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Hi again! This is just a very preliminary report based on on-site inspections and conversations with Lydia, Kniazkov and the techies. I have not succeeded as yet in locating Starostin or Kior who are said to have more information. Lydia just told me essentially what yor message said, i.e. that Voskinyantz seems to be in immediate jeopardy, perhaps ((only perhaps) because of his cooperation with us. I have seen the fax to Afanasyev and can only hope it helps. The rector's leaving for France late next week, I understand.

Here's the latest: Construction on th 3rd floor is underway, but far from complete to a non-builder's eye. In the new kitchen-to-be (Sandy and Sheva's), all the contents have been ripped out, a door has been installed and a sink is present, but not connected. The walls are raw and the floors are still being worked on. The electricians have clearly been hard at work and have installed various new lines and sockets of various kinds, but they've ripped jagged holes in all the walls to do so. Repairing them will take some time, I imagine. I haven't seen the new furnishings, but I would assume they're in storage. I'll check with Voskinyantz or the engineers tomorrow (Wed).

The doubles are all beeing worked on simultaneously. There's clearly been a lot of work underway: Door openings have been puched throug in each room, but only in one or two cases have doors been installed in an unfinished manner. The extra toilets have been removed and the floors waterproofed, but the new showers have yet to be installed. In every room, they've had to peel off the wallpaper and tear up pars of the floor; repairing those features will also take time.

David: Bottom line -- They're clearly working, but I'm not entirely sure it's fast enough. I won't know for sure till tomorrow where they figure to put Roskies if he arrives as scheduled; maybe in a temporary accommodation. Please don't blast them till you hear frm me again as there's much I need to check with Kior and the engineers. MAYBE they can still pull it off, IF the rector sits on them hard. I'm not sure.... I am very concerned about Voskinyantz' fate, abot Vlasva's extortions and about growing pressures for u to move our library fast, even though the room needs work.

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Nikolskaya progress report: Funds for repairs were left by me with Strostin and he HAS made them available to the techies as needed. The result is that the Rooms 12 and 15 (the new offices) look VERY good, all the necessary phone and electrical work is complete, new locks and an internal door have been installed, furnishings (pretty nice ones in Russian terms) are in place. The only thing outstanding is the damn reshotki, but they're promised within the week (maybe). All in all, the boys are producing results again and we could move across pretty much already. I'm informed that a number of others here have their eyes on those rooms (inc. Bezborodov!), but they've already invested a lot of work, so we're going to make damn sure that we hold onto the spaces. Your faxes were recieved; the fax, for now, remains 975-21-60 as before.

Other stuff: Did you promise Shulman a copy of a letter to Mordkhe Schaechter? Where is it?!

Were you able to locate an Aramaic text for the student who requested it? If so, will it arrive with Roskies? Thanks.

We hope to have our modem at Miuskaya back tomorrow which will make life easier and communications more frequent, particularly important just now.

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The vacation was great, but running around seeing relatives and buying supplies isn't all that relaxing, even in the sun. More info to follow ASAP.

Please respond to the above questions as soon as you can. Thanks. Yehiel.