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February 5, 1962

Dear Finalist:

It is a pleasure to send you the enclosed Certificate of Merit, awarded in recognition of your high performance in the Merit Scholarship Program. This is a distinction won by fewer than 10,000 students -- about one-half of one per cent of the secondary school seniors in the nation.

As a recipient of a Certificate of Merit, you advance from the Semifinalist to the Finalist stage of the Merit Program. It is from the Finalist group that the Merit Scholars for 1962 will be selected, and the selection process is now under way. Winners will be notified confidentially about March 20th; public announcement will be made about April 26th.

The specific purpose of the Merit Program is, as you know, to aid especially able young people to obtain a college education. There are three principal ways this is done: by making Merit Scholarship awards, by encouraging other scholarship programs to utilize National Merit's information and services, and by distributing the names of high-scoring students to colleges and other sources of scholarships and financial aid.

National Merit also has a broader purpose, which is to encourage intellectual attainment and the pursuit of excellence generally. You have yourself contributed to the accomplishment of that purpose through the example you have set by your outstanding performance in the Merit Program. We are certain you can profit from a higher education, and regardless of whether you receive a Merit Scholarship, we hope you continue your studies.

The future, it has been said, belongs to the educated. It is equally true that the leaders of the future will be the persons who in their youth worked the hardest to realize their full potential. As an individual who has evidenced great ability and promise, you have our best wishes for further success.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Stalnaker

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President

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

is awarded to

Thomas LaMar Rhea

who has demonstrated high potential for college achievement
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in nineteen hundred sixty-two.



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ABSTRACT

Title IV of the National Defense Education Act (NDEA), passed in 1958, was intended to alleviate an existing and projected shortage of qualified college teachers. This was to be accomplished by means of awarding 3-year fellowships for full-time study to doctoral candidates interested in college teaching, by institutional allowances for strengthening graduate programs, and by a wider geographical distribution of strong graduate programs. This report provides a detailed legislative and administrative history of the Title IV program, including the origin of Tile IV, the conceptualization of NDEA, the hearings and passage of the Act, implementation of Title IV and its history during 11 years of its operation, the loyalty oath and disclaimer affidavit controversy, and a statistical review and evaluation of the Title IV program. (AF)

BLAIR ACADEMY OF MUSIC
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 24, 1966

Mr. Thomas L. Rhea
528 West Lake Street
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of May 19, and congratulations for winning the NDEA Fellowship. As far as playing jobs is concerned, there is no problem. You can play all you want to, within reason, as long as you keep your grades up.

I heard from George Recker earlier this month, and I am at present trying to find out what is holding up things here at Peabody. I don't think his grades are good enough for a scholarship, but in any event I am sure that if he is accepted in undergraduate school he can get in the Work-Study Program which pays $22.50 per week. Also, he is eligible for a NDEA loan. In other words, if George's grades are good enough to be accepted into Peabody, he can make it financially with these two aids.

The only place to send your trumpet to be plated and repaired is to Renold Schilke, 223 West Lake Street, Chocago, Illinois 60606. The cost is approximately $45.00.

It was nice of Florida State to offer me the job, but my position here is much more attractive.

Get behind George--he doesn't have his test scores in yet.

When do you plan to come to Nashville?

Sincerely yours,

John F. Sawyer
Director

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Dean of the Graduate School

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August 29, 1966

Mr. Thomas L. Rhea
Lakeshore Acre, Route 4
Lebanon, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rhea:

Please consider this letter an official welcome to you as a recipient of a graduate fellowship under Title IV of the National Defense Education Act. In addition to this word of welcome I want to explain the method of payment of your stipend.

The Peabody College Office of Bursar will furnish to the Office of Graduate Dean stipend checks for NDEA fellows. These checks are to be picked up in the Office of Graduate Dean and will be ready for you on registration day of the fall semester and on the 26th of each month thereafter in nine equal installments.

In order to complete arrangements for your stipend checks you must fill out the enclosed three copies of the application for dependency allowances and return to the Office of Graduate Dean on or before September 1, 1966. If you have any questions please feel free to call this office at any time.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. Hunt, Jr.,
Dean

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cc: Dr. Robert Bays

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June 5, 1972

Re: Mr. Thomas Rhea

To Whom it May Concern:

We have known Mr. Thomas Rhea for several years. Through our extensive discussions with Mr. Rhea and with Mr. Gilbert Trythall, we have formed the highest opinion of Mr. Rhea's sustained interest in electronic music instrumentation, his energy and seriousness of purpose in pursuing research in the history of electronic music instrumentation development, and his maturity and trustworthiness as an individual.

The historical research which Mr. Rhea has pursued in fulfillment of his Ph.D. is an important and unique piece of work. I am sure that it will provide valuable insight and perspective to musicians and technicians alike. We personally urge the reader of this letter to cooperate as much as possible with Mr. Rhea in making historical and technical materials available to him, including such materials as tapes and photographs. Mr. Rhea has consistently demonstrated his ability to treat such materials with proper care.

In addition to his research on the history of electronic music, Mr. Rhea has studied extensively in the areas of electronic music composition and music education. Through articles of his that already have appeared in print, Mr. Rhea has revealed a superior command of the written word. I am convinced that whatever information Mr. Rhea gathers will be skillfully analyzed, put in proper perspective, and written up intelligently.

Sincerely,

MOOG MUSIC, INC.

Robert A. Moog

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President

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