

Annual Selective Service Lottery Drawing

The annual Selective Service lottery drawing was conducted in Washington, D.C. today. Random Sequence Number one was assigned to those young men born on December 8, 1956.

Byron V. Pepitone, the Director of Selective Service, said the purpose of the lottery drawing was to assign Random Sequence Numbers for Selective Service registrants born in calendar year 1956, to determine the sequence of registrant processing by Selective Service of that year group.

Mr. Pepitone said, "Under present provisions of the law, inductions are not being performed; however, the same law requires continued processing as part of the standby Selective

Service System in support of the all-volunteer force."

"Men born in 1956 who were assigned lottery number 095 and below today," continued Mr. Pepitone, "can expect to be reclassified into an available class as we process the readily inductible pool for 1976. This will have no impact on their personal lives unless a national emergency arises and induction authority is restored and a mobilization of manpower is required.

"The men who receive lottery numbers higher than 095 will remain in class 1-H — the holding class for men not currently subject to processing for induction."

The registrants born in 1956 will make up the first priority

selection group in 1976. In 1977, these men will progress into the second priority selection group.

This is true for each year group, their most vulnerable year being the calendar year in which they attain their 20th birthday.

Mr. Pepitone reminded young men that Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act still requires registration of all 18 year old

males.

This is a continuing and ongoing requirement and currently registration is possible at any of the Selective Service System offices as well as at many post offices and similar places in most communities, or by mail if in-person registration is not