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Selective Service System
Local Board Number 120
7412 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, California 90003

Re: MINOVICH, Michael A., Jr.
4-120-35-130

Gentlemen:

The above registrant is presently classified I-A. Therefore, we must request that he be reclassified II-A, based on the nature of work he is performing for the California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Mr. Minovich has been employed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory since 5 July 1966. He is a Senior Engineer in our Systems Analysis Section where he is carrying out research in the fields of trajectory analysis, orbit determination and advanced missions. He is responsible for conceiving and investigating the feasibility of new techniques and future missions. This work is necessary in order to help keep the Laboratory's capabilities at a high level in a rapidly advancing technology.

Mr. Minovich received his AB in Mathematics from UCLA in January 1959 and a Master's degree in Mathematics and Physics from the same institute in June 1964. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D program in astrodynamics and is particularly qualified for the work he is doing. Mr. Minovich had previously been employed by the Laboratory and left to continue his education.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory is engaged in important research and development of space vehicles under contract NAS7-100. As a part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Laboratory is responsible for all unmanned lunar and planetary spacecraft to be launched by the United States. With the emphasis which has been placed on the space exploration program by President Johnson, it is important that every qualified citizen be used where he most effectively serves our country. This is the basis on which certain individuals are granted occupational deferment. We believe this man qualifies for a deferment.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon O. Boles
Personnel Representative