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To: John Rhoden
William A. Smith
Franklin Watkins

Dear *John*

I have just returned from Washington where I attended several conferences relative to the US-USSR exhibition that is to be held in Moscow next summer. While I was there I went around to Mr. Colwell's office (IES) since I had heard that there was a package there for me from Moscow. Upon arrival I examined the shipments and I found not only shipments for me, but for each of you including a box of your films, John. All of these are being well taken care of; however, the agency had no way to pack the material and forward it on. The truth of the matter is that the two packages that belong to me were brought back on the train when I returned last night.

One of the larger packages of mine has not been delivered - that is a package that contains some ten or twelve records which was purchased when I was in Moscow and also the books that were presented at the time that we went to the Academy. I remember, Bill, that you asked for one of these books. I am writing Martin at the Embassy in Moscow now to ask him to check on that package in view of the fact that I know two packages were left at the Embassy and the contents of the entire first package has not been received. The portfolio of icons did arrive and although the case was rather badly damaged due to insufficient packing, the reprints came through in perfect condition. Following your suggestion, Watty, and assuming that that is perfectly in accordance with your wish - I shall have the entire collection photographed on 2X2 slides and send you a set of these slides, thus retaining the plates that you are entitled to have. Be sure that this is in accordance with your wish. This will mean that with the permission of John and Bill, I shall retain the entire portfolio here until I can have it photographed - slides being made from the entire collection. And, John, I shall await further word from you following our conversation at the hotel at Tbilisi. As things stand I shall certainly abide by your wishes. Bill, I hope this is in order, and although there will be some delay in getting this out, rest assured that as soon as these plates can be photographed those that you are entitled to have will be sent properly packed to your address there. In the meantime, I thought that you people would welcome the knowledge that your other shipments were in Washington.

Best wishes to all.

Cordially

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