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## THE NATIONAL ROSTER OF SCIENTIFIC AND SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL: A PROGRESS REPORT

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IN a previous communication (SCIENCE, August 16, 1940, Vol. 92, No. 2381, pages 135-137) a preliminary report was made of the plans for the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel. The roster, although still far from complete, is now actually in use. Each week it is called upon by an increasing number of defense agencies to provide lists of names of individuals with special qualifications. As stated before the roster is jointly administered by the National Resources Planning Board and by the United States Civil Service Commission.

The general questionnaire, the projected form of which was described in the first report, has been made. This questionnaire is broken into 30 elements, the information asked including: (1) Name; (2) Date of

birth; (3) Place of birth; (4) Citizenship status; (5) Marital status; (6) Race and sex; (7) Military service; (8) Reserve membership; (9) Foreign language proficiency; (10) Federal service; (11) Federal Civil Service examinations taken; (12) Foreign travel and residence; (13) Physical condition; (14) Height and weight; (15) Names of persons for reference; (16) College and university education, including the special honors received and membership in honorary academic or scientific societies; (17) Important hobbies; (18) List of significant full-time positions held; (19) The five most important fields of specialization listed in order of significance (these five fields are taken by the individual filling out the questionnaire from the technical checklist described below); (20) The individual's

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