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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology _____
Chemistry _____
Physics _____
Earth Science _____
Mathematics _____

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate L. Ronald Stroup

School in which candidate teaches Roosevelt Junior High School

Address of school 303 - 15th S. E., Mason City, Iowa 50401

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?

Mr. Stroup presents his material to traditional size classes of from 20 to 30 students in somewhat traditional manner. He uses the overhead projector and blackboard for the visual means of explaining concepts in mathematics. Pre-testing is not uncommon in his analysis of student knowledge. He also works from self-made mimeographed work sheets or zeroxed materials pre-selected. Mr. Stroup also uses paraprofessional help skillfully, and attempts to individualize his instructional program. The mathematics taught by this candidate ranges from general Math to Algebra and is considered comprehensive. His students, by all appearances, enjoy their work with Mr. Stroup. It is believed by all persons in

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs? supervisory capacities

Mr. Stroup is most cooperative in our school program, and I am sure from the standpoint of the community, he extends himself favorably within the limits of time. } that Mr. Stroup enjoys teaching.

- 3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching? What new devices?

This candidate is knowledgeable and participating in the development of the audio-tutorial math program at Roosevelt Junior High School. He will become more involved as the program develops. This is taping the verbal parts of presentation, then making lessons available to students during independent study time in areas other than the classroom.

- 4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

To my knowledge, Mr. Stroup would be one who would not be stopped by failure. He is one of great courage and determination. Mr. Stroup has proven adaptability in his approach to using the new concept in education in our school--flexible modular scheduling.

- 5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Mr. Stroup has many fine qualities. He is a fine appearing person with a pleasant personality. His interest in and attitude toward helping students is very apparent. Ron is one who rationalizes well and does not make hasty judgements that tend to precipitate additional problems. It is evident that his military training is an asset to him in education. It is my belief that he has a great future in education because of his sincerity and approach in his work.

- 6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

Not stated as a weakness, but let it be known that Mr. Stroup is fairly new in education. Experience will strengthen this candidate, and I predict he will be outstanding.

(Mr. Stroup is a good family man, has an interest in his community and does a great deal of work in his church. It is a pleasure to have such an employee on our staff.)

- 7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Stroup is a veteran of Vietnam. He served as a helicopter pilot and had his share of combat experience. Ron returned to civilian life and came to our school immediately upon separation from the Service. His stability was immediately identified because of his absolute dedication and confidence in his new task.

An extremely fine candidate, I hope he is given serious consideration as an outstanding teacher because he does possess all the qualities.

Name of recommending person Stanley A. Kuhl

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