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Dear Vice President Sweedler:

Pursuant to letter of Provost Marlin dated 3 November 1999, I am reporting on my visit to Moscow to enhance international opportunities for SDSU students.

On 14-23 January 2000 I visited Moscow to explore with Moscow State University (MGU) the possibility of an intensive one-month summer course for SDSU students there. I met with Mikhail K. Barashat, Director of International Student Programs, with whom I spend two years while working on my doctorate. He developed a proposal and a budget for 10-15 students this summer and was most encouraging about the prospects for this project. The students would have classes in the MGU Humanities Building and stay at the dorm with special floors reserved for foreign students, which has their own kitchen and comfortable and large individual rooms.

With him I worked out the details for a program of English-speaking SDSU students. For a period of four weeks, students would take one-hour of survival Russian, one and a half hour of Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure (CJA 420) and one and a half hour of Crim Admin: Russian Criminal Justice (CJA 301 or 496). The program would be supplemented with two visits each week: one to the courts and the other to a law enforcement or correctional activity. There would also be one excursion each week of the Moscow sites. The SDSU students would receive credit for the course. The standard text would be used for CJA 420, but materials would be provided on the Russian Criminal Justice System.

The projected cost for this program would be \$2,000 per student, which would include the airfare. The details of the program have to be finalized and approved, but it would be a great start for SDSU to have a presence at the most prestigious university in the former Soviet Union. To the extent practicable English-speaking Russian students would be permitted to attend these courses. The Russian students are very eager to get a chance to speak English with our students, so that our students would get a much better understanding of this very different community and culture.

During my stay I met with law enforcement officials at our Embassy who would assist in arranging the visits to law enforcement activities. I met with a judge of the Moscow Regional Court, where they conduct jury trials, and he would help on the court visits.

During my stay I met with Professor Alexei G. Barabashev, Deputy Director of the MGU Institute of Public Administration. I discussed the possibility of SDSU School of Public Administration submitting a grant proposal to initiate an exchange with their institute. They were very favorable to our interest in such a program, but the State Department would make the determination on the grant.

Within the month I hope the student program might be approved, for I believe there is enough interest to undertake this program this summer. It would be a challenge for our students in an exciting environment

where a totally different approach is taken to criminal justice. If we could not find enough interest among criminal justice majors, the program would be made available to other SDSU undergraduates.

SDSU should also consider some limited type of exchange of students or professors from MGU.

There is an excellent opportunity to develop a regular relationship with MGU, and my visit was a good first step.

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