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EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNA M. ROSENBERG BEFORE THE BROOKS SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESERVE POLICIES (HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE) ON APRIL 18, 1951.

"Fairness requires that we make it possible for these reservists, especially the inactive reservists, to terminate their current assignments to active duty as rapidly as replacements become available. All the Services are making the most diligent efforts to accomplish this purpose. They will give you detailed and specific plans in Executive Session. However, I can give you some idea of the speed with which this is to be done by telling you that the Army plans to start releasing in September enlisted men who were called to active duty from the inactive reserve rolls and expects to return all of them to civilian life by the end of this year.

The Army also has release plans for its other reservists, officer and enlisted.

The Marine Corps will start releasing its inactive reservists in June 1951, and plans that by July 1952 no Marine reservist will be serving on duty involuntarily.

The Navy and the Air Force will begin releasing inactive enlisted reserves in July 1951, and these men will be returning to civilian life in substantial numbers by October. These programs will be given you in detail in Executive Session.

Naturally, the fulfillment of all of these plans is dependent on there being no deterioration of the international situation. It is regrettably true in this world that the best plans we lay can be shunted aside by hostile actions over which we have no control."