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Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

I am submitting the enclosed essay as part of my undergraduate application to the College of Arts and Sciences at New York University. This letter provides a brief context for the essay and explains how it reflects my academic interests and preparation for university-level study.

The essay explores the relationship between historical memory and national identity, with particular attention to how public narratives shape collective understanding over time. Rather than offering a broad historical overview, the work focuses on a single case study, allowing for closer analysis and more precise interpretation. This approach reflects my preference for depth over generalization when engaging with complex subjects.

This essay also represents an important step in my academic development. It draws on coursework in history and literature while incorporating independent research and analytical writing beyond classroom requirements. Through this work, I began to understand how research questions evolve through revision and reflection, a process I am eager to continue at the university level.

Thank you for considering my application and the accompanying materials. I appreciate your time and attention to my work.

Sincerely,

Anna Petrova