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SUBJECT: DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTANTS IN WAR AGENCIES

To Members and Associates of the
American Institute of Accountants

Gentlemen:

In some quarters in Washington it is believed that the war will continue for several years; that before long the United States will have made a full transition from civilian to war economy, and that every citizen will have to contribute in some way to the war effort or to essential civilian needs. Each individual must judge these possibilities for himself and make his own plans accordingly.

Selective Service Occupational Bulletin No. 10, copy of which has been sent to you, recognizes accountants as among those in critical occupations if trained and experienced, and if engaged in work essential to the war effort.

There may be members of the Institute, and employees of members, who are not now engaged in work which they regard as essential and who would wish to participate directly in the war effort for the duration, or for a more limited period. The Institute is continually receiving requests for trained accountants from the armed forces and from war agencies, and will gladly attempt to assist members or their employees in securing war jobs. To this end it is requested that members, or employees of members, available for such work fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire.

Among the requests for assistance which have been received, for example, are those for accounting officers in the Army, the Army Specialist Corps, and the Navy, and for staff accountants in the War Production Board, the Office of Price Administration, and other agencies.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. CAREY,
Secretary.

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