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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM  
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MEMORANDUM TO ALL STATE DIRECTORS (I-244)

LOCAL BOARD RELEASE (34)

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SUBJECT: STUDENT--DEFERMENT; POSTPONEMENT OF INDUCTION (III)

1. This memorandum is issued for the purpose of clarifying the situation concerning the deferment and also the postponement of induction of college students. In order to have a clear understanding of such matters it is believed advisable to briefly state the various aspects of the policy of National Headquarters and the procedure which it has adopted.

2. The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 contained a provision for the temporary group deferment of college students until the end of the 1940-1941 college year or July 1, 1941, whichever occurred first in time.

3. The Selective Service Act contains a provision in section 5 (e) thereof under which college students may be deferred on an individual basis when such deferment is considered by the particular student's local board as being in the national health, safety or interest.

4. If a local board determines, that a particular student registrant is in training and preparation to perform a function which the national interest requires should be performed, and that at the time such student will begin to perform that function there will be a shortage within the occupation which forms the basis of the deferment and not the fact that the registrant is a student.

5. In connection with certain types of students we have been able to obtain and submit to our local Selective Service representatives certain factual information, not otherwise available to such representatives, which we believe is of material assistance in aiding such representatives to determine whether or not a particular student should be deferred. See Headquarters Memoranda I-62, I-91, I-98, I-00, I-191, I-205, I-217.