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To: International Programs Council

From: Veronica Shapovalov, Associate Professor of Russian

Re: International Programs Grant

In Spring 2000, I received a grant to explore the possibilities of establishing a study abroad program in St. Petersburg, Russia. On May 24--June 8, 2000, I travelled to St. Petersburg. I met with the Chair of the Department of Translation of St. Petersburg University and we agreed to establish a program awarding a joint degree in Translation. The program will include both students and faculty of St. Petersburg University and San Diego State University (as well as California State Universities). We signed the preliminary agreement and presently we are working out the details of the program.

I also met with the Director of Benois Institute in St. Petersburg and we agreed to establish a study abroad program in St. Petersburg for San Diego State University students. The program will involve studying the Russian language, Russian and European cultures, and Russian cultural history.

I met with the Chair of the Department of Foreign Literatures (Comparative Literatures). We discussed possible academic cooperation between the Department of European Studies at San Diego State University and the Department of Foreign Literatures at St. Petersburg University. Such academic cooperation will be profitable for both institutions.

I also visited the Library of the Academy of Sciences and broached the subject of providing information on library materials for San Diego State University faculty. The head librarians were cooperative and enthusiastic.

In conclusion, I feel that my travel to St. Petersburg was fruitful and significantly furthered the interests of SDSU.

cc. Nancy A. Marlin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs