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Dear Vasif,

Remembering our communication last autumn, which ended in my NOT visiting Istanbul, I wonder if we could make another try. I'm planning a trip to Romania and Moldova in the beginning of November, and I could extend my itinerary to include Istanbul as well. Therefore, I have two questions now:

Would you still be interested in a lecture by me?

There are several themes I could offer to speak about, such as the notions of "Articulation" and "Illustration" in art, contemporary bureaucracy or my current working interest, "Dealing with the future". The latter is the underlying theme in my concept for the "Prophetic Corners" exhibition, the 6th installment of the "Periferic" biennial in Iasi, Romania, of which you are already aware, I think. I attach my preparatory curatorial statement for your information. It is also an update of the process of approaching and inviting artists until now. The response has been very positive.

Would you be able to help me get in touch with some Turkish artists?

I would like to involve artists from Turkey, and possibly Serbia and the Ukraine, in "Prophetic Corners". My concept is not related to regional policies, but I'm interested in looking around for individuals in these countries who could contribute positively to the event and who would be interested in addressing the theme I propose. The main purpose of a visit to Istanbul would, of course, be to meet and talk to interesting artists, with the ambition of inviting at least one of them to participate.

To make it easier for you to process my questions, here are my travelling details so far: November 3-6: Chisinau (I'm organising a round-table with Swedish and Moldovan artists ...), November 6-9: Iasi (Matei Bejenaru is organising a conference about "building an audience for contemporary art" and the Swedish artists need to see the venues in Iasi), November 10-12 (approximately): Bucharest (working session with Ion Grigorescu). Without having checked the logistics of travelling from Bucharest to Istanbul, I believe I could visit you on November 12-15 or so.

Would you be around? Could you help me out with studio visits and maybe a lecturing opportunity?

Looking forward to hearing from you. Best wishes,

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