

July 25, 1967

Selective Service System
Local Board No. 57
29-28 41 Avenue
Long Island City, New York

Gentlemen:

Re: Dr. Ivan E. Homola
Sel. Svce. No. 50-57-33-421

I have been informed that Dr. Ivan Homola has received an induction notice. While I am cognizant of the important contributions medicine is making to the military activities of this Government, we, who are actively involved in the health activities in East Harlem - one of the nation's major depressed areas - are as mindful of the "war" now being engaged on the home front. Dr. Homola is an essential member of my staff in the operation of this Community Mental Health Center.

Dr. Homola was selected with considerable care and appointed as the full-time chief of the Intake Services at Metropolitan Hospital. He is responsible for the assignment of all patients reaching our clinical facilities and directly involved in the training of young physicians and medical students. It would be impossible for us to replace him at the present time. During the past half year, Dr. Homola has developed an awareness of the needs of the patients coming to the clinic, and has shown an ability in their disposition which has immeasurably improved our operation.

The majority of the patients at Metropolitan Hospital, from the underprivileged areas of East Harlem and the services to these patients may contribute to decreasing the heightened ^{art} ~~which~~ ^{tensions} now dominate the community. I am writing this letter to request the Board's reconsideration of their order that Dr. Homola be inducted at this time and request his deferral on the basis of the essential nature of his present activities.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry and
Director of Clinical Services

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