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Dear Matthew,

I hope your trip to Moscow and to the States was good, and you have the chance to meet in Moscow all the people you planned to.

Soon after your departure in the local newspaper "Ekaterinburg tonight" the article appeared entitled "Generals and Sibirian yazva" (sorry for Russian spelling). It appeared to be that some local media crue made a film of the events at the compound 19 with the interviews with the authorities there and explanations what might happen. I am mailing you the copy of this article.

I deeply appreciate your willingness to get me in touch with solid state physicists at Harward, and , possibly, to help to arrange the visit there for me. It would be just great now! I have got recently the message from Don Ellis that he submitted the proposal to National Research Council (COBASE program) for the support to invite me to his group for 1/2 year, and their decision is to be made before November. From my visit to this office in May I have a feeling that there are not many chances for the success there as they do not have much money for this program even it is advertised well. If by chance you have good contacts with NRC, could you, please, find out if something good could be expected from that side? We have completed writing SOROS applications and submitted them. >From my talk with one of the fellows from the Russian SOROS committee , they expect from 3000 to 5000 applications for long-term grants, and will award about 1000 - 1200 grants of the amount from 20K to 60K. So chances exist but they are not too great. It looks at the moment that SOROS funds are going to be the only ones which can really save some science here. Universities, including the Ural State, are going on strike to get salaries increase, which are at the moment far below the poverty level, the Academy of Sciences has the same situation. It is rather sad to write that, but it is like it is.

I have delivered the envelopes you left to the people. If some more should be done here, will do it with pleasure.

Looking forward hearing from you.

Best regards, Yours, Vladimir.