

FEB. 11, 1994

DEAR ROBERT,

THE COPY OF THE BOOK IS A GIFT.

THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK, MATH EDUCATION AT ITS BEST: THE POTSDAM MODEL, DR. DATTA, BECAME KNOWN TO ME ABOUT 2 MONTHS BEFORE HE COMPLETED HIS SABBATICAL LEAVE YEAR AT SUNY POTSDAM. HE SENT ME A DRAFT OF HIS OBSERVATIONS AT SUNY POTSDAM, AND I SENT HIM SOME MATERIALS ABOUT OUR MATHEMATICS PROGRAM WHICH I HAD SENT OTHER MATHEMATICIANS WHO HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAM. SHORTLY AFTER HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION I SENT HIM, HE TELEPHONE ME THAT HE DESIRED TO MEET ME. I EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD BE IN POTSDAM WITHIN A MONTH TO CHECK ON OUR HOUSE IN POTSDAM WHICH WE HAD UP FOR SALE. WHEN WE VISITED POTSDAM, I MET DR. DATTA AND WE HELD A CONFERENCE WITH EACH OTHER FOR LESS THAN 2 HOURS. AS HE WAS COMPLETING HIS VISIT AT SUNY POTSDAM, HE TELEPHONED ME HERE AT OUR FARM AND INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS GOING TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT HIS VISIT. WHEN I RECEIVED A COPY OF HIS BOOK, I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT HE HAD MADE A GOOD ANALYSIS OF THE MATHEMATICS PROGRAM STARTED AT MORGAN STATE COLLEGE AND EXTENDED TO POTSDAM STATE COLLEGE, ESPECIALLY HIS ANALYSIS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROLE MODELS. KNOWING YOUR INTEREST IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND THE SUNY POTSDAM PROGRAM, I WAS HAPPY TO SEND YOU A COPY OF HIS BOOK.

PLEASED TO LEARN ABOUT THE GOOD WORK YOU ARE DOING FOR STUDENTS.

BEST WISHES,

Steve