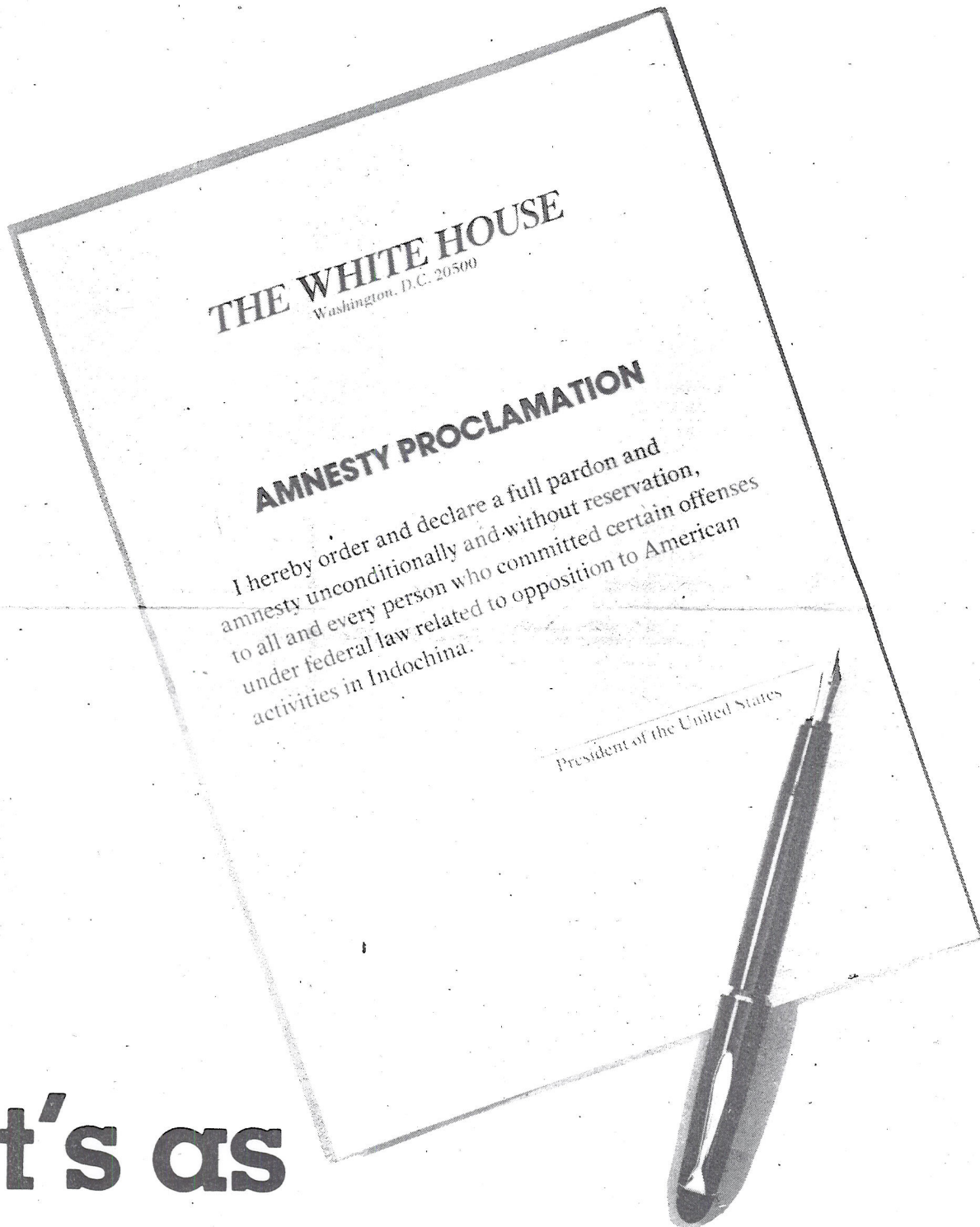


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FORD AD

# Mr. President SIGN THIS . . .



**It's as  
simple as that.**

# Our Successes Are Also Our Failures

The men pictured here are some of the Vietnam War resisters SAFE RETURN has helped return to America, their families and friends.

For all of them, their return meant an end to exile, hiding and living in constant fear. It has also been the beginning of new difficulties. They are marked men, stigmatized for life with less-than-honorable discharges and prison records.

Their punishment will continue until there is a universal and unconditional Amnesty. That is the day we are working for.

## John David Herndon

**Home:** West Virginia/Baltimore

**Service:** Enlisted, 17 years old, in 82 Airborne Div., 1 yr. Vietnam, wounded in action, decorated.

**Resistance:** Refused second tour in Vietnam; two and one half years exile in France.

**Resolution:** Bad Conduct Discharge. (John died tragically in June, 1975)

## Ed McNally

**Home:** Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Service:** Enlisted at 18. One year Vietnam; combat-related heroin addiction.

**Resistance:** Deserted to return to US; kicked "habit" while a fugitive. Lived underground for four years.

**Resolution:** Bad Conduct Discharge.

## Lewis Simon

**Home:** Queens, NY

**Service:** Enlisted US Army, National Security Agency.

**Resistance:** Deserted to Sweden, while on orders to Vietnam. Lived in exile five years.

**Resolution:** Seven months, Ft. Leavenworth Prison, Bad Conduct Discharge.

## Eddie Sowders

**Home:** Detroit, Mich.

**Service:** Enlisted, 18 years old, Army. Vietnam combat medic, one year. Four and one-half years "honorable" service.

**Resistance:** Deserted just before embarkation for second Vietnam tour. One year exile in Canada; three years underground in US.

**Resolution:** Undesirable Discharge

## Tommy Michaud

**Home:** Lowell, Mass.

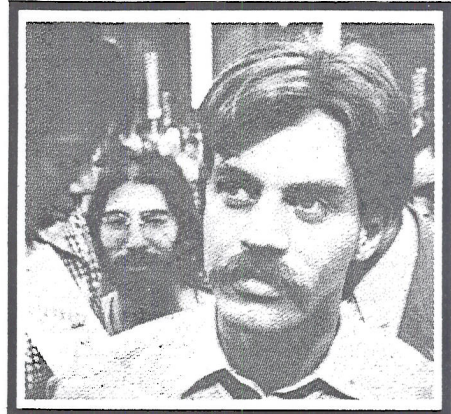
**Service:** Enlisted, 18 years old, US Marine Corps. Six months Vietnam combat.

**Resistance:** Refused continued service after Vietnam tour; lived underground in US for four years.

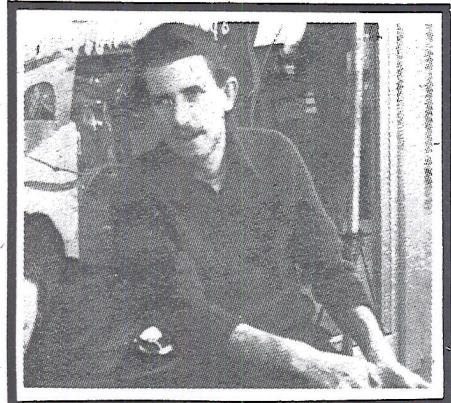
**Resolution:** Seven months, Portsmouth Naval prison; Bad Conduct Discharge.



Eddie Sowders



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Ed McNally- Lewis Simon

Dear Concerned American;

No one was angrier than Alan when Nixon was let off scot free. (Alan's a pseudonym for an actual resister.) When President Ford insisted that men like Alan perform "alternative service" after demanding nothing of Nixon, it added insult to injury. Alan, like tens of thousands of others, rejected Ford's punitive Clemency program. He still faces jail if he comes home. He's one of the reasons we're asking you to help now.

Alan's a new kind of exile. He is forced to live a thousand miles from his family and loved ones for one basic reason---he refused to fight in a war he knew was wrong. When his Draft notice arrived in 1966, he and his wife, Judy, left their home in Tennessee and went to Canada. After the first bitterly cold winter, she took their two babies and returned to the South. Alan has never seen them again. It was nearly two years before he found steady work. It's hard to believe that Alan has been separated from his country for ten years now.

As a recipient of this appeal, it's likely that you long opposed American involvement in Indochina. But, you probably recall when Alan's beliefs were unpopular with many Americans. Alan and thousands of others took courageous steps when they refused to serve in Vietnam. Tragically, they're still being punished for resistance to a war which nearly all Americans now consider a national disgrace.

My story too, is typical. I was a teenager when I joined the Army. I signed up in hopes of escaping the "mean streets" of Detroit. When they asked for volunteers for Vietnam, I stepped forward, thinking I was doing my patriotic duty.

I'll never forget what I saw there. One year as a medic, living with the screams and moans of the wounded, pouring water on the still-burning phosphorous bomb wounds of little boys and girls. A day didn't pass when I wasn't treating the hideous wounds of blinded or dying GIs. When I returned home, I couldn't bear to wear my uniform, so great was my pain about Vietnam. I deserted. Only when SAFE RETURN agreed to defend me and sponsor my public return, could I resume a normal life.

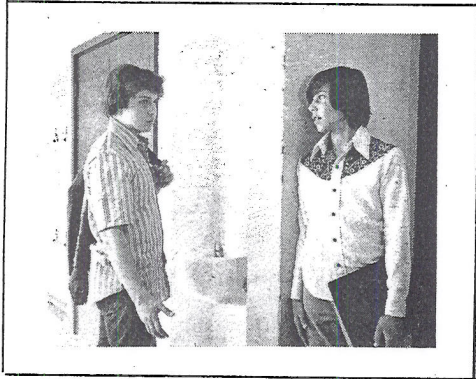
I cannot expect that working for amnesty will have the same significance for you as it does for me. I wouldn't want you to have endured the horrors of Vietnam and the years of fugitive life which followed. But, I hope you'll share my determination that America accepts its responsibility and truly tries to make peace with its own sons.

We at SAFE RETURN must re-double our efforts in this Bicentennial and election year. I hope we can count on you. If you can, send \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. Every dollar brings us closer to the goal of universal amnesty. Won't you please join us?

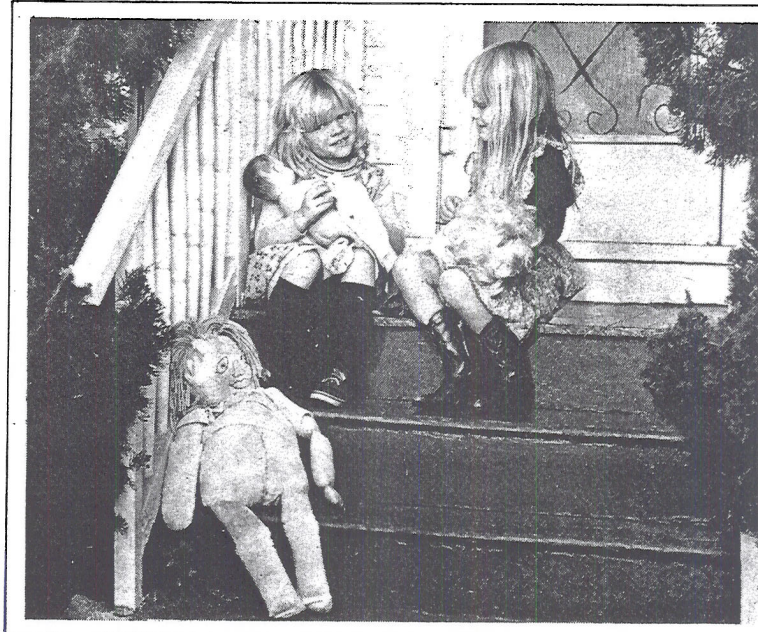
Yours truly,  
*Ed Sowders*  
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# AMNESTY ME

## \*TV Public Service Announcement



This is a 'freeze frame' from our 60 second spot.



## \*Work in Progress . . .

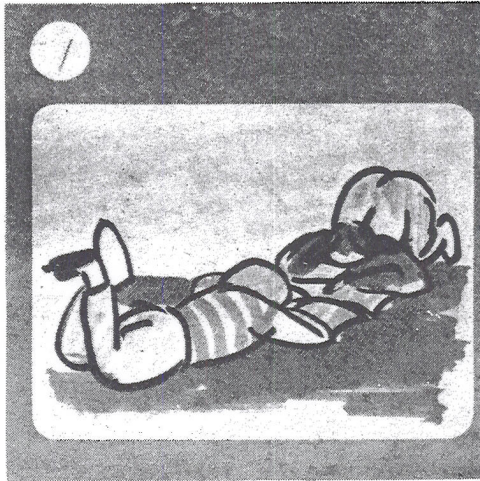
### "COLORING BOOK"

Client: **SAFE RETURN**

30 Second Public Service Announcement

A six-year old boy and girl, each coloring in a coloring book. On the floor, head to head. Boy is lying on his stomach, girl is kneeling.

NB: There are no cuts in this commercial. Action is one continuous circling shot, while children color, reach for new crayons, discard used ones, etc., and talk. At no time do children look into camera, and at only one moment does boy look at girl.



Sc. 1

VIDEO: Full shot of kids, totally engrossed.

Boy: When I grow up, I'm going to have four kids. Two boys and two girls.

Girl: I'm not going to have boys.



Sc. 2

Camera begins to circle slowly, keeping 1 children in full view.

Boy: Don't you like boys?

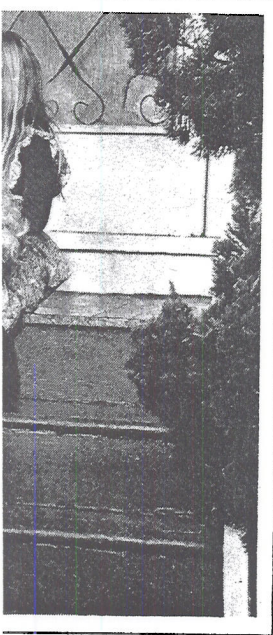
Girl: Boys get killed in war and then ever is unhappy.

Your generous donation will insure *distribution* of the two public service spots al

Remember, media industry friends are producing our PSAs at cost and TV station

# MEDIA CAMPAIGN

## Announcements



### COMMITTEE FOR SAFE RETURN.

Time: 30 secs

Two five year-old girls

(Sitting on steps of house, holding toys)

- 1) My daddy went to Canada because they tried to make him go to Vietnam.
- 2) When's he coming home?
- 1) He's not.
- 2) Why not?
- 1) 'Cause he won't say he's sorry. So, if he comes home they'll put him in jail.
- 2) How come he's not sorry?
- 1) 'Cause he didn't want to kill anybody.
- 2) You can share my Daddy.
- 1) Thanks. But I wish I had my own.

**SUPER:** Let the President know what you think about amnesty.

A message from  
**Safe Return**, Madison Sq. Sta., NY, NY 10010

## Print Media Ad Dr.

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U.S. General Assembly  
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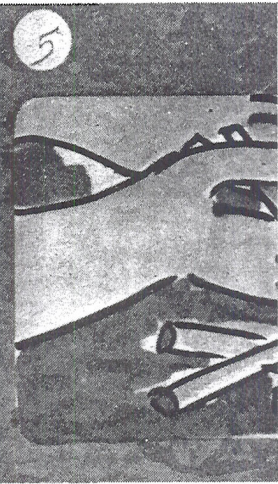
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This ad has already reduced rates, in newspapers and



Sc. 3

Circling continues, drawing to an MCU.

Boy: What if they don't fight in the war?

Girl: Then they go to jail. Or else they run away from home. And then they can't ever come back.

Sc. 4

Full close up of boy raising himself on his elbows as he pauses to survey his coloring. As he finishes his surveying, what she has said dawns on him. He looks at her.

Boy: That doesn't make any sense.

**SUPER & VO:**

What do you think about amnesty?  
Write the President.

A public service announcement  
by the **COMMITTEE FOR SAFE RETURN**

Public service spots already completed. It will also help us produce additional spots, like the "Coloring Book" ad (above).

at cost and TV stations will air them gratis. But we depend on your help to pay for materials, distribution, and promotion!

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# Who Needs Amnesty?

## Two Million War Resisters

### Military Resisters

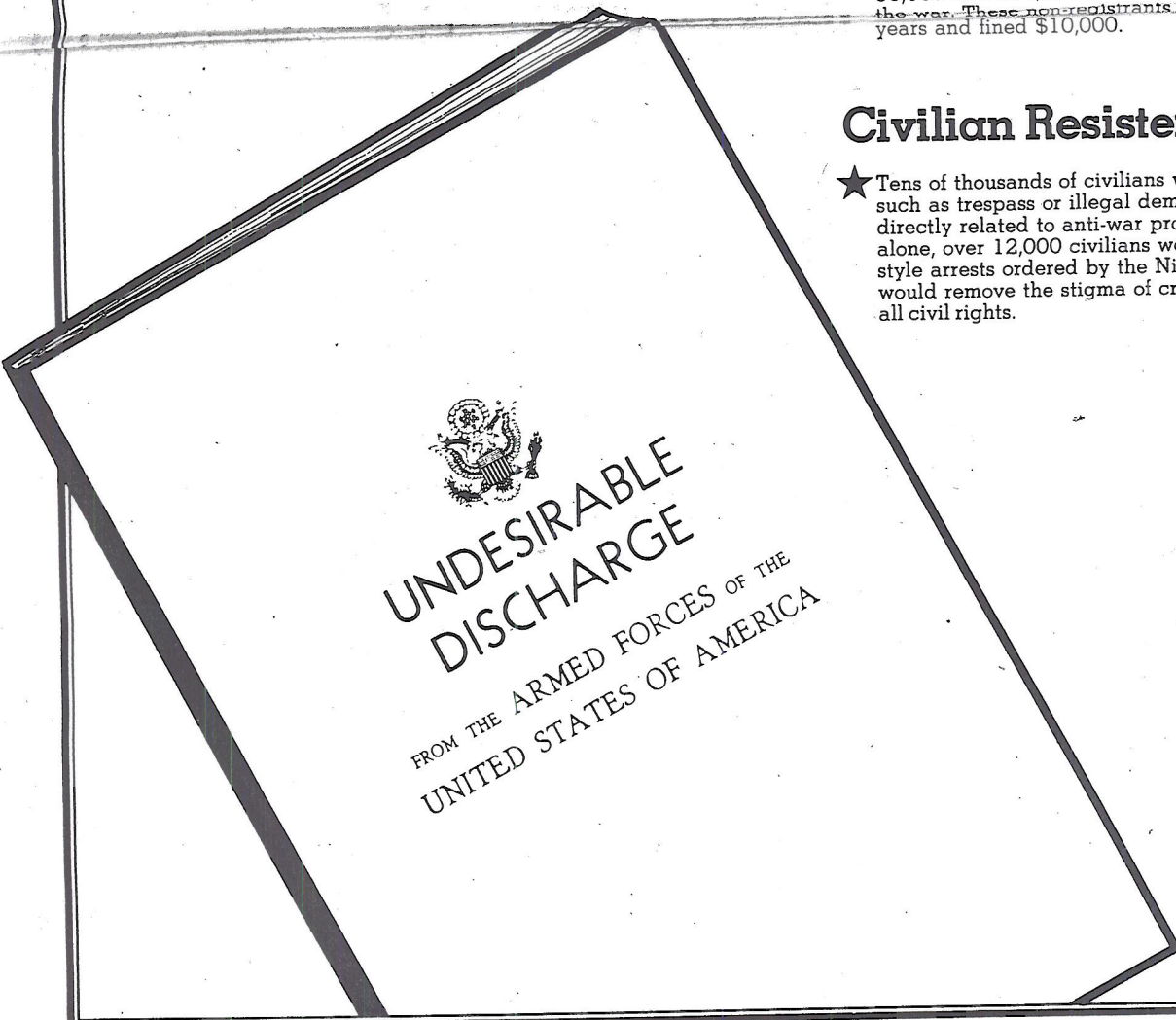
- ★ 600,000+ veterans (many with Vietnam duty) received less-than-honorable discharges during the Vietnam era. Over 90% of these were given administratively—without judicial safeguards—for acts which, for the most part, would *not* be crimes under civilian law.
- ★ 4,200 deserters still "at large" either in exile or "underground" in the U.S.
- ★ Thousands of soldiers resisted the war *within* the military, but did not desert. They were charged (and punished for) missing troop movements, refusing orders, distributing anti-war literature and the like. Some of these men are still in prison, most received "bad" discharges.

### Draft Resisters

- ★ 8,619 were convicted of Selective Service violations. Amnesty would expunge their prison record and restore their civil rights.
- ★ 4,400 draft refusers are still under active indictment and face immediate arrest and trial.
- ★ 7,500 resisters have become citizens of Canada or other countries of refuge (often as a precondition to permanent employment). Under present law, they are permanently barred from entering the US — even for a serious illness or death in the family.
- ★ Nearly a million men never registered for the Draft. Selective Service recently estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 men failed to register each year of the war. ~~These non-registrants could be jailed for five years and fined \$10,000.~~

### Civilian Resisters

- ★ Tens of thousands of civilians were convicted for "crimes" such as trespass or illegal demonstrations which were directly related to anti-war protests. On May Day, 1971 alone, over 12,000 civilians were arrested in dragnet-style arrests ordered by the Nixon White House. Amnesty would remove the stigma of criminal records and restore all civil rights.



UNDESIRABLE  
DISCHARGE  
FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# War Resisters, America's Political Prisoners . . .

"I make no apology for my act of resistance. I could do nothing else at the time. But underground life has become intolerable to me, and to tens of thousands like me. We are not criminals to be hunted and imprisoned."



**SAFE RETURN** needs your help — **NOW** — to win Amnesty for Two Million Americans. Send your check today, so that tomorrow they may be free.

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## A mother in California writes . . .

"This is the beginning of the eighth year of exile for my son, Larry. He's been up North since 1968 — trying to work, to belong, to make a future worth living for. I want so much to say; 'come home and see me, your sisters, and your little niece whom you've never never seen . . .'"