

Mr. TRYTTEN. That is true.

Mr. QUIE. If you are unwilling, from your study, to say that certain disciplines are more important than others and should be deferred but rather would choose to defer all of them, and assuming that the doctorate degree and some form of pottery are as important as mathematicians, then how do you expect anybody else to make those decisions?

Mr. TRYTTEN. It is very complex. I am not going to give you an answer today.

Mrs. GREEN. Would you yield?

Mr. QUIE. Yes, I will yield.

Mrs. GREEN. Does the National Scientific Manpower Commission serve on this interagency committee?

Mr. TRYTTEN. No, it is a private manpower agency.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you have a copy of those recommendations? Are they available?

Mrs. VETTER. I have them. Which ones?

Mrs. GREEN. The recommendations the interagency committee made.

Mrs. VETTER. We have them but I don't know that we are allowed to release them.

Mrs. GREEN. General Hershey, you served on that. Are those available to the committee, the recommendations of the interagency committee to the National Security Council?

General HERSHEY. I am not so sure of the question, Madam Chairman. What is available?

Mrs. GREEN. The recommendations that were made by the interagency committee to the National Security Council regarding occupational and graduate deferment.

General HERSHEY. That I could not answer and I do not like to make this kind of answer because it sounds like passing the buck, but I am not in the channel between the interagency committee and even speaking as I did awhile ago something about what they recommended was more or less, shall we say, bootlegging?

I do not have custody and I am not in the channel of those going forward. I only know what the member of the committee that happens to come from my agency tells me.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you.

Mr. QUIE. General Hershey, again we have met here because of the concern of the effect of the draft policy on graduate schools. You said in the closing of your formal statement that:

The question of changing to a different system of age groups remains under continuing study by the Administration. A similar question of whether it is proposed Congress legislation to authorize the method of selection to represent the birth systems also remains under continuous study.

What that really means, does it not, is that nobody is going to recommend a change at this time, and until a conclusion is reached that there should be a change, we ought to go ahead with the present policy.

General HERSHEY. That is the way I understand it because the National Security Council placed the responsibility on certain of the Cabinet officers to keep alert to this and when at least the Cabinet officer felt there was danger to notify the National Security Council.

As far as the change in the age business, it is primarily a responsibility delegated after the Congress passed the laws last summer to the Department of Defense. I am, at the very best, merely a broker.