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Subject Deep admiration and appreciation!

Hello Dr. Rotberg:

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Ilene Ingram. I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at Oakland University, which is located in Rochester, Michigan. My purpose for contacting you is to let you know that I "discovered" the second edition of your book entitled "Balancing Change and Tradition in Global Education Reform." Following a recent Academic Cultural Exchange trip to Istanbul, Turkey, I had been pondering the ways in which I could approach and interest my own department faculty members in *critical* dialogues about the need for a much greater awareness and willingness to address global educational reform in the departments Master's, Ed.S., and Ph.D. administrative leadership programs. For someone with your global education perspective, this may seem like a simple matter. However, for me, an African American female teaching in a majority White faculty and student university, it's still a challenge to keep matters such as urban education and the student achievement gap on the agenda. Having said that, I truly wanted to express to you how invaluable your book is to me. In fact, I read it over a period of two days (now that's saying something!), and plan to give it a more comprehensive reading - just to digest the really good stuff again! This title will certainly be on my required reading list for the fall educational administration courses that I teach.

In closing, a member of the 2010 Turkish Cultural Exchange group was your GW colleague, Elizabeth B. Davis, Associate Professor & Director, Organizational Sciences; and Director, GWU Women's Leadership Institute. It was a joy for me to meet Liz and I'm looking forward to seeing her again when I attend the National Council of Professors of Educational Leadership (NCPEA) Conference in Washington this coming August 3-6. If you are able to do so, I would love to meet you in person, have you autograph my copy of your book, and share a beverage with both you and Liz Davis. Again, thank you for your timely and important work.

Best regards,
Ilene Ingram