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Memorandum Concerning the V-12 Program:

The Chancellor held a meeting of the Engineering faculty and others concerned with the V-12 program Tuesday afternoon, May 18. Since I was the only Physical Education faculty member in town he asked me to attend. I want to give you a few of the items which I noted at this meeting. We will undoubtedly be given more detailed information later, but I thought you would like to know what the V-12 set-up is.

Four hundred eighty-seven V-12 students will be enrolled in the Engineering School the first of July. About twenty per cent of these boys will be freshmen, and the rest will be Engineering students who have been in the V-1 or V-7 programs who will be transferred to the V-12 program. These students are to be recruited from within a radius of 300 miles. The Navy will give 20 minutes of setting up exercises to these boys each day. In addition, we are to give one hour per day of physical conditioning to these boys, six days per week. This period is to be given over to calisthenics, swimming and sports.

They are also desirous of having some sort of an intramural program and they state that these boys will be permitted to take part in intercollegiate athletics. However, they will be required to take at least 18 hours of work in the Engineering School, which will probably not leave a great deal of time for outside activities.

None of these students are to be permitted to do any outside work for remuneration. Apparently their gym clothing will be issued by the Navy. We are responsible for gymnastic equipment and giving the work, keeping the records, order, and so forth, but the Navy will take care of all discipline. Mr. Leonard Axe is the coordinator of this program with the University, and Commander Buhl will handle the Naval discipline.

An item of interest is that faculty members teaching half-time in this Naval program are to be deferred from military service.

Another item that I think will be of interest to you is that less than half of the V-12 candidates passed the physical examination to get into this Navy program.

It is expected that we will have a contingent of 487 V-12 students on the campus from July first until the war is over. Each new