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Senator Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Committee on Labor and Human Resources  
Washington, D.C. 20510  

Dear Senator Pell:

I am profoundly moved by your continuing interest in my project. Professor Sam Driver has given me your letter to him of December 3rd and asked me to explain to you the state of affairs in connection with the Department of Education. I will gladly provide this information.

The response of the Office of International Education Program to your inquiry about my project that they had "never received either a formal or an informal proposal from Professor Tamarchenko" is apparently the result of an oversight on their part. I had followed the official instructions and sent three copies of my proposal, together with the three applications required, to the Application Control Center on July 14, 1981. The Center had acknowledged receipt of the materials (on receipt 1981 #095AHI0603). These documents should be in their possession and presumably are. In addition, on the same day I sent another copy of my proposal and application to Mr. Steven Pappas, Program Officer, International Understanding Program along with an explanatory letter. They were returned to me on September 24th accompanied by the letter of refusal. Afterwards I had no further contacts with the Department of Education.

Relying upon the initial planning grant from Exxon Foundation I am now in the process of negotiating with Boston University and Boston College about the affiliation of, and promises for, the proposed Institute. Clearly, financial support by the Department of Education might prove crucial if the proposal were to be brought to fruition.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has responded favorably to my proposal. But they have introduced conditions which pose a major barrier. In particular, they indicated that they might be willing to provide 90% of the budget, but only if we are able to raise the rest of the funds from interested universities. At present representatives of several universities have expressed enthusiastic support for the Institute and are already campaigning for funds. There are still no tangible results. However, this is why I especially appreciate...
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your efforts with the Department of Education on behalf of this project.

Yours gratefully,

Grigory Tamarchenko

Professor Grigory Tamarchenko

Enclosures: 1. First page of Professor G. Tamarchenko's application to the Application Control Center, Department of Education (xerox copy).

2. Acknowledgment of (#95AH10603) (xerox copy) from the Application Control Center to Professor G. Tamarchenko.

3. Letter from Professor Tamarchenko to Mr. Steven Pappas, International Understanding Program, July 14, 1981 (xerox copy).

4. Official reply to Professor Tamarchenko from Mr. Thomas Patrick Melady, Assistant Secretary of Education, Office of Post-secondary Education, September 21, (xerox copy)
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF ACTION
☐ Preapplication
☐ Application
☐ Notification of Intent (Opt.)
☐ Report of Federal Action

2. APPLICANT/GRANT APPLICANT'S NUMBER

3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT
a. Applicant Name: Dr. Grigory Tamarchenko
b. Organization Unit: Harvard Univ., Russian Research Center c. Street/P.O. Box: 1737 Cambridge Street
h. Contact Person (Name): Dr. Mark Pinson (495 4134)

5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

6. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT
A-Non-Profit
B-Governmental
C-For-Profit

7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT
Creation of a Russian Studies Institute providing intensive professional and long term global immersion in Russian language and culture, as well as in history, social science, economics, business, international relations, political science, etc. for Graduate teachers and professionals specialized in East-West relations.

8. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT
Impact on all United States

9. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING

10. PROPOSED FUNDING

11. FEDERAL

12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

13. APPLICANT

14. PROJECT

15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 1st or 2nd)
A-Increase Dollars
B-Decrease Dollars
C-Increase Duration
D-Decrease Duration
E-Other (Specify):

16. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY

17. PROJECT DURATION

18. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

19. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST


21. REMARKS ADDED

22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT

23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE

24. AGENCY NAME

25. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

26. ADDRESS

27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION

29. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION

30. ACTION TAKEN

31. FUNDING

32. FEDERAL

33. ACTION DATE

34. STARTING DATE

35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)

36. ENDING DATE

37. REMARKS ADDED

ED Form 675, 4/81 (CFDA 84.006)
Dear Mr. Pappas:

First of all I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your interest in my proposal and for sending me application forms (c/o David Powell). Today I have mailed three copies of the application to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Washington, D.C. 20202. The fourth copy I am enclosing in this letter, hoping that you will find time to read it.

My proposal is supported by about forty scholars at a variety of universities and institutions throughout the United States. Your information that President Reagan spoke favorably on the activation of international studies programs raises my hopes. Every day it becomes more and more evident, that in-depth study of the modern Russian language and culture as well as social structure and economic, scientific, and political life of Soviet society is indispensable for the national interests of the United States.

Recently the proposal of a Russian Studies Institute was seriously discussed by prominent Harvard scholars (with and without my participation). They promised to assist in the organization of the institute in every way possible if I receive an appropriate grant.

Some of the scholars favoring the proposal offered to write letters of support when the time comes to make a decision on the grant for the Russian Studies Institute. Professor Richard Pipes (National Security Council) in his letter of June 1, 1981 says: "You can certainly count on my support if and when you come nearer the sources of funds and require the opinion of a Russian scholar to the effect that your project is well worthwhile."

I would like to know your opinion on the importance of such support. Maybe you could let me know when the proper time comes to send such letters.

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely,

Grigory Tamarchenko

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Dear Colleague:

Your grant application submitted under the International Understanding Program (Part N of Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended) has been evaluated by a panel of academic consultants and carefully reviewed by the staff of the Department of Education.

I regret to inform you that your application was not selected for funding. In accordance with Department of Education grants management procedures, your application is herewith returned to you.

Please be assured that every consideration was given your proposal. Over 350 applications were received in this year's competition for grant awards under the International Understanding Program. The funds available to this program enabled us to make awards to approximately 11% of this year's applicants.

You should also know that as a result of the reconciliation bill recently passed by the Congress, and approved by the President, the International Understanding Program will not be funded for Fiscal Year 1982, and the legislation will be repealed effective October 1, 1982.

Thank you for your interest in the program and for your efforts in the preparation and submission of an application.

Sincerely,

Thomas Patrick Melady
Assistant Secretary
Office of Postsecondary Education