

This may not be bad, but the impact on enrollments will be greater.

This then will have the kind of repercussions implied in some of the comments of President Harrington concerning his ability and our ability to count on graduate instruction, and consequently will have repercussions on our planning.

Students are planning, and we are planning, and will be between now and June. As a matter of fact, each successive week we are closing out alternative courses of action.

Mrs. GREEN. May I say, General Hershey, I think the members of this subcommittee feel that there is a great urgency about having some kind of policy, so that the colleges and universities can make their plans.

Beyond this, the fellowships over which this committee is now struggling, in terms of the numbers, the Office of Education announces the awards in March and April. If this matter is left up in the air, if there is no policy that is apparent to anybody, and if they do make the award to a student in March or April, and then in October he is drafted, they point out to us that the funds are frozen, they are not going to be used. You are creating a problem all around.

It would also seem to me, and although this is not particularly the subject of our concern this morning, that there is urgency in terms of students who will be looking for jobs. People won't hire them if they are going to be subject to the draft.

May I say as one member of this committee I must disagree with this. I think there is a great urgency. I think it is very critical.

I cannot express to you in too strong terms the concerns that the members of this committee have.

Mr. REID. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

I have just one final comment and question, General Hershey.

I share what our chairman has just said. I think the urgency is a critical national urgency, both from the standpoint of our students and from the standpoint of the universities.

If the Secretary of Defense made a determination with the obvious approval of the President on the pool suggestion which has been raised by our witnesses this morning, and if he made the decision on the 1-S-C deferment for the graduate student, to complete the year that he was in the middle of, would there be any difficulty in your implementing that almost immediately?

General HERSHEY. In the first place, I don't think we need to implement it this year. What you need probably, if you are going to try to pretend in a time that we are in now, where many individuals do not know whether they are going to live until tomorrow, it is a little bit awkward to start out demanding that here is another group of people that have to know.

On the other hand, don't misunderstand me. If you announce now what you are going to do, it will have, I think, a very good impact.

I don't think there is any question but what selective service can accommodate itself to whatever we are asked to do.

I will say this. Anybody who starts out thinking because it looks so they are not going to be taken now, and next December, for instance, let me stir up things just a little more, the Congress in its wisdom told the President that whenever we needed some of the baccalaureates, that he was authorized to take them.