WHY I REFUSED TO REGISTER

Here's an attempt to explain why I refused, and continue to refuse, to register for the draft. Words cannot adequately express the feelings leading to this decision. Only living them brings understanding.

But what guides these feelings? I have begun to answer this question. However, I need far greater dedication and direction than I have had the courage to give. I seek truth. I want to learn to love. And in the spirit of Christ I seek a closer relationship with God. Somewhere within me I recognize "that of God within every man." So a responsibility, a law realized in our hearts, speaks to "that of God within us" of our brotherhood and life. I hope this living spirit shall guide me.

Now on January 18, 1971 at 9:30 A.M. a jury will try me in Federal Court, Concord, N.H. (on Pleasant and South Streets). At the trial I hope to witness to the humanity of all men. I hope to show the living law I follow is of love and of truth. Prior to this, all are welcomed to the United Baptist Church (a block down South Street from the courthouse) which will be opened at 8:00 A.M. for worship and fellowship.

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