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Student views on military are needed

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The ad hoc faculty committee to study the impact of the military on the MIT educational environment distributed a questionnaire at Registration. Not enough students got it or were able to fill it out at that time; we are seeking more responses.

The committee is examining, among other things, the effects of funds received by MIT or by MIT students from military sources on the education of our students. Some particular issues are restrictions on publication, restrictions of foreign students' access to research projects, restrictions of ROTC students' choice of major, and changes in the direction of research which may be attributable to military funding.

We feel that it is especially important that the views of both undergraduate and graduate students on these questions be known in as comprehensive a way as possible.

Questionnaires are available in the UA office at the Student Center, W20-401. We urge students to get a questionnaire and complete it. Their response will be helpful even if they choose to omit some questions. Of course, all responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. Once they have filled them out, students can leave the questionnaires at the UA office or return them via interdepartmental mail to Carl Kaysen, E51-110. Thank you for your help.

Carl Kaysen
Chairman, Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on MIT's Military Involvement

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Words will fall on deaf ears, perhaps, in an institution whose nerve center is in its wallet. Write MIT a letter today, as I am doing, explaining what kind of a school you would think worthy of your money. That kind of message might register.

Miller Puckette '80