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Prof. Mathew Meselson,
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Dear Mathew,

QUESTION LIST #1

I am presuming that your green spots are the residences of the green numbered leprecauns' workplaces.

[a] BORISOV:

(1) His old address was Sanatornaya 11-30 but it is now given as Sovremnikov 15-38. How come? There are no interview notes but you have an "I" notation, whatever that is .. ?Ilona.

(2) His job was with "NII44", which as per your letter we can assume represents Compound 19, so why do you have him working in Compound 32?

[b] What is your basis for assuming that a "34 MSD" address equals a "Compound 32" job?

[c] DYEDOV: The original notes from y'all have a 10th April onset with death at home, but now the onset is given as 9th April. How come? Also you have placed his home too far south.

[d] KOMEL'SKIKH: His original onset was given as the 9th April but it is now the 10th April? How come?

[e] VYATKIN: His grave marker had him dying on 12th April, but you have him dying on the 14th? ditto?

Generic Question: Given a difference in death date between grave stone and death certificate, which do we accept when provided with no other information? The usual rule is to prefer paper over stone (as in the children's game) but may we do that here? Similarly, do we give preference to case/autopsy records over death certificates, or vice-versa?

Let us agree on a priority order. This will have to be discussed and in relation to interview/recall data.

Personally, I prefer the contemporary medical/autopsy records

over everything else, but I am uncertain how to prioritise between interviews, certificates, & grave markers with their obvious shortcomings and occasional clear errors.

[f] KOSHELVA: According to David's notes from the case records she died on the 13th April, not the 12th. You have placed her kindergarten too far to the north.

[g] MARKOVA: According to David, she died on 13th April and was autopsied on the 14th .. but her grave marker (and yourself) have her dying on the 17th April.

[h] SPIRINA: David had her ill on 14th April, and presumably the interviews gave the onset date as the 18th. Which has priority?

[i] IV MAKAROV: You seem to have placed his home about 1 km too far south.

[j] MOCHALOVA:

(1) Can you be more specific for why you have given her an apartment in Compound 32? What were the interview notes on this?

(2) You have given her an age of "68", but her grave marker has her being born in 1913, ie 66 years old?

(3) Her present onset of illness is 14th April, but the original (interview?) notes from y'all had it as the 15th April. How come?

There will be more questions as I continue checking each of your individuals. It is very helpful for me as I am having to recheck my data and maps.

Best wishes to you, Jean and Barbara,

Yours sincerely,



Martin Hugh-Jones