"Important Information"

Here's the exact text of a form letter (SSA-L676) sent from the Social Security Administration to PAUL DELAND which explains why they *can't* give him a Social Security Number. Unfortunately, I don't know what strategy the natural Paul DeLand used to remove himself from Social Security, but just as this form says, this document nevertheless provides some "important information".

Note the relationship between Social Security Number and *benefits*. If you don't take benefits, you're not required to have the SSN. Note the greeting: "Dear MR DELAND".

"MR" is not abbreviated (there is no period behind the "MR"). Apparently this omission is not accidental since "MR" is also un-punctuated in the name on the address and also where "MR DELAND" appears in the body of the letter. Three times. No period. No accident.

Also, the word "Dear" is capitalized, but on the very same line, the name "MR DELAND" is spelled in all upper-case letters. Since it seems unlikely (especially on a computerized, form letter) that these variations in capitalization would occur on the same line by accident, I suspect this is more evidence that the all upper-case name ("MR DELAND") signifies an artificial entity other than the natural man, "Paul DeLand".

Also, note that the paragraph which explains why "MR DELAND" can't have a SSN is written entirely in upper case letters. I have no evidence, but some people suspect that government text written in all upper-case letters is the "language" of the corporation. Proper English (capitalized and lower case properly punctuated) is for natural men and women. All upper-case text is for artificial entities.

Maybe yes; maybe no.

In any case, for those of you who want to escape the disabilities of Social Security, this form letter does contain some "important information".

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April 26, 1999

MR PAUL EDWARD DELAND 7540 NE LOOP 820 STE 108-110 FORT WORTH TX 76180

Dear MR DELAND:

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Please call, write or visit any Social Security office to ask for a review.

If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions, please call us at the number shown at the top of this letter. We can answer most questions over the phone. You also can write or visit any Social Security office.

If you do call or visit us, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.

s/ L. Williams Sr.
For ESAU VARGAS
District Manager

SSA-L676

Withdrawing from Social Security

by Alfred Adask

hen I first started publishing the *AntiShyster* in 1990, I quickly fell in love with this job. However, I was usually so broke, I could barely afford to leave my apartment. But it didn't matter because I believed I'd found the work God meant for me to do. Once that was clear, money (or the lack of it) was unimportant. Nevertheless, there were a couple of months when I was actually praying that God would send me *some* money so I could—briefly—return to real world and pay a few bills.

While I prayed for relief from poverty, a bunch of papers "drifted" under my work chair and piled up. After a couple months, I finally cleaned up that drift and discovered an unopened letter. Inside, I found a \$1,000 contribution from a fan. It was postmarked almost two months earlier.

Thus, all the while I'd been sitting on my chair, working, writing, praying to God to *please* send some money—and wondering why He wouldn't relieve my desperate condition—I had a \$1,000 check sitting about 18" below my kiester.

That story still makes me laugh. God does answer prayers, but sometimes we have look around to find His answer.

oday, my office is just as messy as it was in 1991. I try not to misplace any more checks, but things still disappear into the piles. Periodically, I clean the mess and make more remarkable discoveries. For example, I did a little cleaning last week and found a faded fax I'd received in March of 1999. Almost two years ago.

In that fax, a particularly brilliant individual sent a copy of an Affidavit he'd used to withdraw from Social Security.

The irony is that, in the last issue of the *AntiShyster* (Volume 10 No. 3), I made a quite a fuss about our recent "discovery" that Social

Security Form 521 could be used to terminate one's fiduciary relationship to Social Security. That discovery was quite an astonishing find, no? I was pretty proud of myself for publishing that story.

Well, when I read my friend's fax from 1999—you guessed it—he'd used SSA Form 521 to withdraw from Social Security. See the irony? The information I and Dick Clark "discovered" last November had been siting in one of the piles in my office for almost two years.

Once again, I've been humbled by my own "relaxed" style of organization. If I'd had sense enough to read that fax and understand it in 1999, I could've published information on SSA Form 521 at least a year earlier than I did. (Incidentally, if you're curious about form SSA 521, a complete copy appears in *AntiShyster* Volume 10 No. 3.)

ut there's also a benefit in the "re-discovery" of the 1999 fax. My friend (who prefers anonymity) still believes Form 521 is the solution to the Social Security problem. And given that he's brilliant and had almost two years to test his belief, I find his two year old fax to be *confirmation* for most of the recent conjecture I presented in Volume 10 No. 3 on SSA Form 521.

Therefore, I'm using this article to reproduce my friend's original Affidavit. I've sanitized the text to conceal his identity. Although my friend's understanding has grown sufficiently during the last two years to warrant some revisions, I suspect his Affidavit still offers a generally valid illustration of how one might withdraw from Social Security and the legal disabilities that attach to all beneficiaries.

Essentially, my friend's strategy was not to simply send SSA Form 521 to Social Security. Instead, he sent the SSA 521 as an *attachment* to a notarized *affidavit*. Apparently, while a mere form might be ignored or misunderstood, an affidavit carries a higher evidentiary value. Bureaucrats who might lose or ignore a form, may be more responsible when handling an affidavit. Moreover, while a mere form only provides interesting (but debatable) information, an affidavit provides *sworn* statements that can't be easily refuted except by a second *affidavit* to the contrary. And unless refuted, an affidavit might effectively bind government to accept the statements presented—including the withdrawal from So-So Security—as legally valid.

Note that the following affidavit is not merely witnessed by several of the affiant's friends or neighbors. It is *notarized* by an officer of the state. I suspect that notarization imparts an "official" quality that makes the affidavit doubly difficult for government to refute.

Also, note the subtle logic of this affidavit. SSA Form 521 is entitled "Withdrawal of Application for Benefits". That's the form's purpose – to stop receiving benefits.

In item #3 of the following affidavit, a court is quoted as ruling that merely *having* an Social Security Number or a Social Security Card constitutes a "statutorily created *benefit*". It therefor follows that SSA Form 521 (intended to terminate reception of benefits) should be the proper form to relinquish the "benefit" of having a SSN or SS card.

Affidavit of John William, Doe

Comes now, John William, Doe, being fully competent and of the age of majority and declares:

- 1. I have duly examined the book titled "Social Security Handbook," 13th Edition, 1997, and various Social Security forms and pamphlets.
- 2. I have duly read the case of *William Jones, et al., v. Otis Bowen, Secretary of Health and Human Services*, N.D. Illinois, E.D., (Aug. 2 1988), cited as 692 Fed Supp. P. 887 (N.D. III. 1988).
- 3. Therein I believe the court, as stated by Judge J. Conlon, declared "because an SN or the corresponding card, constitutes a statutorily created benefit," that the indicated and identified Social Security number is, in fact, a benefit.
 - 4. I have no knowledge of any contradictory judicial opinion.
- 5. I believe the form SSA 521 is the proper and appropriate administratively-created form for any intended purpose herein to which Constitutional due process must apply.
- 6. I have, in good faith and with due diligence, completed and signed form SSA 521 as attached Exhibit A to this Affidavit.
- 7. I intend, for the reasons indicated on said form attached as Exhibit A, to not accept any benefit of a SSN.
- 8. Pursuant to procedural due process, I intend and request that delegated actors or agents for the Social Security Administration administratively eliminate and cancel the appearance and fact of any benefit to me of a Social Security number created on application.
- 9. If the SSA 521 form is not administratively correct in the judgment of the Secretary of Health and Human Services or delegated actors, agents or assigns for my intended elimination of the benefit as SSN (as in No. 8, above) please send, in a timely manner, the correct form and proper instructions on how to effectively and properly fill out any said form for my intended purpose to the non-domestic location set forth below:

C/o Corporation Sole [Editor's note: See the next article]
123 West Main Street; near
Dallas (75354)
Texas

I declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the Laws of The State of Texas and the United States of America, that the foregoing is true, correct, and certain to the best of my current knowledge and belief.

Executed this 24 day of March, A.D., 1999 on the soil Dallas county, The State of Texas.

<u>S/</u>
John William, Doe

Dallas county)
Texas) ss;
United States of America)

On the 24 day of March, A.D., 1999, before me, a notary public for and in Dallas county, the State of Texas, personally appeared John William, Doe, known to me to be the person who, of his own free, voluntary act, placed his signature on the aforesaid Affidavit and on the form SSA 521 and executed the within Affidavit for the purpose herein stated.

My seal expires on Jan. 27, 2001

Dated: March 24, A.D., 1999

[Notary stamp] S/Jane Roe

Notary Public in and for said

County and State

he following research on SSA-521 was sent to me from Anthony Wayne at "Lawgiver.Org" (info@lawgiver.org) just before I was going to (finally) publish this issue on the website. I'm grateful for his contribution. However, I'm late again as usual, so I don't have time to fully integrate his research into this article. Nevertheless, since his research seems important, I've simply appended it to this article on SSA-521. The blue comments are my insertions.

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The following information is from "The SSA Handbook" (published at http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/handbook/ssa-hbk.htm. If you look in the Table of Contents link, you'll see Chapter 15. Click on it, and look for section "1515".)

1515. Right to withdraw application.

AN APPLICATION MAY BE WITHDRAWN if a

written request for withdrawal is filed before SSA makes a determination on it and the request is filed by the claimant or a person acting on his or her behalf and the claimant is alive at the time the request is filed. [Emph. add.]

The previous section implies that there's no problem in withdrawing an original application for social security benefits (including the SS Card and SSN) so long as the application is withdrawn *before* the Social Security Administration (SSA) makes a "determination" based on the original application for benefits. Although this section does not specify what constitutes a "determination," the next section provides a hint:

An application may *also* be withdrawn *after* SSA makes a determination on a claim if the conditions in the above paragraph are met and if (1) *all individuals* whose entitlement would be nullified by the withdrawal *consent in writing* to the withdrawal and (2) all affected individuals *repay any benefits* received based upon entitlement which is nullified by the withdrawal. Though a person withdraws a claim, SSA retains possession of the application form and all related papers. [Emph. add.]

It appears that a "determination" involves 1) the SSA having already identified "all individuals" scheduled receive a financial benefit from your Social Security Account; and 2) if any financial benefits have been paid out on your account, that money must therefore be returned. This implies that a "determination" may be required before SSA pays out any benefits on a particular account to anyone. If so, if you haven't received (or at least requested) any SS financial benefits, there may not have been a determination and therefore you might be able to use SSA Form 521 without much resistance from the SSA.

.... Ordinarily, the effective date of the with-drawal is the day the request is received; however, the mailing date, as

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shown by the *U.S. postmark*, may be used if it is advantageous to the claimant. (There is no right to reconsideration or appeal based on a withdrawn claim.) A new application will have to be filed if the person later wishes to claim benefits. [Emph. add.]

This illustrates the importance of filing an SSA Form 521 by registered mail to validate it's "effective date". When you receive your "green card" receipt back from the Post Office, you might want to include a copy of that green card/ receipt with all subsequent communication concerning your use of the SSA-521.

If SSA approves a request to withdraw an application, the application will be considered as though it was never filed. If SSA disapproves a request for withdrawal, the application is treated as though the request was never filed. [Emph. add.]

"If the SSA approves a request to withdraw," makes clear that the Social Security Administration conducts some sort of approval process. Merely sending in a SSA Form 521 is not necessarily sufficient to guarantee that your "Application for Withdrawal" has been automatically approved.

However, the basis for the SSA decision to approve or disapprove your application is, as yet, unclear. Worse, while the administrative process used to arrive at that decision is probably specified with great precision somewhere in the SSA rules or regulations, it's also possible that the final decision may be largely discretionary. That is, the SSA may be empowered to accept or reject requests for withdrawal on an arbitrary or capricious basis.

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Further, once the SSA reaches its decision (for or against), we've vet to see evidence that the SSA is obligated to notify the original applicant of their decision. Their decision might be inferred at some reasonable time after the SSA-521 was submitted by requesting information on the status of your former SS Account. For example, if your request for withdrawal was approved, your original application "will be considered as though it was never filed". If so, it follows that once you submit a SSA Form 521, your original SS account may be terminated or at least altered in a way that indicates the account is at least inactive, and thus - by inference - your SSA-521 request must've been approved.

Nevertheless, such inferences are unsatisfactory. For example, suppose you sent in a

SSA-521 request for withdrawal, and 60 days later discovered that your SS Account was closed or inactive. You might reasonably infer that your request for withdrawal had been approved. But what is your *proof* of that withdrawal if you want to get a job and your employer wants a SSN? Further, just because your SS Account appears to be closed or inactive in March doesn't prove that it might not be reopened or reactivated without your knowledge at some later date.

Point: The SSA decision to accept or deny your notice of with-drawal is far too important to rely on inference and speculation. If you try to withdraw from Social Security, you need documentary evidence from the SSA to certify that your request was approved (or denied).

The trick is to discover a precise procedure for submitting a "bulletproof" request for withdrawal (SSA-521). That procedure should probably satisfy three requirements: 1) identify *all* of the administrative requirements needed to effect a proper withdrawal; 2) present evidence of satisfying those requirements in a form (perhaps an affidavit) that cannot be disregarded or easily rejected by the SSA; and 3) include a procedural element that compels SSA to provide legal notice as to whether they have or have not closed or deactivated your SS Account.

he next section implies that 20 CFR 404.615 and 20 CFR 404.957 should be studied thoroughly to identify "all other conditions for withdrawal," and how "regulations . . . generally barring the reopening of a determination" may be overcome.

SSR 65-17: SECTION 202. — APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS — WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION 20 CFR 404.615

Where a claimant established entitlement to benefits and 6 years later requested in writing, withdrawal of her application, and where *all other conditions* for withdrawal were met under pertinent regulations (20 CFR 404.615), held, withdrawal of the application *may* be approved and the previous determination may be rescinded notwithstanding regulations (20 CFR 404.957), generally barring the reopening of a determination more than 4 years after the date of the notice of the initial determination.

The previous section can be found at http://199.173.224.109//OP_Home/rulings/oasi/01/SSR65-17-oasi-01.html

I haven't had time to find and read the relevant CFR's, but in the

previous section, they are at least identified. Hopefully, some of you will find and analyze the relevant CFR's and let me know what you discover and what you think. We'll publish more info on this topic in the next issue of the *AntiShyster*.

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