

capacities of graduate programs leading to the doctorate and promoting a wider geographical distribution of such programs and, by means of these fellowships, strengthening and expanding the nation's doctoral study programs.

With respect to the attachments to this letter, we should like to point out the following for your consideration:

1. The original language of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 in Title IV Section 403(a) had this to say about the awards:

Sec. 403(a) The Commissioner shall award fellowships under this title to individuals accepted for study in graduate programs approved by him under this section. The Commissioner shall approve a graduate program of an institution of higher education only upon application by the institution and only upon his finding:

(1) that such program is a new program or an existing program which has been expanded,

(2) that such new program or expansion of an existing program will substantially further the objective of increasing the facilities available in the Nation for the graduate training of college or university level teachers and of promoting a wider geographical distribution of such facilities throughout the Nation, and

(3) that in the acceptance of persons for study in such programs preference will be given to persons interested in teaching in institutions of higher education.

2. Public Law 88-665 made the following amendments to the original act:

Sec. 402(a) The first sentence of subsection (a) of Section 403 of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 is amended to read as follows:

"Of the total number of fellowships authorized by Section 402(a) to be awarded during a fiscal year (1) not less than one thousand five hundred of such fellowships awarded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, and not less than one-third of such fellowships awarded during the three succeeding fiscal years shall be awarded to individuals accepted for study in graduate programs approved by the Commissioner under this section, and (2) the remainder shall be awarded on such bases as he may determine, subject to the the provisions of subsection (c)." The second sentence of subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking out ", and" at the end of clause (2) and inserting in lieu thereof a period, and by striking out clause (3) thereof.

(b) Section 403(b) of such Act is amended by striking out "under this title" and inserting in lieu thereof "as described in clause (1) of subsection (a)," and by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: ", and the Commissioner shall give consideration to such objective attendance at any one institution of higher education."

(c) Section 403 of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(c) Recipients of fellowships under this title shall be persons who are interested in teaching, or continuing to teach, in institutions of higher education and are pursuing, or intend to pursue, a course of study leading to a degree of doctor of philosophy or an equivalent degree."

Please note that the amendments as contained in 88-665 provided that not less than one-third of the fellowships awarded should be made on the basis of the original language of the National Defense Education Act as passed in 1958, but then permitted the remainder to be made on such bases as the Commissioner may determine. Exhibit 3 is a good example of what happened under this determination. Harvard went from 0 to 95, Yale from 0 to 95, Columbia from 6 to 95, and most of the other "top 25" from less than a dozen to 95. At the same time, the smaller institutions, which had been most encouraged at the outset of the program, went from 12-15 awards out of 1,000 fellowships to a dozen or less out of 6,000 fellowships.

Although going through many amendments (86-70, 86-624, 87-293, 87-344, 87-400, 87-835, 88-210, 88-665, 89-253, and 89-329) the basic purpose is still expressed in Section 403, section (a) of the original language. By the insertion of a single sentence as an amendment (Section 402(c) in 1964), the basic objectives as outlined above have largely been nullified. This is readily apparent from Exhibit 3, which lists the awards made over the years to those institutions which received 95 fellowships to be awarded in the fall of 1966.