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This is Dr. Sabin speaking to you on the occasion of the presentation of a Rotary Foundation Scholarship, bearing my name, to one of your young people who has been selected to study and work abroad for a year.

The opportunity to go to another country with a history and way of life and work entirely different from your own is an extraordinarily enriching personal experience. When such a person returns to the country in which he or she was born and raised, the impact of the scholar's personal experience can yield important benefits to many of those who have not had the opportunity to travel and study.

When I finished my medical studies and hospital training in New York City in 1933, almost 52 years ago, I received a National Research Council Fellowship to go to England for a year to work at the Lister Institute of Preventative Medicine. The things that I learned and the friendships that I made in England that year, have benefited not only me but also the scientific work I subsequently carried out in the United States and elsewhere in the world.

The vast majority of the world's population is still condemned to live and die in the small area of the world in which they were born. They have no conception of the grandeur of human civilization that has slowly developed over the centuries by different peoples in different lands. Their vision of the better and richer life that can be and should be theirs is circumscribed by the incarceration that poverty has imposed upon them. And even many of those who are economically more fortunate, lack the understanding of their fellow human beings in other parts of the world that is so essential for world peace and for the achievement of a richer and more meaningful life for increasingly larger numbers of people in all parts of the world.

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And so I hope very much that the Rotary Scholars who will study in my name ^{will} take full advantage of their opportunity to broaden their horizons, to develop an understanding and appreciation of other cultures that will enrich their lives, and to increase their skills and knowledge to help their fellow man. Then they will have much to offer in building a better and peaceful world.