

TRIP TO WASHINGTON-----JANUARY 10, 1944

PURPOSE:

1. To meet General Walter Weible for the first time and make his acquaintance.
2. To get our quota rise from 400 to 500 for the next Term in June.

MEETING:

Met General Weible in his office in the Pentagon Building at 10:00 clock in the morning.

These are my impressions of Gen. Weible:

He is young in appearance.

He is a pleasant man, congenial, but with all the enthusiasm of youth.

He appears to be conscious of his POWER and POSITION.

His personality seems COMPLEX--not simple. He seems to give the impression that his job is a BIG one and the complications are so many that he alone can solve them.

Conclusion:

RESERVE JUDGMENT ON HIM ----WAIT UNTIL HE PROVES HIM-
SELF TO US BY ACTION.

Reasons for my opinions above: are based on Weible's conversation in which he said the following:

Weible speaking:

" The program has now passed the organization period.

It is my duty to perfect the program and strengthen the weak parts.

I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A SERVANT OF THE STATE or GOVERNMENT, and I WANT IT TO GET A DOLLAR'S WORTH FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT.

- " I am having EFFICIENCY STANDARDS drawn up by which we can measure the degree of efficiency of the various colleges and universities training the trainees under the ASTP.
- " The colleges that we find that are not measuring up to the STANDARDS which are being drawn up will be INFORMED of their DEFICIENCIES.
- " The colleges will be given an opportunity to IMPROVE their work, but -----if they do not I WILL RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM .
- " Dropping a college from the program would be most distasteful to me, but if it is for the good of the government I will do it.

RAISING THE NUMBER from 400 to 500.

The change in numbers resulted from:

1. From the ASTP having to assume the financial support of trainees in STAR units and first year advanced ROTC returning. This I have already explained.
- 2 From the NEEDS of the Army.

He told me that in the middle of March he will be assembling the quotas for next June-----and for me to get in touch with him about the quota for the college .

CONCLUSION:

I believe that a little SUGAR to Gen Weible will help our personal position.