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Dear Professor Kaminski,

I wanted to express my immense gratitude for your kind invitation to participate this year in the manuscript workshop program *Recovering Forgotten Histories*. I found the comments by the scholars informative and instructive, providing perspectives that were very helpful in shaping the ways in which we think and write about the history of Central and Eastern Europe. The experience also helped me as an editor to understand issues in historical interpretation that I will be able to bring to my readings of other manuscripts I acquire in this area of history.

The program provided a wonderful opportunity to meet with historians from Poland and elsewhere in the region, to hear about the trends in historical research and writing there, and to establish connections with scholars who may serve as manuscript reviewers or even authors of books in the future, as one of the mandates of Harvard University Press is to make available to English-language readers the best of international scholarship.

Beyond the purely academic advantages of the program, being able to visit sites that had only been known to me through books brought Poland's and the region's history to life in a visceral way, underscoring the historical richness, complexity, and centrality of a large part of Europe that all too often is seen as tangential to European history as a whole. My idea behind publishing books on Central and Eastern Europe at Harvard University Press has always been to bring the region's history into the mainstream narrative of European history, and I believe the manuscript workshop program in Poland can prove instrumental in furthering that goal.

Thank you again for inviting me to the program, and I hope for its continued success in bringing together scholars, authors, and editors in the common pursuit of integrating the study of Central and Eastern Europe into European, indeed world, history.

Sincerely,

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