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Mr. John Righetti, President Carpatho-Rusyn Society 112 Crescent Drive Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143

Dear John:

We missed you very much in Washington, D.C. I wish to take this opportunity to share with you and the national board of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society our recent experience with the National Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. Under the direction of Dr. Victor Haburchak, members of the National Chapter did a wonderful job in operating the book booth at the national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies held last week in Washington, D.C. We had our biggest sales record to date and were visited by hundreds of scholars, civic activists, and media persons interested in Slavic studies and in the lands and cultures of central and eastern Europe.

Of particular importance was the work of Professor Elaine Rusinko and Dr. Haburchak on yet another front; namely, in organizing official meetings of the Rusyn-American community and president of the World Congress of Rusyns at the embassies of Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, and the Vatican (enclosed is a draft of the news release on that subject). This is the third such visitation to foreign embassies and US government officials within one year, and it can truly be saident that the National Chapter has become an effective advocate body on behalf of Carpatho-Rusyns worldwide. The work of the National Chapter has raised the prestige of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society within and beyond the borders of the United States.

With appreciation for our on-going cooperation with the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, I remain,

Sincerely

Chairman

cc: V. Haburchak

E. Rusinko

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