

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

LOCAL BOARD No. 144
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E. L. Kelly

April 10th, 1941.

Mr. William C. Martin, Jr.
President, New York Stock Exchange,
Wall Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:

As chairman of a local draft board, and a former World War veteran, I cannot help but to express my sincere admirations for you as you are about to be inducted into the United States Army.

You indeed deserve the deepest gratitude of all the American people inasmuch as you did not request any preferential treatment or deferment.

Others in ^Aless important and prominent positions than yours would have been tempted to seek special privileges or favors. I believe you can make a worthy contribution to the multitudes of registrants and selectees who are about to serve and are serving their nation, by issuing a statement of your personal feelings and mental reactions which prompted you to take this courageous step at such a tremendous sacrifice.

An expression of some of your observations at this time, would tend to serve a noble purpose and would assist in aiding immeasurably the building up of morale in our Selective Service program.

May I personally congratulate you, and wish you the best of luck.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Modell
Henry Modell, Chairman,
Local Draft Board, #144

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P.S. You are liberty to use part or all of this letter as you see fit.