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Dear Sirs

I would like to express my gratitude for the possibility of participating in the Phoenix Institute Summer Seminar in Kartause Gaming.

There is so much to thank for. It has been even a greater experience than I had expected.

The Seminar gave me a thorough insight into the basis of Western Cultures, took me into a journey to its roots and explained what is most essential.

Thanks to the course I acquired a better approach towards Western Civilization. I have not realized so far how much the ancient heritage influenced the culture I am also a part of.

I am very glad I had the possibility to attend lectures delivered by dr. Evans and dr. Waldstein which were inspiring and gave me an incentive to independent thinking. Not only what they delivered but also their charisma impressed me. The professors were always approachable and eager to share their knowledge and experience during both tutorial and informal meetings.

I appreciate the fact that everyone was invited to take the floor, and we were given enough occasions to do that. The study groups were ideal place to brainstorm the ideas. The discussions were so absorbing that we sometimes continued talking at dinner.

What I find most exciting was meeting people from other countries. I was happy to learn about their specific way of thinking as well as to exchange experience with them. At the same time, however, I realized how much we all had in common, which made us understand one another, no matter where we came from. I got tied to people as we spent a lot of time together. They were so outgoing and open-minded. I was also happy to meet the Institute staff.

I am very glad Phoenix Institute attaches so much importance to social activities. Our stay here was indeed very diversified. We participated in many joyful events, such as international dinner where we could savor traditional dishes from different corners of the world and the Polish evening, which gave my Polish fellows and me the opportunity to present our culture. We could also enjoy the beauty of the landscape, hiking in the mountains surrounding Kartause and visiting other places in the vicinity. I was impressed by the visit to the Melk Abbey, as well as to sanctuary in Mariazell. The time spent here passed so quickly and I wish the seminar could last more.

I would like to thank you for the scholarship, which enabled me to take part in the greatest adventure of my life.

Yours faithfully

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