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Dear Class Members,

Welcome to the world of Catherine II of Russia.

We are excited to share this world and Robert Massie's book with you.

Whether this is your first class with OLLI or your fiftieth, we hope you will enjoy the book, the discussions, the videos and class presentations. We hope each of you will participate fully and that, as we go along, you will let us know if there is any way we can make this a richer, more engaging experience for you.

A list of possible topics for your participation is included along with this email. We hope you will peruse it, and that at least some of you will choose one you are interested in presenting. Of course, this is purely optional, but we do hope you will choose to increase your knowledge of some aspect of this subject by presenting it to the rest of us. There is a bit of 'wiggle room' should you need to present the topic of your choice a week earlier or later

In addition, there are a few questions on the reading for Week I. Please consider them as you read the first

assignment. Given all that we want to do in our first session, we probably won't cover them all, but they should get us off to a good start.

We look forward to meeting you!

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