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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Oleg Pocheptsov who is a visiting scholar in the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Pocheptsov and his wife currently hold J-1/J-2 exchange visitor status which is valid until March 31, 1993. It is possible to extend his stay for another year.

Your kind consideration of Mr. Pocheptsov's request will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,



Ann Kuhlman
Associate Director

Dear Professor Gerbner,

Many thanks for your fax of July 26.

I would certainly be great if you come and give lectures. We are indeed much interested but unfortunately so far we are not in a position to meet your (quite natural) requirements.

As it was indicated in the fax signed by the Rector, we can provide lodging (in the Institute dormitory where there is a special division for foreign scholars) and pay in local currency professor's salary for two weeks (irrespective of the actual duration of your stay). Unfortunately, we cannot cover full round-trip airfare. You once told me about your visit to Budapest. I thought it feasible that you could prolong your stay in Europe by coming to Kiev to give a couple of lectures and to make sightseeing the city, one of the ancient cities of the Slavic world. If you liked it, you could stay at my place. This will be a great privilege and honour for my family and me. You could fly back to the U.S. either going back to Budapest or direct from Kiev. I hope that you will find this plan workable.

Yours very truly,


Prof. Dr. George G. Pocheptsov

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December 23, 1993

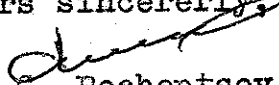
Dear Professor Gerbner,

On the eve of the New Year, surveying the events of the past I cannot but write you. This was the year of great trials for me and my family and I cherish a thankful memory of you. You gave an invaluable help, moral and financial, many times and at the moments it was most needed. On the first days of my stay in the U.S. I had many sleepless nights trying to find the way out of the situation. Certainly, I could do nothing having no command of the situation, ignorant of the law and practices in your country. I did what I could physically, also trying to keep Oleg's spirits up but without your help my efforts would have been quite fruitless. Thank God, Oleg is recuperating now. We pray that all what we went through will be never repeated.

I hope you received my previous letter concerning your prospective visit to Kiev. As I wrote earlier, we shall be pleased to host you and your wife here, pay for the lecture(s) you might like to give but unfortunately the Institute is not in a position to cover travel expenses. Since I wrote you last, things have gone even tougher in Ukraine. One fact from my professional experience. Temporarily the teaching staff are not paid salaries as the Ministry of Education have no sufficient means to support higher educational institutions in full. Travel, publishing, distant telephone call expenses are currently not financed by the Ministry. If one intends to go to a conference, he or she should look for sponsors to financially support him. Nevertheless the Institute keeps functioning: lectures are given, dissertations are defended. However many members of the faculty as well as students have additional jobs elsewhere. Such distractions certainly tell on the quality of education.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,


George G. Pocheptsov

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April 20, 1995

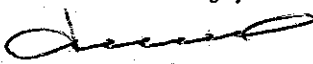
Professor George Gerbner
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Dear Professor Gerbner,

My wife Tamara Chkhetiani (she is a Georgian) has won a Fulbright grant for four months in the coming academic year 1996/97 for research on CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO LANGUAGE USE: AMERICAN ENGLISH AND UKRAINIAN/RUSSIAN CONTRASTED. Hopefully, this will make it possible for both of us to come to PHILADELPHIA. She indicated the Penn University as a top priority institution in the U.S. and showed you as one whom she knows and who knows her. I hope you will excuse me for prompting her your name as a possible referee. She is currently working (full-time) at her doctorate and the prospective stay in the U.S.A. will contribute to its successful completion.

I hope that you and your family are doing well.

Yours truly,


George G. Pocheptsov

June 20, 1995

Prof. George G. Pocheptsov
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Dear Prof. Pocheptsov:

I hasten to write between trips. As you see from the stationery, I am no longer at The Annenberg School for Communication. I now have my own research office not far from campus.

Congratulations to Dr. Chkhetiani for the Fulbright. I will be delighted write a supporting letter if requested, and to see you both when you are here.

Sincerely yours,

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