERING EMPLOYEE

Deliver *ONLY* to  
addressee

Show address where  
delivered

*(Additional charges required for these services)*

### RECEIPT

Received the numbered article described on other side.

SIGNATURE OR NAME OF ADDRESSEE *(must always be filled in)*

*Local Bd. 62*

SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT, IF ANY

*Francis Johnson*

DATE DELIVERED

*7/8/66*

SHOW WHERE DELIVERED *(only if requested)*

201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York 10456  
July 6, 1966

Local Board No. 62  
Selective Service System  
900 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Sirs:

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Sincerely,

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201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York 10456  
July, 5, 1966

National Director  
Selective Service System  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to request that you cancel the Induction Order dated June 22, 1966, which I received from Local Board No. 62 in Atlanta, Georgia. I believe that a review of my file will show that this order is an error for the following reasons:

1. I am enrolled in a graduate program at the New School For Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City. For the past two semesters I have been enrolled in a full-time course of study and I will continue to be enrolled in a full-time program in September ( I have been awarded a competitive scholarship to enable me to continue my studies). I expect to earn a Master's Degree in June, 1967. The New School advised my Local Board of my student status.

On or about June 10, 1966, I received a "Statement of Acceptability" dated June 8, 1966, stating that I was found fully acceptable for induction into the armed services. On June 14, 1966, I appealed to Local Board #62 to have my 1-A classification changed. The Board replied to the effect that I was classified 1-A in March, 1965, and failed to appeal within the specified ten-day period. However, I wish to point out that I was not enrolled in school in March, 1965, and therefore had no basis, at that time, for an appeal.

On June 27, 1966, I appealed to the Georgia State Director, but he concurred with the Local Board's decision.

2. I have advised my Local Board that I recently opened a place of business ( a small bookstore). I own and operate this business myself and I have no employees ( my wife works to support us both until the bookstore becomes self-supporting). My wife and I have invested our life savings and considerable time and energy in this business. It is impossible to liquidate it at present without inflicting serious losses and undue hardship on us. This, I might point out, is a further basis for appeal which did not exist in March, 1965.

3. As I am opposed to the United States' participation in the war in Vietnam and have on occasion expressed my views to the Local Board, I am forced to conclude that the Local Board is now attempting to persecute me for voicing dissent.

It has chosen to ignore my legitimate claims for re-classification and is instead abusing its power in a misguided effort to silence dissent.

It is for these reasons that I am now appealing to you to review my file and have the Induction Order cancelled.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SS #9-62-42-359)

REGISTERED NO 367294

Value \$ 2 Spec. del'y fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \$ 75 Ret. receipt fee \$ 10

Surcharge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rest. del'y fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Postmaster, By \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Allen  
201 E 165 St. Box 74.

To \_\_\_\_\_

Int. City  
Selective Service System  
Wash. D.C.



SAVE THIS RECEIPT. Present it when making inquiry or claim.

Claim must be filed within 1 year from the date of mailing.

Consult postmaster as to fee chargeable on registered parcel post packages addressed to foreign countries.



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Form approved. Budget Bureau No. 33-R190.5.

TRANSFER FOR ARMED FORCES PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR INDUCTION

Part 1.—APPLICATION

To LOCAL BOARD OF TRANSFER

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle name) ALLEN JR. (Last name)

SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER 66			
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of 201 East 165th St., apt. C Bronx, N.Y. 10456 present herewith my (Check applicable box)

Order to Report for Armed Forces Physical Examination (SSS Form 223)

Order to Report for Induction (SSS Form 252)

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issued by Local Board Number \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town, and State) directing that I report on July 7, 1966 and hereby request transfer to your local board to report on a date to be set by you. The reason I am absent from my own local board area is:

Living in NYC area. Married-lives with wife.

XX Robert L. Allen Jr. (Signature of registrant)

Part 2.—APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

Tel.: 573-6171-ext. 42 Transfer Board of Local Board No. 5 Selective Service System 205 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

(Stamp of Local Board of Transfer)

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

- Request for transfer is approved. You will be notified by this local board of the date and place to report.
 Request for transfer is disapproved. You are directed to report as originally ordered by your local board.

(Member or clerk, local board of transfer)

Part 3.—TRANSFER ACTION

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

Registrant is transferred. Forms attached. Registrant [ ] WAS [ ] WAS NOT previously examined.

Status \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate "non-volunteer," "volunteer," "delinquent," "physician," "Class I-O reg.," etc.)

(Stamp of Local Board of Origin)

(Member or clerk, local board of origin)

Part 4.—DISPOSITION

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, the registrant was (Check one)

[ ] Found qualified; [ ] Found not qualified;

[ ] Inducted into \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch of Service)

[ ] Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable forms are attached.

Transfer Board of Local Board No. 5 Selective Service System 205 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

(Stamp of Local Board of Transfer)

(Member or clerk, local board of transfer)

NOTICE TO REGISTRANT

To assist the Department of the Army in the processing of your security clearance, it is requested that you complete the enclosed Statement of Personal History (DD Form 398) in accordance with the instructions given in the enclosed Appendix to Army Circular No. 380-3. You will take the completed DD Form 398 to the Armed Forces Examining & Induction Station when you report for induction.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

## (DD FORM 398)

**1. General.** DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) is an important document and must be completed without misstatement or omission of important fact. All entries are subject to verification by investigation. Do not attempt to complete DD Form 398 without first carefully reading the following instructions and certification at the end of the questionnaire (just above the signature block):

- a. *Print in ink or type all entries on the form.*
- b. If you already have a DD Form 398 on file, you are now only required to execute items 1 through 6, and items 14, 17, and 20 in their entirety. Item 14 will include references with whom you have had recent association or business dealings and will contain references *not* listed on previous DD Form 398. All other items will be completed with the remark "no change" or by entry of any changes or additions that have occurred since the date of submission of the last previous DD Form 398.
- c. When the answer to any question entered on DD Form 398 is of such a nature as to cause you embarrassment, write "Interview" in the appropriate item and you will be privately interviewed concerning the matter.
- d. Carefully proofread the completed forms before signing. Delays caused by errors may prevent your serving in a sensitive position for which a security clearance is required.

### 2. Detailed instructions.

- Item 1.* Enter complete name. If you have no middle name, print "NMN"; if you have an initial only, insert the initial and print "IO." Check appropriate square for "Mr," "Mrs," or "Miss."
- Item 2.* Check appropriate box. NGUS and USAR personnel not on active duty should check "Civilian." *Personnel receiving this form through Selective Service channels for preparation prior to induction or enlistment will leave this item blank.*
- Item 3.* If there is an alias, nickname, or change of name, show it in item 3 and utilize additional space under item 20 to explain where, when, and why changed (e.g. name may have been changed when adopted or naturalized). If not applicable, enter "NONE."
- Item 4.* Give full permanent home address or full legal address. Do not use military address.
- Item 5.* Print complete date (Example: 2 May 1939, *not* 2/5/39); make all required entries regarding place of birth. Birth certificate does not have to be on your person.
- Item 6.* Check appropriate boxes and, if hospitalized or treated by a doctor, enter dates, place, and name of doctor in item 20.
- Item 7.* If you are a native-born U.S. citizen, check both appropriate boxes and leave remaining blocks blank. If you are a naturalized citizen, list certificate number, date and place of the naturalization court. *If your citizenship is derived, list the certificate number(s) of your parents, the date and place of naturalization.* If an alien, list your alien registration number. If you are stateless, so indicate as an additional remark in native country box. If your naturalization application is pending, explain the circumstances under item 20. (For personnel born abroad of U.S. parents, enter date, and port of initial entry into the United States, if known.)
- Item 8.* Check appropriate boxes for current active duty, USAR or NGUS activity and previous service. Include your service in all branches of the Armed Forces, list all service serial numbers, and dates and types of any discharges and separations other than honorable. If additional space is required use item 20. *Leave blank if no previous military service.*
- Item 9.* List only the last school attended and give year of last attendance, address of the school, whether graduate or nongraduate, and degree, if any.
- Item 10.* List in order given, the full name (maiden name where appropriate) and, where known, the date (day, month, and year) and place of birth (city, State, and country), current address, and citizenship status of all persons listed in *fine print* at the beginning of item 10, DD Form 398. If you are married include the following information concerning spouse's parents, if known: Full name, date and place of birth, present address, citizen or noncitizen. If you are divorced, enter date, place, and court in which decree was granted. (Item 20, REMARKS, may be used if additional space is required.) If persons listed are not native born, give the date and their port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization number and date, place, and court in which naturalization was granted. (This information may be listed in item 20, REMARKS.) If data is unknown, enter "Unknown."
- Item 11.* Answer completely, giving address, if known, as well as the country of residence. If answer is none, print "NONE." Explain in item 20 the degree of relationship and frequency of your contact with these persons. *Do not enter U.S. Government personnel or their dependents.*
- Item 12.* List here only foreign travels since you were 18 years of age (or during the last 15 years, whichever period is shorter). Enter NONE if applicable. *Do not list travel as a U.S. Government member or dependent.*
- Item 13.* List each employment of 90 days duration or longer since your 18th birthday (or during the last 15 years, whichever period is shorter). If you are unemployed, so state. If a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, so state. If self-employed, give address and nature of business. If your Social Security number is unknown your unit personnel officer may be able to assist you. If not, enter UNKNOWN. Continue under item 20, if necessary.
- Item 14.* Do not list credit references if you are under 21 years of age. If 21 years of age or over, list three credit references. List five character references regardless of age. List references that were not listed on previous DD Form 398. If you cannot furnish bona fide credit references, list a school to which you have paid tuition,

or any store, gasoline station, automobile dealer, repair shop, life insurance company, landlord, doctor, lawyer, etc., to whom you have paid cash for services or goods, and who has knowledge or records of any of your financial transactions.

*Item 15. List only those residences where you have lived 90 days or more since your 18th birthday (or during the last 15 years, whichever period is the shorter). Print street number, city, and State. Military personnel who have resided in Government quarters, bachelor officer quarters, or barracks physically located on a military reservation, should enter a remark covering the period of such occupancy, such as: "October 1960—November 1961, Fort Sill, Oklahoma—on post residence." Continue under item 20, if necessary.*

*Item 16. List all organizations to which you have belonged since age 18 (or last 15 years, whichever period is the shorter) giving inclusive years of membership and addresses. If you held office in any organization enter the office held, the location or chapter, and the approximate dates.*

*Item 17. Check applicable boxes. If any box is checked "Yes," state the circumstances in full under item 20.*

*Item 18. Check the applicable box. Do not answer "Not Applicable." If the answer is "Yes," give a complete résumé of the case(s). List any incident and include all juvenile cases. For courts-martial, explain the nature and disposition of the case and your punishment. If additional space is required, remarks may be continued under item 20. If ever fined, as an officer, under Article 15 UCMJ give résumé. Summarize any official reprimands received. If ever reduced in grade, summarize the reasons. Identical procedures apply for other military services, Navy courts-martial, Captain's Mast, etc.*

*Item 19. Read the question carefully. Check applicable box; use remarks section if additional space is required. Do not answer "not applicable."*

*Item 20. Use this space if more is required to complete other items or for explaining items in detail.*

**Military.** Under this item include when applicable the statement: "I have executed DD Form 98 (Loyalty Certificate of the Armed Forces) without qualification."

**Civilian employees.** Under this item include when applicable the statement: "I have executed DD Form 1111 (Certificate of Non-affiliation with Certain Organizations) without qualification."

When DD Form 398 is executed to cover only the period since the date of submission of a previous form, enter the following certificate under this item: "I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND INDICATE ANY AND ALL CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE \_\_\_\_\_"

(Date or approximate date of execution of previous SPH)

**Signature.** Note that this block is in certificate form and requires signature by the applicant and a witness. (Name and address of witness should also be printed in ink or typed.) The date of signing and both signatures are required in appropriate spaces.

*Item 21. This item will be completed by competent authority; no action is required by the applicant.*

## STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the certification at the end of this questionnaire before entering the required data. Print or type all answers. All questions and statements must be completed. If the answer is "None," so state. Do not misstate or omit material fact since the statements made herein are subject to verification. If more space is needed, use the Remarks section, item 20, and attach additional sheets if necessary. The information entered hereon is for official use only and will be maintained in confidence.

1. (Print) FIRST NAME--MIDDLE NAME--MAIDEN NAME (If any)--LAST NAME					2. STATUS		
<input type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MISS					<input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY		
3. ALIAS(ES), NICKNAME(S), OR CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage)				4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS			
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Day, month, year)		PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, and Country)		PLACE CERTIFICATE RECORDED			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	SCARS, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS			
6. DO YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ADDICTED TO THE USE OF HABIT FORMING DRUGS SUCH AS NARCOTICS OR BARBITURATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CHRONIC USER TO EXCESS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.							
7. U. S. CITIZEN	NATIVE	IF NATURALIZED, CERTIFICATE NO.	IF DERIVED, PARENTS' CERTIFICATE NO(S).	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						
ALIEN	REGISTRATION NO	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY		DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A U. S. CITIZEN?		
<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<b>8. MILITARY SERVICE</b>							
ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES DRAWING FULL PAY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.		SERVICE AND COMPONENT		ORGANIZATION AND STATION		DATE CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE STARTED	
ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A U. S. RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.		SERVICE AND COMPONENT		ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION			
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
COUNTRY	SERVICE	COMPONENT	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)	TYPE DISCHARGES OR SEPARATIONS--GRADE AND SERVICE NO.		
<b>9. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)</b>							
MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL			GRADUATE		DEGREE
FROM—	TO—				YES	NO	
<b>10. FAMILY (List in order given, parents, spouse, guardians, stepparents, foster parents, parents-in-law, former spouse(s) (if divorced give date and place), children, brothers and sisters, even though deceased. Include any others you resided with or with whom a close relationship existed or exists. If the person is not a U. S. citizen by birth, give date and port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization certificate number and place of issuance.)</b>							
RELATION AND NAME		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING		U. S. CITIZEN	
FATHER						<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
MOTHER (Maiden name)							
SPOUSE (Maiden name)							
OTHER (Specify)							





DD FORM 368  
 19. ARE THERE ANY INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED HEREIN WHICH MAY REFLECT UPON YOUR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES OR UPON YOUR SUITABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES WHICH YOU MAY BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE OR WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE FURTHER EXPLANATION?  YES  NO IF "YES" GIVE DETAILS

20. REMARKS

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH. I UNDERSTAND THAT A KNOWING AND WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH (See U. S. Code, title 18, section 1001)

DATE	SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM	
	TYPED NAME AND ADDRESS OF WITNESS	SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

21. THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORITY REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND DEGREE OF CLASSIFIED MATTER (*top secret, secret, etc.*) TO WHICH APPLICANT WILL REQUIRE ACCESS

RECORD OF PRIOR CLEARANCES		
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**UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INC.**

TO THE PERSON ENTERING SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND TO HIS FAMILY

We wish to extend to you our very best wishes. Also, we would like to acquaint you with an outstanding national organization representing all the people of the country that has been extending services to the members of the Armed Forces and their families since February, 1941.

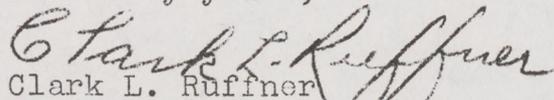
In over two-hundred locations in this country and overseas, the USO acts as a "home away from home" -- bringing the spirit of home to distant locations near military installations. Thus, while you are in service, our organization sincerely hopes to give you a touch of the same atmosphere that surrounded your life at home, in your school, and in your church.

The purpose of the USO is to provide a volunteer civilian agency responsible to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense, through which the people of this nation may in peace and war, serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, and educational needs of the men and women in the Armed Forces. President Johnson is the USO Honorary Chairman. The USO does not receive any Federal appropriations but is supported primarily through United Funds and Community Chests. These USO clubs, centers, and lounges stand ready to serve you near military bases, especially in remote locations in this country and overseas.

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May we extend to you a sincere invitation to visit USO clubs throughout the world. As Georgia State Chairman, I would welcome hearing from you about USO services as you are privileged to enjoy them.

Sincerely yours,

  
Clark L. Ruffner  
General, USA, Retired  
USO Georgia State Chairman

734 Forsyth Bldg.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

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LOCAL BOARD NO. 62  
900 PEACHTREE ST., N. E.  
ROOM 218  
ATLANTA, GA. 30309

(STAMP OF BOARD OR ADDRESS OF SENDER)



201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York 10456  
June 27, 1966

State Director  
Selective Service System  
901 West Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I recently received an "Order To Report For Induction" dated 22 June 1966 from Local Board No. 62 in Atlanta. I believe this Order is an error and I am appealing to you to cancel this Order.

My appeal to you is based on the following circumstances:

1. I am enrolled in a graduate program at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City. For the past two semesters I have been enrolled in a full-time course of study and I will be enrolled in a full-time program in September. I expect to earn a Master's Degree in June, 1967. I have evidence that this information has been officially furnished to my Local Board. As further proof of my serious intentions, I have been awarded a competitive scholarship to enable me to continue my studies in the Fall.

2. I have advised my Local Board that I recently opened a place of business (a small bookstore). I own and operate this place of business myself and I have no employees (my wife works to support us both until the bookstore becomes self-sufficient). My wife and I have invested our life savings and considerable time and energy in this business. It is impossible to liquidate this business on such short notice (I am due to report on 7 July 1966) without inflicting heavy losses and undue hardship on us.

3. I am unalterably opposed to present United States policy and participation in the war in Vietnam. I believe we are fighting against the people we should be helping. I believe in helping the poor and underprivileged. I worked for the N.Y.C. Department of Welfare for a year, and I am currently doing what I can to help my people (my bookstore is located in Harlem). As a man of color, I do not see the logic of participating in a war against other deprived people of color. I don't approve of this racist war against the colored people of Vietnam, and I don't care to have any part in it.

I appealed my 1-A classification on 14 June 1966 on the grounds that my circumstances have changed considerably since

I originally received that classification. The Local Board denied my appeal. Therefore, I am now appealing to you to have this Induction Order cancelled, and I trust that I will hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SS #9-62-42-359)

cc. Local Board No. 62  
900 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

5/19/66

Dear Sirs:

I am returning herewith my tickets of admission to the Draft Deferment Examination. I refuse to participate in this mockery of our Democratic traditions.

My reasons for taking this position are two-fold: Firstly, I see no reason why I should help to increase the chances that certain young men will be drafted into the Army and possibly killed in combat. I have a number of friends who, although they are serious-minded and hard working students, are not doing very well in school. If I should participate in this examination and score a higher mark than they, then I have done some small bit to increase the likelihood that they will be drafted and sent to Vietnam. I happen to like my friends, and I believe that helping to get them killed is not a very charitable way of treating them.

Secondly, I think that this examination is basically anti-democratic and corrupts the American tradition of equality. This examination is a

selection tool designed to discriminate  
in favor of those possessing so-  
called intellectual prowess. It  
there creates an elite ~~class~~ <sup>which</sup> will  
be deferred from military service.  
This examination in effect places  
a numerical value on a man's  
life; valuing more highly those  
who know mathematics and science.  
I cannot comprehend the degraded  
mentality which would <sup>then</sup> argue  
that because one man scores highly  
on this examination he deserves  
~~more~~ to live <sup>more</sup> than one who  
scored less. Our country was  
founded on the principle that  
all men are created equal, but  
now I'm told that some are  
created more equal than others.

It is difficult to understand  
how a nation which claims  
to uphold such lofty principles  
could come to such a sorry  
state of affairs.

It is clear that this  
~~very~~ miserable state of affairs is  
a direct outgrowth of the Vietnam  
situation. ~~It is evident~~ that  
illegal and immoral war is

sapping our strength and betraying ~~everything that we~~ those ideals which we once upheld. It is sickening to think of the vast and powerful U.S. attempting to crush the poor people of Vietnam, a small and weak nation.

I am opposed to this clumsy attempt to prevent the Vietnamese from having their freedom and independence. I am also opposed to ~~force~~ to this <sup>preposterous</sup> ~~clumsy~~ effort to pick <sup>choice</sup> certain <sup>unfortunate</sup> young men who will then be forced ~~into~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~participate~~ <sup>take part</sup> in this shameful deed, and possibly themselves killed in the process.

By returning these cards to you I wish to register my opposition to this betrayal of American ideals and the American people.

THE GRADUATE FACULTY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

April 29, 1966

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SELECTIVE SERVICE  
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

It has been reported that very few graduate students who are already in graduate study have registered for the Selective Service Qualification Examinations to be given on May 14th, May 21st, and June 3rd. It appears that graduate students are relying on the assurance that their deferment will be continued as long as they maintain good scholastic standing in their graduate work. However, decisions on deferment are the responsibility of the local draft boards and many of these may interpret national directives very literally. They may insist that even students already in graduate study and carrying a full program in good standing establish they were in the upper quartile of the male students in their graduating class in college. If a student cannot do this, he may be required to show that he qualifies for student exemption by having passed the Selective Service Examination at the appropriate level for a graduate student.

Since many graduate students have not applied for the examination, the office of Selective Service has therefore set another test date on June 24th, 1966, and will announce a new deadline for registration within a few days.

I recommend that you register for the Selective Service Examination unless you clearly can establish your rank-in-class in your senior year in college. The necessary forms for applying for the Selective Service Examination can be obtained from the Graduate Registration Office, Room L 351.

Joseph J. Greenbaum  
Dean

201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York  
February 25, 1966

Mr. Thomas J. Frey, Acting Secretary  
City Civil Service Commission  
220 Church Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Frey:

In response to your letter of February 23rd, I would like to advise you that I am no longer employed with the Department of Welfare and I do not desire to maintain my status on the Social Investigator eligibility list.

As I am unable to appear before the Commission on March 2nd I trust that this reply will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.



# CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

220 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013 ■ TELEPHONE:

THEODORE H. LANG

CHAIRMAN

GEORGE GREGORY, JR.  
ANTHONY M. MAURIELLO

COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 1966

Mr. Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York

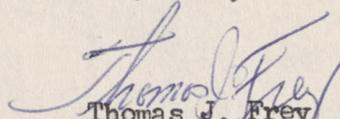
Re: Social Investigator Trainee  
Exam. No. 1230, List No. 23  
Group No. 8

Dear Mr. Allen:

You are hereby requested to appeal before the City Civil Service Commission on Wednesday, March 2, 1966, at 10:30 A. M. in connection with your eligibility on the list for the aforementioned position.

Please report to Room 400.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas J. Frey  
Acting Secretary

CC:eh:H-114:2/16:66



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

GRADUATE OR HEALING ARTS COLLEGE STUDENT CERTIFICATE

Date 2/17/66

1. Name and Address of Student

Mr. Robert Lee Allen  
201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, N.Y. 10456

Selective Service No.

9	62	42	359
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PART I — GRADUATE STUDENTS

- 2 (a). The student identified above was accepted for admission to graduate school for a full-time course of instruction leading to a graduate degree, in the class commencing \_\_\_\_\_ and being the first class commencing after he completed the requirements for admission.
- 2 (b). The student identified above has entered upon a full-time course of instruction as a candidate for a graduate degree, which commenced on 9/20/65, and currently is meeting degree requirements, and is expected to attain the degree of M.A. in Sociology, on or about June 1967.

PART II — HEALING ARTS STUDENTS

- 3 (a). The student identified above was accepted for admission to \_\_\_\_\_ school in the first year class commencing \_\_\_\_\_ and being the first class commencing after he completed requirements for admission.
- 3 (b). The student identified above is enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of his professional studies, and is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of study leading to graduation with the degree of \_\_\_\_\_ on or about \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Previous colleges attended, with dates.

see previous 103

5. Other Remarks:

Mr. Allen has registered in a full-time program for the Spring term. Classes began on 1/31/66 and will end in May.

6. For use of Local Board

7. Certification: I CERTIFY that the information I have given relating to the student identified in Item 1 of this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

8. Address of Local Board

U. S. Selective Service System  
Local Board # 62  
900 Peachtree St., N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

*Thelma E. Caruso*  
Thelma E. Caruso  
Assistant Registrar  
New School for Social Research  
66 West 12 Street  
New York, N.Y. 10011

Signature, Title, Name and Address of Institution

201 East 165th Street  
Bronx, New York  
December 19, 1965

Representative James Scheuer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Scheuer:

We are writing to express our strong support for your recent public statement urging President Johnson not to extend the bombing of North Vietnam to Hanoi and Haiphong. The undeclared and illegal air war against North Vietnam has had no noticeable effect on the civil war in the South, and we feel that these air attacks should be discontinued as a first step toward genuine peace negotiations. Such negotiations must certainly include the National Liberation Front if they are to be successful.

We hope you will continue your efforts to bring about a negotiated settlement of the Vietnam conflict at the earliest possible date. We further hope that you will work to encourage a Congressional debate of this matter so that the American people will have an opportunity to express their will through their various Representatives. It would certainly be dire tragedy if we should be pulled into a catastrophic American war against the people of Asia simply because of the miscalculations of a few "military strategists" in the Pentagon. The only safeguard against this calamity is public debate, and such a debate is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Allen

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21 South 12th Street  
AKRON, PENNSYLVANIA

November 12, 1965

Robert Allen  
Apartment 5R  
306 West 107th Street  
New York City, New York 10025

## MCC SERVICE INTEREST

A number of months have gone by since we last contacted you regarding your interest in a voluntary service program in Europe. Are you still considering such service? We will be very glad to hear from you regarding your plans for the future. If we can be helpful to you in any way please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W C DeFehr".

William C. DeFehr  
Assistant Secretary of Personnel Services

WCD:mh<sup>1</sup>

STATEMENT OF REFUSAL

Sept. 29, 1965

I have been afforded full opportunity to be interviewed concerning the clarification of certain information in the possession of the Department of the Army pertaining to me, and I do not desire to be interviewed.

Robert Lee Allen  
ROBERT LEE ALLEN

Witnesses:

Larry Zool

Robert E. Faehlke

NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE  
108th INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP  
POST OFFICE BOX 56, COOPER STATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10003

16 September 1965

Mr. Robert Lee Allen  
306 West 107th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Allen:

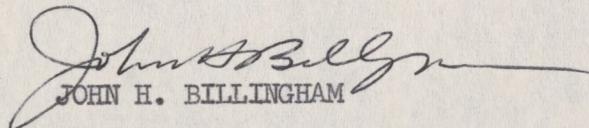
Reference is made to the DD Form 398, Statement of Personal History and DD Form 98, Armed Forces Security Questionnaire, both dated 28 May 1965 and signed by you .

Current security regulations of the Department of the Army require the clarification of certain information in its possession regarding you. For this reason the Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, United States Army has directed you be interviewed under oath.

Should you decline to be interviewed inclosed is a Statement of Refusal which should be signed by you and two witness in the space indicated and returned to this office in the envelope provided.

If you consent to be interviewed please contact this office, by mail using the return envelope or by telephoning SPring 7-4200, Extension 944 between 8:00 and 4:30. The interview can be conducted at your convenience, however it must be conducted at 111 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

Yours truly,

  
JOHN H. BILLINGHAM

2 Incls:

1. Statement of Refusal
2. Return Envelope

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1965

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The concern of the Department of the Army caused by my refusal to be interviewed has been explained to me and I have been advised of the effect of applicable regulations on my status with the Army.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT LEE ALLEN

Witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

201 East 165 Street Apt C  
Bronx, New York 10456  
September 15, 1965

Local Board No. 62  
900 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Sirs:

This is to advise you that on August 28, 1965, I married Pamela B. Parker in Solebury, Pennsylvania. I have enclosed a photostatic copy of the marriage certificate.

I wish to further inform you that my current address is:

201 East 165th Street Apt. C  
Bronx, New York 10456

All correspondence should be addressed to me at this address.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SS # 9-62-42-359)

May 28, 1965

To Whom It May Concern:

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states that "Congress shall make no law respecting... the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." I believe that the Armed Forces Security Questionnaire violates the right of free association as guaranteed in this Amendment. This Questionnaire constitutes a form of governmental prying into the affairs of private citizens which in itself tends to restrict freedom of association. I therefore refuse to complete this Questionnaire.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SS No. 9-62-42-359)

306 West 107th Street #5R  
New York, N.Y. 10025  
April 20, 1965

Local Board No. 62  
Selective Service System  
900 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Dear Sirs:

After carefully studying the form (SSS Form No. 150) which you sent me, I have decided that I cannot in good faith fill it out. I am therefore returning it to you. My main reason for not completing this form is that I do not object to the Vietnamese people defending themselves against invaders, whether Chinese, French, or American. This means then that I do not object to purely defensive wars. The Vietnamese people have been subjected to various forms of foreign domination and exploitation for centuries, and my sympathies are with them in their struggle for freedom and independence. That the United States is now the main enemy of true independence for Vietnam does not in the least weaken my resolve. On the contrary, it strengthens my desire to support the struggle for liberation in Vietnam since, as a citizen of the United States, I can by my stand hope to in some small way influence governmental policy. It is my desire, of course, that the United States Government should seek to end the war in Vietnam by means of negotiations with all parties concerned. Until a peace settlement is reached, the least I can do in keeping with my beliefs is to refuse to condone or in any way support our military aggression in Vietnam.

I should further point out that I would be quite willing to serve in the Army if the United States were subjected to unprovoked aggression. I love my homeland as much as the Vietnamese love theirs, and, like them, I would not stand idly by if my country were attacked. However, as it is clear in this case that we are the attackers, I feel equally called upon to protest this aggression. If the Government persists in its present course of aggression, then it appears that the United States will soon be thoroughly defeated. I am afraid that it will require such a defeat to make us realize that we are not God's gift to the underdeveloped nations of the world. If we cannot work with these nations in an atmosphere of genuine mutual respect and instead continue to regard them as pawns to be manipulated as we please in achieving our Cold War ambitions, then they are more than justified in demanding that we withdraw from their territory.

Respectfully Yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SSS No. 9-62-42-359)

306 West 107th Street #5R  
New York, N.Y. 10025  
April 12, 1965

Local Board No. 62  
Selective Service System  
900 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to inform you that I have received your "Order to Report for Armed Forces Physical Examination" (SSS Form No. 223) dated April 6, 1965. It will not be possible for me to report in Atlanta for this examination, so I am requesting the New York Local Board to transfer the examination here.

At this point I believe I should state my position so there will be no misunderstanding if I am ordered to report for induction. I strongly object to United States military intervention in the civil war in South Vietnam. My sympathies do not lie with the U.S. in this misadventure, and I intend to oppose the recent policy of military aggression against North Vietnam because this can only lead to a wider and utterly disastrous war.

On April 5, 1965, I sent a letter to President Johnson stating these objections and my reasons for them. In this letter I urged the President to call a moratorium on attacks on North Vietnam. This is a necessary prior condition for negotiations. How can the North Vietnamese be expected to come to a conference with the United States while their country is being bombarded by U.S. aircraft? In his speech on April 7th the President took a step forward, but his proposal for negotiations is completely impractical. Mr. Johnson proposed "unconditional discussions", which means that the U.S. will continue bombing North Vietnam while at the same time inviting them to the conference table. This doesn't make very much sense. It is like asking the North Vietnamese to surrender. I therefore feel that until more serious proposals are made for beginning negotiations I cannot condone nor in any way support the present U.S. policy of intervention and aggression in Vietnam. As an American citizen who believes in democracy I feel that I must express my opinion as strongly and in whatever manner possible in order to help avert an international catastrophe.

In accordance with the beliefs stated above and pursuant to Section 1621.11 of the Selective Service Act, I respectfully request a copy of the "Special Form for Conscientious Objector" (SSS Form No. 150) so that I may make formal expression of my objections.

Respectfully Yours,

Robert L. Allen, Jr.  
(SSS No. 9-62-42-359)

Copy to President Johnson.

*Registered Letters*

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Draft troubles

Final letter from draft  
board is in bank box