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 surreal trained manpower is available to maintain the Guard, which determination would have given the coup de grace.

The Division acts as to the whereabouts of some 2,000,000 men who have been or will be released from service after two years of active, and a six-year reserve service obligation. The Armed Forces Reserve Act explicitly provides that all individuals upon release from active federal service will become automatically members of the Ready Reserve and available for assignments to units of a Reserve Component other than the Guard. The only way the Guard can avoid loss of such personnel is through voluntary enlistment, and precious few in this category are existing. Thus, the Guard must train in the event to those in the 17- to 18-year age bracket. Now, it appears that the Department of Defense has sought to ensure that the unit strength of other Reserve Components, reducing accordingly the manpower potential of the Guard. The proposal cannot be defended and is incomprehensible in view of the foregoing, and is more so in view of the proposed reduction in the strength of the active Armed Forces and etalum of monthly draft quota by approximately 50 percent.

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