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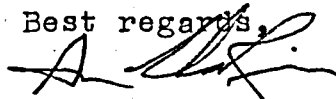
Dear Sylva:

I want to convey to you my much-delayed but nevertheless heart-felt thanks for the time you spent with us in Albuquerque. As an "almost lost" Armenian who grew up without speaking the language, I am particularly grateful for your efforts, for the efforts of Archbishop Manoogian, and for the role of the Armenian Church in general in encouraging this community to re-discover and perpetuate its Armenian identity and heritage. The more I learn about the educational undertakings of the Church, the more I am impressed with the conviction, hard work, and professionalism of those involved.

I look forward to receiving the printed version of the materials used in the intensive language workshop, so that we may recall and re-inforce what we learned. In the meantime, on February 14 we will be holding our first brush-up session for those people who were in the December workshop.

Thanks again for your graciousness and enthusiasm.

Best regards,



Armen Chakerian