

He is enrolled in the college next year. He knows that he has lost his deferment. He enrolls in the college in September. In October he receives his induction notice.

I want to know if he can finish out that academic semester.

General HERSHEY. You are talking about next autumn?

Mrs. GREEN. Yes.

General HERSHEY. Unless we come to some agreement on Monday, the answer is "No," because in the first place he did not even have a deferment this year.

Mrs. GREEN. That is my question. This is the question that Congressman Rivers asks, and he asks if these people will be able to finish the academic semester.

Have you responded to Congressman Rivers' letter on this point?

General HERSHEY. I have a few thousand of these cases go through, and it varies so greatly unless I know the elements of this thing.

As I understand it, now, we have a boy who is not even in school. If he isn't, he doesn't have a 2-S.

The question is, if he gets a fellowship, will we let him finish next year.

Obviously, until we do something that we haven't done, the answer is "No."

Whether I told Chairman Rivers no or not, maybe I did not know what he asked.

Mrs. GREEN. May I associate myself with the very distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee in making this request, that serious consideration be given to this, because it does seem to be tremendously important.

Congressman Reid.

Mr. REID. I merely wanted to pursue this one step further, if I could.

Am I correct, General Hershey, that there is now a policy that a student who has matriculated, is in a graduate school, has had several months in a graduate school, would be subject, under the new regulations, to immediate draft, as opposed to not being permitted to complete the academic year that he is presently in the middle of?

General HERSHEY. Whether he has a 2-S or postponement, he is entitled to complete a year, because that is what we promised last fall.

We are talking about a graduate student who never had been a graduate student last fall, went in as a graduate student. He has a year, unless the college throws him out.

Mr. REID. Let me put the question another way.

I am talking about the case of a graduate student who has been there a few months of the first academic year, or a graduate student who is partly through his second academic year.

Is either of those permitted to complete the academic year that he is presently in?

General HERSHEY. In the first place, under the Executive order, he had to be in graduate school by the 1st of October, 1967. If he has gone in since then, he is not under any rules. The most we could hope for him is grace, because he has no right.

If he went into graduate school, the person was accepted by graduate school, before the 1st of October 1967, he has a year of grace.