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The Honorable Quentin N. Burdick  
United States Senator  
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Honorable Senator Burdick:

I am a student at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, completing the required courses for a Bachelor's degree in Economics. In June, 1969, I completed four years of Army R.O.T.C. training, and am scheduled to receive a commission in June, 1970, in the branch of Field Artillery.

I am taking the liberty to write to you since I am a legal resident of North Dakota, having graduated from Sawyer High School, Sawyer, North Dakota, in 1965. I attended North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, for two and one-half years, prior to transferring to the University of Miami. I received a four-year Army scholarship in 1965, and attended the two Universities through it until June, 1969, when it expired. I currently have a four-year obligation to the United States Army.

The reason I am writing to you is the problem I am having in regards to the service ahead of me. With the exposure a University provides to ideas, people, and life, has come a greater respect for human dignity and the sacredness of all human life. I have been troubled many nights by the fact that I am expected to be an officer and a leader in an organization I hold in low esteem, and for a purpose which I question. Under such circumstances, I feel my four years of service would be a complete waste both to me and to my country.

My request to you, then, is that you aid me in being reassigned to a non-combat branch. Since I have had training in economics,

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obvious choice is the Finance Corps. I would also find the  
branch of Ordinance suitable.

I have not made any attempts toward reassignment previously for  
fear of appearing to shrink from my obligation. However, I have  
concluded that I must, for my own peace of mind, make an attempt  
to free myself from this difficult situation. I feel that this  
is the least painful, and hopefully, the most efficient course  
to take. } \*

With great regards and admiration I remain,

*Ardell R. Paul*

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