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CC. **Professor Andrzej S. Kamiński,**

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Dear Pani Eulalia Łazarska,

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful conference. Without a doubt this was the most intellectually stimulating conference I have attended and I am very grateful to you for inviting me to it.

It was a great privilege to have three eminent Polish scholars read my book manuscript in detail before publication and I am sure that it will help me to improve it a great deal before I submit it to Cambridge University Press in the coming months. This was the first opportunity I have had to see how my research is received by Polish historians and political scientists and it was an extremely beneficial experience for me.

The three Polish scholars who read my manuscript were able to make a large number of important suggestions to help me improve the manuscript and ensure that what I have written accurate. For example, they have helped me to see that I should add nuance to the way I describe the Soviet occupation of eastern Poland in the years 1939-41 and the way I explain the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. They have also convinced me that I need to add to the manuscript an analysis of the way the whole of Polish society was fundamentally altered, both psychologically and socially, by the experience of the Nazi German occupation of Poland during the Second World War. Similarly, their comments helped me to gain a somewhat more sophisticated understanding of the nature of communist ideology and the character of Poland's communist-led regime in the immediate post-war period. They have

