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TO ONE WHO IS CONCERNED
ABOUT THE PEOPLE
HURT BY CONSCRIPTION

Dear Friend:

"First, and underlying all other considerations, we are opposed to the extension of the induction authority, and urge repeal of the Selective Service Act.

"If a draft exists, we are committed to the fullest recognition of individual conscience within such a system." These are the opening sentences of a statement from our NISBCO Board of Directors to members of Congress last year.

This is what NISBCO is about, and we are at work constantly on behalf of persons who are hurting because of conscription. One of these who have turned to NISBCO is a young man we will call Mark.

Mark filed his conscientious objector claim with his local draft board over 3 years ago and set off a series of events that would be comic if not so tragic.

His local board bungled his personal appearance in 1969 and denied his CO claim. After he exhausted his appeal opportunities with no success, his conscience led Mark to refuse induction twice.

Finally, Selective Service classified this young man as a conscientious objector and told him he should look for work that would qualify as alternative service.

Months after he had begun his work, another Selective Service bungle got Mark classified out of his CO status into the new 1-H classification - no longer liable for alternative service.

Scarcely had Mark notified his employer that he was no longer in alternative service, when word came from Selective Service that the 1-H was all a mistake. No amount of reasoning with Selective Service personnel at any level could get administrative help for Mark.

It so happened, however, that Mark was one of hundreds of young men getting orders to perform alternative service when no one was being drafted into the armed forces. Many of us were convinced that this was illegal.

Several courts ruled that men in Mark's situation were illegally ordered to alternative service. This summer Selective Service finally ordered local draft boards to release them all. NISBCO was involved and was at Mark's side at every major step along the way.

Mark and his friends need your help. Your check for \$100.00, \$50.00 or \$25.00 made out to NISBCO will go a long way toward providing the kind of counsel and care so essential when a young man is in need.

We make no charges for the services of our staff and must count on the generosity of persons like yourself to help us keep the work going. CONTRIBUTIONS TO NISBCO ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

There will continue to be thousands of young men completing alternative service and many young men and women becoming COs after joining the military even if the draft should end very soon. Our job is far from done.

Peace,



Warren W. Hoover

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