The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
United States Senate  

Dear Senator Lehman:

I have your letter of July 20, 1950, requesting information concerning the status of veterans under the Selective Service Act and Regulations.

Please be advised that statutory exemption or deferment from service under the Act is provided for the following categories of veterans of prior military service:

(1) A registrant who served honorably on active duty between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, for a period in excess of 90 days, or

(2) A registrant who served honorably on active duty between September 16, 1940, and June 21, 1943, for a period of 12 months or more, or

(3) A registrant who, after June 21, 1943, was honorably discharged upon the completion of a period of three years or more of active duty, or

(4) A registrant who served honorably on active duty between September 16, 1940, and June 21, 1943, for a period of 90 days or more and who fails to qualify under (1), (2), or (3) above. This type of veteran, however, in order to qualify for the deferment must, under certain prescribed conditions, accept membership in a reserve component of the armed forces.

For the purpose of computing the periods of active duty referred to above, the statute provides that no credit shall be given for the following:
(1) Periods of active duty training as a member of a reserve component pursuant to an order or call to active duty solely for training purposes;

(2) Periods of active duty in which the service consisted solely of training under the Army specialized training program, the Army Air Force college training program, or any similar program under the jurisdiction of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard;

(3) Periods of active duty as a cadet at the United States Military Academy or United States Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, or in a preparatory school after nomination as a principal, alternate, or candidate for admission to any such academies; or

(4) Periods of active duty in any of the armed forces while being processed for entry into or separation from any educational program or institution referred to in subparagraphs (2) or (3) above.

I trust that the above information will satisfactorily serve your purpose. Please feel free to call upon me whenever I may be of service.

Sincerely yours,

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DIRECTOR