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Dear Friend:

We at NISBCO are being led to feel good about our work. Our confidence is reinforced by an awareness of the need we are meeting and by our receipt of unsolicited expressions of thanks from persons who have been helped.

An urgent need was met when NISBCO played a major role in gaining relief for hundreds of young men illegally ordered to alternate service during recent months. In addition to being illegally ordered, many of these young men had been kept needlessly dangling and disrupted for long periods of time.

A very heartening letter came to us recently from one of the young men who was helped by our participation in this effort to gain relief. Since his letter speaks so well to some of our current concerns, I have asked his permission to share its entire contents with you:

"Howdy,

"I am enclosing a contribution because I feel that the work that your organization does is good. I feel especially grateful to you.

"I am a religious C. O. and received my classification as a 1-0 in July of 1970. I was not called the rest of that year nor by April of 1971 so I figured I was out. I got married in October of 1971 and was then called in December and started to work in March of '72 for the Salvation Army here in _____.

"I wrote to you people and you sent me some helpful information on how to obtain a job and then in August I received the good word that I didn't have to continue in my alternate service. I quit and received my 1-H. I am sending you an equivalent of 1 week's pay for the work that you did in helping the 100's of C. O.'s like myself in getting a fair deal.

"I would also like a little more information on the 1-H classification. Exactly what is it and what are my

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possibilities of being recalled.

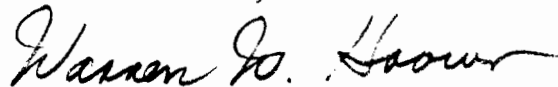
"Sincerely Yours,
T. W."

Not only does our work at NISBCO need this kind of encouragement, but we also need this kind of financial support. This one project alone called for the expenditure of much of our time and resources. A contribution of any size helps, but we do need many persons who will give the equivalent of a day's pay or a week's pay.

Our board members feel that our budget for the new year should continue at the level it has been even though we might soon experience zero draft calls again. They are aware that the draft law does not expire in 1973, that only the president's induction authority ends, and that the processing of registrants is expected to continue indefinitely. The need continues.

At the time of this writing, a booklet entitled "Decisions - Understanding the New Draft Law" is going to press. We will be happy to send you a complimentary copy of this booklet along with a receipt for your tax deductible contribution. Just fill out the coupon below and enclose it with your check made out to NISBCO.

Peace,



Warren W. Hoover

P.S.: There were more conscientious objectors in alternate service by the middle of this year than at any time in history. The need for your support of NISBCO continues.

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Friends at NISBCO, please send me a free copy of DECISIONS - UNDERSTANDING THE NEW DRAFT LAW along with the receipt for the enclosed contribution.

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