

What are the specific ways in which the Diplomatic Service serves the public in the United States ?

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The list that follows aims to answer this question. This list contains a general and probably incomplete survey of the work of the American Legation at Copenhagen during the past year. It should be borne in mind that it applies to one of our smaller and less important missions, during a period in which no outstanding or critical cases or developments have occurred. It indicates merely the average and usual routine of any diplomatic mission in ordinary times, and it is in no sense a criterion of the work of our Embassies or more important Legations, nor of any of our missions in countries where political and economic conditions are still seething as a result of the war. It represents, probably, the minimum activity that should be expected from any mission in the service, but it indicates some of the ways in which the Diplomatic Service is of use to the American public. Under the reduced appropriations, and consequently the reduced personnel, during the present fiscal year, it will not be possible for the Legation even to approximate this list of activities.

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