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Honorable Hubert Humphrey  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

Because of your devotion to justice, not only in the abstract, but in terms of individuals, I am presenting the case of a dear friend who is in the Secretariat of the United Nations and who has applied for permanent residence in the United States for himself, wife and three children, under the D.P. Law, 1948, but is being denied this because the McCarran Committee has ruled in a similar case that staff members of the United Nations are not eligible because they are not displaced persons and are fully protected by their privileges and immunities as United Nations civil servants.

The facts in this case are fully developed in the enclosed Brief and Exceptions. The person in question, Dr. Jaroslav Cebe-Habersky, a Czechoslovak with a superb record as a defender of democracy, has lost his Czechoslovak passport because of the coup d'etat in that country after he had joined the United Nations. He is a man without a country at present.

Dr. Cebe-Habersky is my most intimate Czech friend; we were associated together in 1920-24, when I was in Prague with the Student Y.M.C.A., and he was a law student, and then an associate of mine. He developed as a splendid citizen and leader in his country, and as a great friend of Americans. During the War he paid the price for his courageous championship of democratic principles and was in a Nazi concentration camp for five years. Despite this he was able to be a central figure in the Czechoslovak underground resistance movement.

Dr. Cebe-Habersky and his family are now rooted in our country. His older daughter had two years with us at Macalester College. He has addressed two of our Convocations, one of them being the address that launched our Political Emphasis Week devoted to a mock United Nations Assembly. He is a good friend of Dr. Charles J. Turck. He is now scheduled by his chief, Dr. Ralph Bunche, to go to Palestine on an important mission for the United Nations, but hesitates because of the precarious nature of his citizenship.

Here is a distinguished servant of international government, a proven democrat, and an estimable new American citizen on whose behalf I beg your vigorous intercession.

With warmest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Huntley Dupre, Dean

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