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representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States. Written interrogatories must be sworn to before a notary public or other official authorized to administer oaths.

- 4. After a hearing has been convened, and the Statement of Reasons and the applicant's answer thereto have been entered into the record, the applicant shall have the right to make a general opening statement and to present his case.
- 5. The Examiner may require the applicant to respond to relevant questions, to undergo a medical examination, or to authorize the release of relevant information in the possession of other parties. Should the applicant refuse, the Examiner shall refer the case to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration) for action in accordance with the provisions of section V. B., above.
- 6. When appropriate, the Examiner will amend the Statement of Reasons to make it conform to the information presented and enter the amendment into the record. When such amendments are made, the Examiner will grant the applicant such additional time as the Examiner deems appropriate to answer such amendments and present evidence pertaining thereto.
- The Examiner may recess the hearing at the request of the applicant or his counsel, Department Counsel, or upon his own motion.
- 8. A verbatim transcript (in triplicate) will be made of the hearing and made a permanent part of the record. The transcript will not include information introduced in accordance with provisions of D. 4., and 5., below. The applicant will

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