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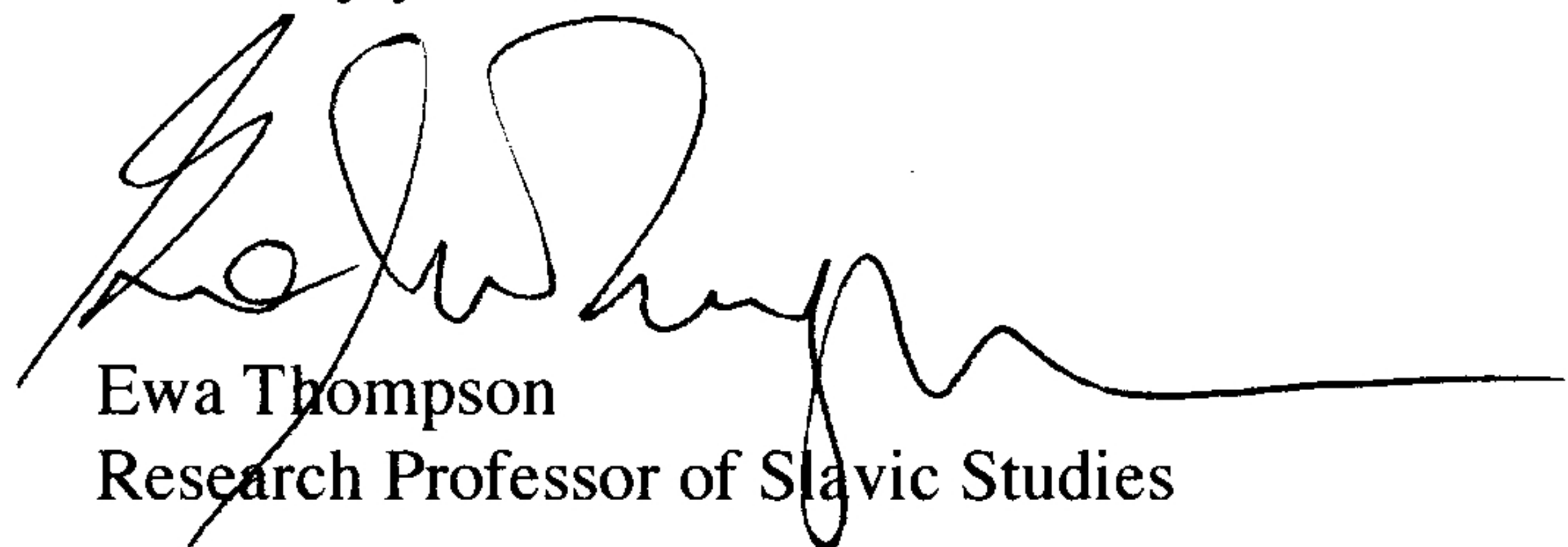
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Mr. Stefan Wisniowski
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Dear Mr. Wisniowski:

I strongly support the *Kresy* project. During my youth in Poland, I saw films, read books and articles about the atrocities committed by the Nazis in Poland. Monstrous they were and they should never be forgotten. However, as Jan Tomasz Gross (no great friend of Poland) has pointed out in *Revolution from Abroad*, for the Catholic population of Soviet-occupied Poland between 1939–1941 alone, the mortality rate caused by the occupiers was six times that suffered by both Jewish and Catholic Poles in the region occupied by the Nazis. Here is what Gross writes: “[T]he Soviets killed or drove to their deaths three or four times as many people as the Nazis from a population half the size of that under German jurisdiction” (*Revolution from Abroad*, 1st ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton Univ. Press, 1988), p. 229). The enormity of this fact has yet to be understood by most Poles, let alone citizens of other nations. It is hard to imagine a history project more important to this and future generations of Poles than that proposed in the *Kresy* project.

Sincerely yours,



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