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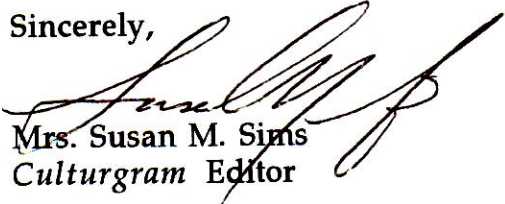
This letter certifies that Dr. George Khutsishvili is the author of a document entitled *Georgia Culturgram 96*, which joins 142 other titles in the *Culturgram* series published by Brigham Young University's David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies. The series has been published since 1975 and has been annually updated and expanded since 1990. Recognized in educational, business, and government circles as a valuable source of primary information, the *Culturgram* series is appreciated in thousands of schools, libraries, offices, and homes throughout the United States and Canada.

Dr. Khutsishvili, despite being extremely busy during exchanges with Stanford University in California and Queen's University in Canada, devoted considerable attention to our project to ensure that information to be published about Georgia is accurate and useful. Much of the project was completed while Dr. Khutsishvili was in Georgia and communication links were unreliable at time. Nevertheless, he was very persistent in seeing to the completion of the project, including helping to coordinate the review stage.

All *Culturgrams* must be reviewed by competent professional individuals before we will publish them. For this text, all reviewers were in Georgia. Each person responded freely and frankly, a fact which allowed for our revision stage to be highly successful. All reviewers praised Dr. Khutsishvili for his work and for his insights. Since so little is known in the United States about the culture of Georgia, this publication will be vital to international and multicultural education in schools and libraries throughout the country.

We are very proud of our new *Georgia Culturgram*, and are equally honored to have had such a fine scholar as Dr. Khutsishvili prepare the original text. His name does not appear on the published document, but this is due only to copyright issues and the fact that we update and revise each *Culturgram* on an annual basis. Nevertheless, the lack of public credit in no way detracts from Dr. Khutsishvili's significant contribution to our series, to his people, and to education. He is a true scholar with excellent skills who is easy and pleasant to work with. It is my hope that he continue to be well received by institutions that have the good fortune to associate with him.

Sincerely,


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