TABLE 7. *The Average Interest Rate Applicable to the Distribution of Tax Savings From Increasing Personal Exemption Based on Distribution of Spending Units by Income Class, Asset-Debt Position, and Marginal Borrowing or Lending Rates of Interest*

Item	Income class					
	$0 to $3,000		$3,000 to $5,000		Over $5,000	
	(1) Per cent of units [a]	(2) Interest rate [b] (per cent)	(3) Per cent of units [a]	(4) Interest rate [b] (per cent)	(5) Per cent of units [a]	(6) Interest rate [b] (per cent)
Owed more than $100 of consumer debt ..	33	12.0	52	8.3	52	7.3
Owed mortgages only	5	4.0	8	3.9	11	3.5
Owed neither kind of debt	50	3.0	40	3.0	37	3.2
Unable to borrow at reasonable rates [b]	12	12.0	—	—	—	—
Average rate for each income class		7.0		5.8		5.4
Percentage distribution of tax saving [c]	19.5		40.6		39.9	
Average applicable interest rate						5.87

[a] 1956 Survey of Consumer Finances, *op. cit.*
[b] See text.
[c] *Statistics of Income for 1951, op. cit.*