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**Veterans
Administration**

October 4, 1982

In Reply Refer To: 377/28

Bernard C. Shonfeld
1141 Holly Avenue
Imperial Beach, CA 92032

Dear Mr. Schonfeld:

This is in reply to your Statement in Support of Claim dated September 27, 1982.

When you were counseled by Peter Furek you declined two options designed to restore your employability. Your statement will be accepted as an official notice of disagreement.

A Statement of the Case will be prepared and sent to you and your service organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. C. Tisch'.

D. C. TISCH
Voc. Rehab. & Counseling Officer

*No statement of The Case recieved to
date (Nov. 23, 1982)*

DUNCAN L. HUNTER
420 DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

September 29, 1982

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DISTRICT OFFICE:
2530 HIGHWAY AVENUE
NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA 92057
(714) 474-8934

Dear Mr. Nimmo:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Bernard Schonfeld, File No. 11 413 313, regarding a matter which requires immediate attention and assistance.

Mr. Schonfeld was recently denied his request for reentry into law school under the vocational rehabilitation program of the Veterans Administration. I have enclosed a copy of his statement in support of claim which will give you a good overview of my constituent's situation. In addition, I am enclosing other pertinent documentation relative to his case.

It is my understanding an appeal would take a considerable amount of time and may not conclude until after his eligibility expires. Also of importance is the fact he has been permitted to begin fall quarter of law school and is currently auditing classes. Although the school has been very kind in extending him every consideration, he cannot continue in this status for more than another week.

I have met personally with Mr. Schonfeld on different occasions and have found him to be a very intelligent and articulate individual. He has indeed demonstrated to me his aspirations and motivations to become an attorney. I feel he has what it takes to become a fine lawyer. His great concern for all veterans and involvement in various veteran organizations are to be commended and recognized.

Thus, I do not hesitate to recommend that Mr. Schonfeld be allowed to continue his training in law school, and I respectfully petition your kind consideration of his request.

If you should have further questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to receiving word of your decision soon. Please respond to my District Office.

Sincerely,

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

Mr. Robert P. Nimmo
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Veterans Administration
811 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

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Enclosures

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October 1, 1982

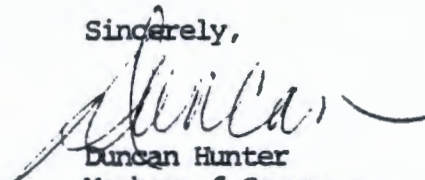
Dear Mr. Schonfeld:

I enjoyed seeing you again last week in my District Office. I was pleased to learn you contacted my office for further assistance.

Enclosed is copy of my recent letter to the Veterans Administration in your behalf. In addition, I will contact them by telephone in a few days to insure your case is being given their immediate attention and consideration. As soon as I receive a full report, I will be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, please be assured of my interest and desire to be of service.

Sincerely,


Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

Mr. Bernard Schonfeld
1141 Holly Avenue
Imperial Beach, California 92032

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Enclosure

*Phone call was made by Cong Hunter to
(Oct. 8th) Wash. D.C. - as of this date (Oct. 12, '82) no
response - Julie Andreen put through two
more calls, (follow ups) - no results! B.H.*



Veterans
Administration

29 OCT 1982

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In Reply Refer To: 283

Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Member, United States House of
Representatives
2530 Highland Avenue
National City, CA 92050

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Your letter of September 29, 1982, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Bernard Schonfeld, was referred to this Service of the Veterans Administration for response.

We have been in touch with the San Diego Regional Office and are aware that the regional office director responded to an earlier inquiry from your office.

The San Diego staff presented Mr. Schonfeld with two options outlined in the October 6, 1982, letter to you. Now that we have discussed the case with them, the regional office staff agrees that there may well be other options which could be developed and they will be glad to consider other alternatives with him. In addition, because Mr. Schonfeld has a serious employment handicap, he may be eligible to receive training beyond the usual 48 month limitation. Thus, the vocational objective of lawyer, with ongoing program support and assistance, will be reconsidered.

Every effort will be made to reach agreement on a program which will have substantial promise for Mr. Schonfeld's bona fide rehabilitation. If the objective of lawyer is to be pursued, Mr. Schonfeld, as would all such trainees, will need to meet or become qualified to meet the admission requirements of a regionally accredited school of law that is approved for students to receive veterans benefits.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the VA regional office in San Diego. Our staff will contact Mr. Schonfeld and schedule another counseling appointment for a mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy L. Starbuck".

DOROTHY L. STARBUCK
Chief Benefits Director

independent living services and assistance for a veteran under this chapter (following a determination by the Administrator that such veteran's disability or disabilities are so severe that the achievement of a vocational goal is not reasonably feasible) may not exceed twenty-four months. (Amended P.L. 94-502, § 104(5); P.L. 96-466, § 101(a).)

 § 1506. Initial and extended evaluations; determinations regarding serious employment handicap

(a) The Administrator shall provide any veteran who has a service-connected disability described in section 1502(1)(A) or (B) of this title and who applies for benefits under this chapter with an initial evaluation consisting of such services described in section 1504(a)(1) of this title as are necessary (1) to determine whether such veteran is entitled to and eligible for benefits under this chapter, and (2) in the case of a veteran who is determined to be entitled to and eligible for such benefits, to determine—

(A) whether such veteran has a serious employment handicap, and

(B) whether the achievement of a vocational goal is reasonably feasible for such veteran if it is reasonably feasible to make such determination without extended evaluation. (Amended P.L. 96-466, § 101(a).)

(b) In any case in which the Administrator has determined that a veteran has a serious employment handicap and that the achievement of a vocational goal is reasonably feasible for such veteran, such veteran shall be provided counseling in accordance with an individualized written plan of vocational rehabilitation developed under section 1507(a) of this title. (Amended P.L. 96-466, § 101(a).)

(c) In any case in which the Administrator has determined that a veteran has a serious employment handicap but the Administrator is unable to determine, in an initial evaluation pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, whether or not the achievement of a vocational goal is reasonably feasible, such veteran shall be provided with extended evaluation consisting of the services described in section 1504(a)(1) of this title, such services under this chapter as the Administrator determines necessary to improve such veteran's potential for participation in a program of services designed to achieve a vocational goal and enable such veteran to achieve maximum independence in daily living, and assistance as authorized by section 1508 of this title. (Amended P.L. 96-466, § 101(a).)

(d) The Administrator shall in all cases determine as expeditiously as possible whether the achievement of a vocational goal by a veteran is reasonably feasible. In the case of a veteran provided extended evaluation under subsection (c) of this section (including any periods of extensions under section 1505(a) of this title), the Administrator shall make such determination not later than the end of such extended evaluation or period of extension, as the case may be. In determining whether the achievement of a vocational goal is reasonably feasible, the Administrator shall resolve any reasonable doubt in favor of determining that such achievement is reasonably feasible. (Amended P.L. 96-466, § 101(a).) 

(e) In connection with each period of extended evaluation of a veteran and each rehabilitation program for a veteran who is determined to have a serious employment handicap, the Administrator shall assign a Veterans' Administration employee to be responsible for the management and followup of the provision of all services (in-

Please Note 1506(B): This law
is at the heart of the matter
(d) buttresses (B)*