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Dear Friends:

This will be the most cheerful appeal letter to reach you in many a gloomy month, for CCCO inevitably reflects the silver lining in every war cloud. By this we mean the response of sensitive, responsible young men whose consciences have been pricked by our government's military policies abroad.

During July and August there were 868 consultations by telephone, letters, and personal interviews. In the same two months of 1964 there were 341 such consultations, and that was more than any previous recorded year. There were 172 urgent telephone consultations from all over the United States, as opposed to 61; 99 time-consuming personal interviews compared with 50.

We added a summer subsistence staff worker early in July, and by mid-August it proved necessary to hire an additional part-time typist. With CCCO staff working overtime as volunteers, and the additional help, we still are barely able to handle the over 100% increase in the work load.

Dozens of servicemen and reservists are among those now turning to CCCO. Almost all conscientiously require discharges, and all have turned to us for information and guidance. We are helping three men who were denied discharges, refused orders, and now are in military prisons. Their main hope is for "unsuitability" discharges after serving their sentences.

Present contributors to CCCO know they are assisting hundreds of young men who need to know and to exercise their rights under the draft, and under military law. We hope you, too, will want to help, and can send us a contribution. We would be most grateful.

Sincerely,



A. J. Muste



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