

May 5, 1967

Item k:

On information and belief I believe the facts constituting the basis of this claim are as follows:

The United States is engaged in a war in Vietnam which is illegal under the Constitution of the United States and under the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty, and the London Treaty by which the United States subscribed to the Charter of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

It has been authoritatively stated that 17% of the federal income taxes collected for the year 1966 support this war. To finance and pay for an activity is to participate in it. It has been further stated that 67% of the federal income taxes collected for the year 1966 support other wars, past, present, and possible.

The grounds upon which I claim this refund are as follows:

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution prohibits the Congress from requiring me to finance and thus participate in military activities to which I have a conscientious objection. I do conscientiously object to war in any form and claim exemption from participation in these military activities.

In addition to objecting conscientiously to all wars, I object in particular to the Vietnam war, since I might be regarded as a criminal by international law because of it. Because I believe the war is in violation of international law, and that in 1966 the war constituted a crime against peace and assumed the proportions of genocide as prohibited by international law and the Charter of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, I desire to exercise my rights not to subject myself to a possible prosecution by an International tribunal for participating in a war in violation of international treaties, against peace or humanity. Offenses against the peace and security of mankind are ^{crimes} under international law for which responsible individuals may be punished.