

Petit Saconnex, Geneva,

2/IX/31.



Dear Princess Yasville -

You have been good enough to write me two long nice letters recently, and I have, alas, been so stupid to put off answering until we are in the midst of the busy season in Geneva. Yet I want you to know at least, that we have settled down finally in a nice house here after a stay of three weeks in St. Moritz.

I am glad you took the trouble to stop off in Prague and see you for a few hours. I have asked him to do so for some time, not only on personal grounds, but on account of the S. K. I have urged him and others associated with the Byzantine Institute to give the S. K. a helping hand. So far as I know the B. I. is not yet formally organized in America, and I am not sure

what funds they dispose of, and I dearly hope they will find a way of helping the S.K. this fall. In all such cases, of course, you should be clear of your relationship; I see no objection, for example, of your accepting funds from Roerich, provided there is a clear understanding between both parties and the integrity of the S.K. well protected and recognized. I am sorry I know nothing about Vassiliev or his personality, but I found Vernadsky had good sound sense about dealing with people, and I am sure you can rely on his judgement about such matters in America. I only wish I were there myself to help you out, but I do not expect to return home again until next summer.

Best greetings to you and Jania. It was nice to hear that you both had a good rest this summer.

Wagdar! John.

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Dear Princess Yashville -

Please forgive me for the long delay in answering your nice letter. There wasn't much family news to give you, and anyway I wanted to have a talk first with Vernadsky and Postortzoff before writing you regarding the Kondakov Institute and your ideas for its future activities. I had a delightful visit with them together in New Haven last week, and incidentally I was happy to

see the Aura Europa exhibit there. I hear that Joll has gone back for another season, and hope he is enjoying himself as usual, even in the absence of his "master."

We raked our brains, as you can well believe, over the plight of the Kondakov Institute, and I am afraid that we failed to arrive at any quick and lasting solutions of the problem. I don't honestly believe that we could raise any funds by contribution, - Verushky, after all, has succeeded in getting only about a dozen memberships, and this only

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shows us - alas! - the woeful lack of interest in things Byzantine existing in this country. I suggested to him therefore to try and find additional members and to push the sale of publications. We of course discussed the problem of the funds and materials tied up in New York, but this looks rather hopeless as an immediate way out of our difficulties.

Let us hope that we will be able to work out some new sources of income before it is too late. As

Vernadsky says, it's only a matter of our having an assured revenue of a few hundred dollars a year for administrative expenses. I expect to see him again before sailing, and we will write you further on this matter.

We had a very happy summer at Woods Hole. Mother is in fine condition, all things considered, but unhappily Father is none too strong or lively. We have been rather busy with Francaea's operations - she had her tonsils out and her eye straightened, but she came through both trials in splendid shape. Much love to you all and believe me,
Sincerely yours,
John C. Lane

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VIA XXIV MAGGIO 43
ROMA

Dear Princess Yashville -

Upon returning from Capri, where I spent ten healthy days with my family, I was happy to read the annual report of the Institute. Its activities are growing in scope every year, and I am glad the financial position is now somewhat easier.

Father has given up his plan of visiting Prague,

either going to or coming
from Russia, because of
the extra fatigue of the
journey, and hence we
are starting our trip from
Berlin, about 20th May. •
I expect to arrive in Prague
on the 12th, en route to
Berlin, and Father has asked
me to bring Mr. Jirsa with
me, so that he can have
a Talk with the latter before

entering Russia. I will of course see you in Prague beforehand, and then Father hopes you will feel equal to coming up to Berlin with Mr. Giersa at the end of our trip. He thought two trips to Berlin would be asking too much of you, and perhaps you will agree that it is more worthwhile to see us

after we come out of Russia,
rather than before our visit.

In any case, we can
decide the matter when I
arrive in Prague, and in
the meantime please be
kind enough to ask Mr. Girsá
if he will be ready to go
along to Berlin with me
about 15th May.

Looking forward to
seeing you soon, I am
Affectionately yours,
John O. Lane

522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 19th, 1937



Princess Nathalie Yashville,
c/o Kondokov Institute,
Slunna, ulice 10 Stresovice
Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Dear Princess Yashville:

Please permit me to confirm in writing what Father and I have both told you in person, regarding the disposition of the Bilbine sketches. Father ordered these pictures from the artist in 1930, the last payment for their purchase being made in 1933, records of which exist in this office. In sending the sketches to Prague, it was his intention to give them outright to the Kondokov Institute, and we are glad to know that they are now safely in your possession.

Mother and Father have already left for California where I am joining them next week. We often speak of you and your little group, to whom we wish to be remembered with the utmost affection. May you all have a very Happy and Merry Christmas together!

Sincerely yours,

JOC/fc

John O. Crane

By A. G. 1937

February 14th, 1938.

John O. Crane,
Via XXIV Maggio,
43.
Rome.

Dear Sir,

The Kondakov Institute begs to thank you
for your generous gift of the sum of S. 50 received through
Princess Yashville.

We are deeply touched by this help to the
Institute at a moment of pecuniary difficulties, a help
from you, who have already done so much for the Institute.

Believe us sincerely yours

Acting Director.



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Dear Princess Yashville -
Father has come
through his short visit to
Egypt in fine style and
indeed I think it was done
him a world of good to
see his old Moslem friends
who were all delighted
to see him. I have enjoyed
being with him and to see
him having such a good time

My family meantime
have settled down in Rome
for the winter, but after
spending a couple of days
with them I am taking
Father back to New York
where Mother and Frances
are waiting for him. I
don't know how long I
will be in New York, but
I will try and see the
young engineer you
sent to me - he presented
your letter just as we were

sailing for Naples last month.

As you can imagine, it was a difficult departure. In the midst of the Sudeten crisis, we lost Richard in a hunting accident. Mother was overwhelmed with grief to lose her first born - Frances flew up to Woods Hole to stay with her for a few days, and as Father could not attend the funeral in Westover,

Jesse and I write some of the
younger members of the family
recent to the funeral. It was a
simple country ceremony in keeping
with our dear brother's taste.

While in Cairo, I met a young
Egypt by the name of Wilfrid Day-

Phali, head of their archaeological as-
sociation. He was interested to hear
about the Howland's ~~visit~~ and asked
me to send you some of their publica-
tions. He then joins me in affectionate
 regards. Yours John O. Carr