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Mrs. Mary Ann Novak  
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RE: "Lou Novak Croatian American Studies Memorial Fund"

Dear Mary Ann,

Many thanks for your letter date August 25, 2004. I welcome the idea of a memorial fund for Lou, as it will raise public consciousness and understanding of Croatian history and culture.

More than that, this would honor the major contribution Lou has made, along with you at his side, for the work at the Croatian Consulate General with Consulate affairs in St. Paul since it's inception in 1995. His work should never be forgotten and should serve as an example to future generations of Croatian Americans. I am pleased that Dr. Rudy Vecoli, Director of the University of Minnesota Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) has made the suggestion to initiate and establish the Croatian American Fellowship at IHRC.

It is my honor to make a \$5,000.00 contribution towards the establishment of the "Lou Novak Fund". I am forever grateful and will cherish the memory of my friend Lou, who has given us all so much. His kindness and ever smiling face and soul when he spoke with anyone, his unselfish gift of time, energy and love for his beloved Croatia up until the time of his passing this past July, will always be remembered.

Mary Ann, I know these are difficult times for you and your family. Please accept our words of support and our friendship for everything Lou and you have stood for and done for me, Anna, our community.

Kindest Regards,

Boris A. Miksic  
Honorary Consul General  
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