

Army Chief Urges Reserve Callup

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A confidential Pentagon memorandum puts Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor at odds with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara on the issue of activating reservists.

The Resor memorandum, under wraps since Sept. 1, recommends activation of 30,000 trained reservists under new legislation passed by both Houses yesterday.

Secretary McNamara has taken the position that no reservists need be called into active/duty for the war in Vietnam. He maintains that reserves would be needed only in the event of another major military emergency.

But the issue was brought into the open yesterday by the Resor position paper, classified "for official use only," which commented on separate legislative proposals by Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) and Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.).

The basic difference between the proposals was that Russell would have let the President pluck men out of organized reserve units while Hebert's plan would tap men in the inactive reserve pool.

Resor, in his memorandum on the proposed legislation,

said: "If either the Hebert bill or the Russell amendment becomes law, I recommend calling to active duty only trained individuals in the Ready Reserve Pool"—men not training in units—and unit members who do not drill regularly.

"This would mean calling about 30,000 trained men to active duty from the pool," Resor continued. He said activating these trained men would have three advantages:

(1) "Accelerate the expansion of the trained strength of the Army" and thus improve readiness; (2) Free training spaces to reduce the backlog of untrained men in the Army Reserve; (3) Leave organized units relatively untouched and thus encourage the men in them to extend their enlistments.