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Subject: Fwd: Library update from Brandon
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 6, 2015 at 7:32:57 PM EDT
To: Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Library

Dear Richard,

Today, I safely arrived on the Island. Due to my travel, I only worked till 7:00 pm.

Tomorrow, I would like to change the schedule to the early morning hours. I may start as early as 6:00 am and work extra hours each day. Today, I removed the sealer from all horizontal surfaces and partially from the baseboard. Tomorrow, I will start working on the woodwork as Mr. Epstein wants me to.

I have to tell you that I felt like I failed the project. Not having the air-brush, I could not show him what I really wanted to do. You see, the early 18 c. through early 19 c. every painting was painted on the red background.

The colors that appear on the surface are the sum of all the colors applied. Russian Icons have a bright colors, due to the background that was gilt before even the color to the surface was applied.

With the air-brush, I wanted to apply several colors so the sum of them would look very close to the color of all the surfaces finished. Unfortunately, I did not finish what I wanted to show Mr. Epstein. Of course what I showed him was raw, but I did not have a chance to change anything. You see, with the knowledge I have in Art History and skill that I have, we do not have to follow any fashion. We, or I can create a new fashion in wood finishing. Mr. Epstein need to wave the wand and is done. I have to know the outcome he wants. You could sense, that I am frustrated.

The reason I wanted to seal lower cabinets and than finish them, is because they are effected by the molds. I acquired fungicide in powder and will apply it to the surface, but still have to seal it so fungicide will not enter the Library air.

I will send you photos of my work tomorrow.

Brandon

PS Anna promised to deliver the airbrush on Friday, than Saturday, than Monday and so on. Even if someone delivered the airbrush Tuesday, I was ready to work even at night to deliver the finished product. Mr. Epstein brought the airbrush with him.

It was too late.

On Tue, May 5, 2015 at 2:24 PM, Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you.

On Tue, May 5, 2015 at 10:23 AM, Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

thank you
have a safe trip tomorrow

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> On May 5, 2015, at 9:57 AM, Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Kahn,

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> Even this two or three days, allowed me to review some of my past projects and clear my mind.

> I reminded myself the project I did may be 30 years ago. It was on Long Island, I think it was for Mr. Camuto in South Hampton.

> He had a large property there and one room he asked me to finish in the manner of water logged wood and bleached on the sun. I know, I bleached entire Room and work from than the design. Everything started from the "white" and I think, Mr. Epstein has the same idea for his Library, however, in different technique.

> It will take may be a day or less to reverse everything that I have changed. I will finish everything in this "feel" or manner of waterlogged wood, but follow Mr. Epstein technique. I know what he wants, so now it will go much faster. I will make the finish sort of uniform, as he showed me on the column as ideal and make some of the things he requested "wet" looking, like rope, crab, shells. It will not "jump" from the rest very much, but it will be noticeable. I will send you photos of my progress every day, so I will be hoping for some feed back.

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> Brandon

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> PS I am taking with me my tools, as I could not rely on St. Thomas supplies. I also will take variety of brushes. Have I had the air-brush on time, the presentation would turn out better. I could not use the colors, so the top of the cabinets looked raw and unattractive. I will not need the paints, I will buy them from you. We will make an accounting after the project is finished.

> Friend of mine sent me an article about Mr. Epstein. It is titled "Talented Mr. Epstein". Interesting.

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