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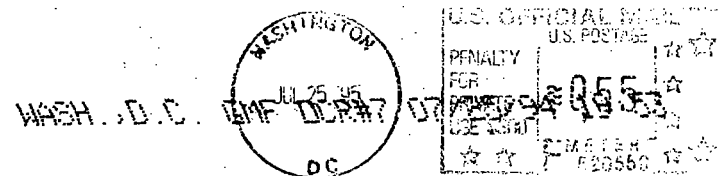
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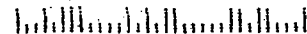
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II. National Senior Service Corps

The National Senior Service Corps is a network of programs supported by the Corporation that helps older American engage in service. The Senior Corps is comprised of three primary programs that involve 500,000 seniors in service, i.e., Foster Grandparents Program, Senior

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