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Dear Lilka:

A few weeks ago I received the last of the commentaries on my book, *The European Culture Area*. Reviewing the comments I received reminded me of what an extraordinary opportunity it was to be able to participate in this year's program on "the image of Central Europe in English-language academic textbooks." The conference itself was most interesting—providing me not just with an opportunity to discuss my book with scholars who had read it carefully, but to learn from the discussion of other books and to enhance my knowledge of Central Europe through our joint explorations. And the post-conference feedback I received will be of great help as I prepare the next edition of my book.

It is rare that those of us writing academic textbooks have the opportunity to receive the kind of feedback provided by those who took on the task of commenting on my book. As a result of the insights they provided, I will be able to provide more nuanced coverage of Poland and its neighbors in the next edition of the book, which in turn will help improve North American students' understanding and appreciation of the region. This simply would not have been possible without the opportunity I had to participate in this year's program.

Please accept my profound thanks for the role you played in facilitating my participation in this year's program, and please also convey my appreciation to Professor Andrej Kamiński, Ekanterina Kolb, and others who are a part of the extraordinary program you oversee.

Best regards,

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