

**MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE DEFERMENT OF
GRADUATE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND RESEARCH
WORKERS IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

On November 26 two important changes in Selective Service regulations were announced. These fundamentally affect the situation with respect to the deferment of graduate students and teachers of physical science and engineering.

Local Board Memorandum No. 115 is amended so as to read: "A registrant age 18 through 25 may be retained or placed in Class II-A if the local board finds that he is *necessary to and regularly engaged in* an activity in the support of the national health, safety or interest." This is a liberalization of the previous Memorandum 115 for the requirement that the registrant be "indispensable and irreplaceable" is dropped. Form 42A (Special-Revised) will continue to be used for the making of requests for the occupational deferment of registrants ages 18 through 25, except those found to be disqualified for any military service or found to be qualified for limited military service only. For this latter group, Form 42 should be used.

Memorandum 115-M, which is reproduced in full and attached to this communication, concerns special consideration for certain students, teachers and research workers in the physical sciences. This memorandum represents a recognition by Selective Service of: (1) the shortage of scientific personnel, due to the curtailment of advanced study in science during the war; (2) the necessity for the resumption of study in these fields.

Selective Service officials believe that these two memoranda, 115 and 115-M, adequately provide for the deferment of scientific and technical personnel. Cases now active where registrants seem to have been improperly classified should be reopened at once in the light of the new releases. In view of the change in policy, it is advisable that the department chairman request re-consideration of such cases.

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