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Ladies and gentlemen --

This is Senator Hubert Humphrey, reporting to you from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington ---

Today I would like to call attention to several Minnesotans who are far from home, They are not only far from Minnesota, but far from the United States: They are serving both State and Country with distinction.

Recently I heard from Specialist Fourth Class, Forster Davis, stationed with the Seventh Army Command in Germany. Forster went into military duty directly from student life at Macalaster College.

He writes that in addition to normal duties he has become the Scoutmaster of Troop 2 of the Seventh Army Support Command. He is giving guidance and leadership to a group of 55 boys, which he proudly calls "the best troop in Germany." Recently the troop gave its American flag to the city of Weinheim, Germany because that city lacked an American flag. Then Forster had an idea. He heard that Senators may get access to flags which have flown over the Capitol of the United States. Was this so, and could we get one for Troop 2? Well, it is so, and we have been pleased to get one for a Boy Scout troop in Germany. I know Forster Davis from Minnesota had a fine Scout troop. His willingness to give service, his imagination and initiative, are ample enough sign.

Eugene R. Kersey wrote to us from India. He is teaching in the Woodstock School in Mussoorie. Its 450 students are mostly American, children of parents employed under missionary or government contracts.

Eugene Kersey has three classes in U.S. and World History at a high school level. By the way, Eugene is from Edina, Minnesota.

One of his problems was insufficient resource material on issues of American foreign policy. Could we give any help?

It was easy for us to provide complete sets of hearings and reports from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. It seemed to us it would be helpful if these hearings could be coordinated with the news as it occurred. A request that we made to both Time Magazine and to the New York Times resulted in Time providing a set of all

its issues for 1963, and the New York Times providing all of its "News of the Week" Sunday sections for 1963.

By the way, both of those publishers were just as willing and just as prompt to aid an enterprising and imaginative young teacher as we were in my office.

It was a different kind of problem when Miss Goldie Lorensen wrote to us from the Ivory Coast in Africa.

She is a volunteer with the Peace Corps, one of the truly great arms of the United States government. Her duties called for driving a motor vehicle and the law required an International Driver's License. Such can be gained on the strength of a U.S. driver's license from any state, but since Goldie had left home, her Minnesota license expired. It is difficult from Africa to get a Minnesota driver's license. Fortunately we were able to give some help in adjusting the situation so she could drive a jeep, car, or truck on Peace Corps business.

Such service as my office has been able to give is minor enough and in itself no special point of pride. We just felt very pleased to be able to share in the interests and work of fellow Minnesotans doing a job in the far places of the world. Minnesotans can have pride in these people and I am sure you do. The kind of things they do are not sensational enough--do not "scream" enough - to make headlines. But believe me, in this quiet dignity and powerful sense of service, the cause of America is well served around the world.

I am pleased to salute these people and to tell you about them.

Thank you.



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