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Dear Haluk Bey,

I write you privately to ask your advice and judgment about the future of Side Dostlari. As you would have expected, I was very distressed at Jale Hanum's news of her illness and even more so when I saw her looking poorly and, it seemed to me, much less energetic and sturdy than heretofore. Additionally, I was unhappy that no progress had been made on the restoration of the Apollo temple in Side, where a full season's work seems to have been lost.

Jale also told me--something I had not known before--that she was being retired from her university post early next year and would, accordingly, no longer be director of the research station in Antalya; she said, however, that she would remain in charge of field operations (she hoped, of course, as do I, that you will be chosen succeed her in all her capacities).

In any event, I am concerned about who will be in a position--and of a disposition--to carry on the projects that our foundation has been financing. For the remaining years of Jale's active work, I suspect, she will concentrate on Perge, where her heart is. I am happy to support that work, as we have done in the past, but I worry that no one will be giving his/her time and attention to the temple restoration. Zeyneb Nayir seemed to have walked away from the task this year; the question is: will she fall to work on it in 1983 either independently or under Jale's or your supervision? What is your forecast and what, if any, arrangements for the restoration work should we make?

Jale told me that she had handed over to Zeyneb 800,000 T.L. for the work to be done last summer on the temple. Little if any of that sum could have been expended. I asked Jale, therefore, to tell Zeyneb on her return from Italy to deposit the amount in some interest-bearing account, lest it steadily be eroded by inflation. Could you find out and tell me if that has been done? If Zeyneb has not yet made arrangements, I suggest that the money be deposited in a 6-months deposit account I have set up for Side Dostlari in the Osmanli Bankasi branch in Antalya. The hesap number is 0730.50997-6.

Sometime before next April or May we will need, of course, to lay out a program for Side Dostlari expenditures in 1983; and, incidentally, before March I would like the usual report on how the 1982 funds were spent. Can I count on Jale and/or you to send it to me?

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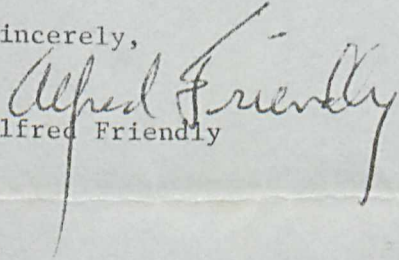
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I will be most grateful for whatever ideas you may have about who can carry on the work of Side Dostlari, and how, and for whatever suggestions you care to make. It goes without saying that if you were willing to take over the responsibility and the work that Jale has done in the past when she is no longer in a position to do so, or has not the energy to do so, we would be overjoyed.

I have not mentioned anything of all this to Jale; I mentioned only my general concern about the future, but Jale failed to make any very clear or specific response. I leave it to your judgment whether you wish to discuss the matter with her or whether we keep it to ourselves for the time being.

I was sorry to have missed you in Side, but I trust that the ailment which plagued you in September has now passed. My wife joins me in all best wishes to you.

Sincerely,


Alfred Friendly

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