On Memerial Day 1969 we, the cadets of Culver Military Academy, marched to the chapel to listen as the names of all our alumni that had died on the battlefields of two world wars, Korea, and Vietnam were read aloud. I couldn't help but to feel a sense of uneasy community with the men whose names I heard. This day was my eighteenth birthday. Shortly after this chapel service I reported to the Commandant's Office and submitted to registration with the Selective Service.

In the course of the next year, the impact of three events changed my life and its commitments. The National October Moratorium introduced to me the suffering and destruction that has been taking place in Vietnam, the same suffering that occurs in all wars. (Strange that my three years of Jr. ROTC instruction had not touched upon this aspect of war.) The following May brought with it the invasion of Cambodia (and Kent & Jackson State Universities). I began to see responsibility for the illegitimate destruction of human life within the civilian government as well as the military. In early June a magazine interview with Joan Baez openned up my eyes to some non-violent alternatives to armed conflict. Since then I have slowly developed a commitment to a life of non-violence.

Today, on All Souls' Day, as we again pay tribute to the memory of all of the dead, I make public my commitment to life. No longer will I SUBMIT to Selective Service procedure. I refuse to:1) keep SS informed of changes in my "status"

- 2) retain possession of "draft" cards
- 3) submit to SS physical examinations
- 4) submit to induction
- 5) destroy human life

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