

MILITARY SERVICE

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Yugoslav Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1942

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my note of March 24, in acknowledgment of your note of March 10 referring to the desire of your Government to engage in its armed forces certain Yugoslav citizens resident in the United States.

Various Departments and agencies of this Government were consulted, as noted in my preliminary acknowledgment of your note, in the formulation of the procedure under which the status of alien residents of the United States would be determined, with regard to the United States Selective Training and Service Act of 1940,² as amended. This uniform procedure, which would be applicable to persons of the classes mentioned in your note, may be set forth as follows:

As you are aware the Act provides that with certain exceptions every male citizen of the United States and every other male person residing in the United States between the ages of eighteen and sixty-five shall register. The Act further provides that, with certain exceptions, registrants within specified age limits are liable for active military service in the United States armed forces.

This Government recognizes that from the standpoint of morale of the individuals concerned and the over-all military effort of the countries at war with the Axis Powers, it would be desirable to permit certain classes of individuals who have registered or who may register under the Selective Train-

¹ Upon termination of functions of U.S. Selective Service System (60 Stat. 341).

² 54 Stat. 885.