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STEVE McNUTT, a doctoral candidate in Language, Literacy, and Culture at the University of Iowa, describes and sets in context the debates on intelligence testing between Stanford’s Lewis Terman and the University of Iowa’s George Stoddard. Stoddard defended the findings of the University of Iowa’s Child Welfare Research station at a time when they were unpopular in part because they challenged prevailing views on intelligence and their relationship to ideas about meritocracy.

PEGGY ANN BROWN, an independent historian in Washington, D.C., provides a lively, informative account of a U.S. agricultural delegation, made up largely of Iowans or people with some Iowa connection, to the Soviet Union in 1955. That delegation, along with a simultaneous visit by Soviet officials to American farms and the many public lectures members of the delegation gave upon their return, helped to reassure anxious Cold War–era Americans that residents of the Soviet Union, like them, desired peace and personal interactions. The delegation helped pave the way for more such cultural interactions in the future.

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In one of his many public lectures following his return from a tour of the Soviet Union’s agricultural regions in 1955, Herb Pike, dressed in a robe and hat from Uzbekistan, shows the route he and other participants in an agricultural delegation took. For more on the 1955 agricultural delegation to the Soviet Union, see Peggy Ann Brown’s article in this issue. Photo courtesy of Julie Pike McCutcheon.

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