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Dear Mr. Kanter:

Some time ago while in Washington I reached you by phone to indicate my desire to apply for a State Department grant and sponsorship to carry out a lecture-demonstration tour in southern Europe and the Near East. This is my followup written request. My field of interest is internal medicine and gastroenterology (digestive diseases) with a strong leaning toward community medicine and the public health. A curriculum vitae is enclosed.

Of particular relevance to my request is perhaps that I hold a professorship in gastroenterology and gastroscopy (the technique of diagnosis by looking into the stomach through fiberoptic gastroscopes) in the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine and a clinical associate professorship in medicine at the University of Illinois. I would say that perhaps my strongest bid for a grant would be (1) I have had many requests from my former graduate students and associates who are medical school and hospital physicians, particularly in the European and Near East area.

(2) In recent years I have given lecture-demonstrations in medical schools of Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Liberia and Senegal--covering a concentrated period of one month. These lectures were arranged by the State Department through former Assistant Secretary G. Mennen Williams but without cost to the Department. This was made possible partly because I traveled as an inaugural flight guest of Pan American Airways and partly by personal funds while holding the office of President of the National Medical Association. This was in

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November 1965. Again in the fall of 1966 I gave a series of gastroscopy lecture-demonstrations in medical schools and hospitals in Tokyo, Seoul, Korea, Manila, Philippines and Honolulu. These appearances were also arranged by the State Department except for Honolulu, and again without expense to the State Department. Records and reports of these lecture tours are on file in the respective divisions of the State Department, and I understand that letters of commendation came from the cultural affairs officers abroad. Mrs. Virginia Cooper is a state side officer still with the Department who was acquainted with these assignments.

In July of 1970 I would like to attend a gastroenterology congress in Sweden and following this to report by lecture-demonstration my latest research and more recent developments in the field of fiberoptic gastroscopy and intra-gastric photography in the following areas. I have been invited to all of these places at one time or another by my former postgraduate students and professional associates. The countries are Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Ethiopia, the Sudan and/or other nearby areas which might be apropos.

Accompanying this letter I have enclosed (1) a "pictorial report" of my 1966 trip to Asia; (2) a copy of a church health commission report which contains a "pictorial review" of my 1965 trip to East and West Africa and illustrates the methods and the lines of communication which I have used to disseminate medical cultural information at home achieved through a two-way exchange cultural experience abroad; (3) the application; (4) curriculum vitae.

The Honorable Charles Percy, Senator, State of Illinois, is interested in this request and has asked me to forward to him a copy of this correspondence.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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Enclosures

copy: Senator Charles Percy