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to reconsider the callup of State reservists and National Guardsmen.

Matsunaga, recovering at his Washington residence from a recent illness, sent the following telegram to the President:

"While Hawaiians are more than willing to bear their share of the national burden, one sixth of the load appears disproportionately large for a small state like Hawaii.

"As its representative, I therefore urge your immediate review of the proposed activation for an equitable reapportionment among the several states."

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The Army Reserves that were not called up are mostly those in the 9th Corps headquarters unit, which consists mostly of officers in specialized jobs, and bandsmen, engineers, and intelligence unit and other support forces.

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