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Dear Mr. Daskalopoulos:

I am pleased to send you some material describing the Fifth Annual Celebration of Modern Greek Letters held at the University of Minnesota on May 14, honoring the poet Kostis Palamas. The event featured an extensive exhibit of books, manuscripts and photographic material dealing with the life and work of Palamas, as well as an exhibit of lithographs by contemporary Greek artists and engravers. It was attended by over 400 individuals from Minnesota, the United States at large, and from abroad. Speakers included faculty members as well as library and administrative officials from the University of Minnesota. The main speaker was Professor Constantine Trypanis, the General Secretary of the Academy of Athens, who came from Athens especially for the event as a representative of the Academy of Athens and of the Palamas Institute. His presentation was on "The Poetry of Kostis Palamas."

With this event, we concluded the first phase of our ten-year plan in our efforts to promote modern Greek studies at the University of Minnesota. We feel that they have been five successful years, despite limitations of resources, with regard to the development of the Modern Greek collection, the teaching of courses, and our publication series. We look forward to the next phase of our operation. We hope you enjoy the enclosed brochure and if you have any questions about our program, feel free to write and I will try to answer them for you.

Sincerely,

Theofanis G. Stavrou Professor of History

Director of Modern Greek Studies

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