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Mr. J. E. Thunell
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601 Tremont Street
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Dear Mr. Thunell:

I am responding to your letter.

PARENTS APPLIED FOR ME - VALID?

The Social Security number (SSN) you received was assigned to you on the basis of a valid application and any Social Security-covered earnings you have had since its issuance are credited to it. Section 205(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to establish and maintain records of wages paid to and self-employment income derived by each individual whose work is covered under the program. The Privacy Act of 1974 authorizes the SSA to maintain in its records such information about an individual as is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the agency that is required by law. Since the SSA is required by law to establish and maintain records of Social Security-covered earnings and the SSN is relevant and necessary to accomplish that goal, we regret we cannot destroy your SSN or close your account.

ONLY THE S.S.A. - NOT THE IRS OR ANYONE ELSE

NO ONE CAN FORCE ME TO USE THIS NO.



Whether or not you use your SSN is a personal decision you must make each time someone requests it. If you do not wish your employer to use your SSN, you should request your employer to enter the phrase "religious objector" in the space provided for a SSN when your employer reports your wages and taxes.

NOT NECESSARY - N/A: BLANK IS O.K.

If you request your employer not to use your SSN and your earnings are reported without it, we cannot enter those earnings on your record, and they will remain in a suspense file. If you decide at a later date that you want your earnings credited to your account, we will honor your request if you provide your SSN along with evidence of your earnings.

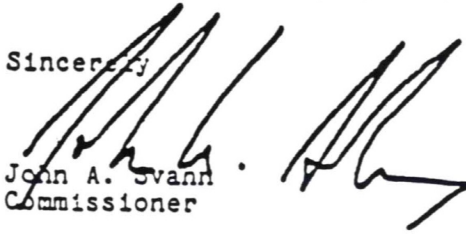
FUNDS CAN BE PUT IN A FUND?

I would like to point out that the SSA does not have the authority to require an organization to provide or deny

employment or services to anyone who refuses to disclose his number. Thus, any difficulties you encounter over employment and wages are between you and your employer.

Based on regulations published ^{NOT LAWS} by the Internal Revenue Service, SSN's are required ^{CANNOT BE MADE MANDATORY IF PERSONAL DECISION?} on income tax forms as the taxpayer identification number. If you are required to file an income tax return and you do not wish to use your SSN, and the Internal Revenue Service has not advised you on what procedures to use, you may want to contact the people there for advice.

Sincerely,


John A. Svann
Commissioner