



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552. You requested the modification and/or deletion of several entries in a report of psychiatric evaluation dated 16 October 1962.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 March 2002. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this regard, the Board noted that you underwent psychiatric evaluation on 16 October 1962. You were found to have a severe schizoid personality. You were not considered psychotic at that time. As you advised the psychiatrist that you did not feel you had any problems to work on, he believed that you lacked the motivation to benefit from psychiatric care. The fact that a psychiatrist who evaluated you about six months later, in connection with your application for entry into a monastery, felt that your thinking was not psychotic, but "very close to psychosis", and that you needed psychiatric treatment, was not considered probative of your contention that the earlier findings and opinions are erroneous.

In view of the foregoing, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this

regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director