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'Peace Corps' Exemption From Military Opposed

Kennedy Told It Would Be Error To Link Proposal to Service Draft

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President-elect Kennedy today proposed "peace corps" exemptions from military service. Max Millikan, director of the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, submitted the report to Mr. Kennedy at his Georgetown home today.

Mr. Millikan said the youth peace corps, first proposed by Mr. Kennedy during the Presidential campaign, could be started fairly soon on a "pilot" basis. The general aim of the plan would be to give college students in this country an opportunity to use their talents to aid underdeveloped nations through the peace corps.

The report prepared by Mr. Millikan will not be made public until Tuesday, but he discussed its chief recommendations with newsmen today after emerging from a conference with Mr. Kennedy.

While he recommended against trying the plan to draft exemptions for participating youths, Mr. Millikan said, draft deferments may be available for those who join the peace corps.

"At this stage it would not be wise or necessary to make this program an alternative to military service," Mr. Millikan said.

He told the President-elect he thought it would be a mistake to induce youths into the program by offering exemption from military service as "bait."

He indicated the report was preliminary in nature and said further studies would have to be made of the type of American assistance and the type of countries contemplated in the program.

Mr. Millikan said

received a report on his plan against linking the program to military service. However, as an example of a country where the need is clear and where the program might be placed into effect fairly soon. One of Nigeria's troubles is that it can't train school teachers fast enough to begin the job of training the skilled administrators and technical personnel needed urgently.

Members of the "peace corps" with teaching experience could fill the gap by serving as teachers until Nigeria has trained more teachers, Mr. Millikan said.

He indicated that a pilot program in Nigeria and perhaps other African countries might be launched with only a few hundred students from this country participating in the early stages.

There has been a tremendous response on college campuses throughout the country to the peace corps plan, Mr. Millikan noted. He and Prof. Don Humphrey of the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, also prepared for the President-elect a report submitted today on United States policy regarding India. This report pertained chiefly to the problem of economic development of India. Mr. Millikan said.

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