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November 28, 1991
To: Alex Glockner
Sona Hamalian
From: Mihran Agbabian
Subject: Invited Lecturers

First, I hope that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Re Alex's memo to Stepan and to me, I would like to refer you to my earlier memo to Margaret in which I had asked her to arrange the invited lectures according to a schedule, on Wednesdays, with special invitations to Dr. Kevork Bardakjian, Professor at University of Michigan, Dr. Gerard Libaridian, Director of Information Services at the Armenian Parliament, Gagik Haroutunian, Vice President of the Republic of Armenia, Papken Ararktsian, vice chairman of the Armenian Parliament. Topics were also suggested for these four speakers: American ethical standards or a similar topic on Western thought and culture for Bardakjian, Techniques of information analysis or a similar subject for Libaridian, the economic restructuring of Armenia for Mr Haroutunian who is an economist, and the restructuring of the Armenian government after the election for Mr. Ararktsian. Sona had contacted the first two, and I had contacted Mr. Haroutunian and Mr. Ararktsian. All four of them had indicated that they would like to participate. I know that in the case of Mr. Haroutunian and Mr. Ararktsian, we should give them an advance notice so that they can pick their own convenient time.

Since Margaret did not inform me if she followed these through, I have no way of knowing if arrangements were made to invite these persons. I had also suggested to her that we should watch for distinguished visitors who come to Armenia from time to time and ask them to be guest lecturers if they fit our schedule and if their areas of expertise are of interest to our students. One person in this category that I suggested was Vartan Ouzounian from London who comes very often to Armenia, and he has a good understanding and experience in joint ventures.

Your suggestion that Armen Asherian give two lectures is fine, although I would prefer that he give one lecture, and have Bardakjian and Libaridian give the other two lectures before the Christmas holidays. You could from now contact Mr. Haroutunian and Mr. Ararktsian to invite them to lecture after the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Please let me know if this schedule is possible. I would suggest that the invitations to lecturers be coordinated with Sona in her capacity as the interim person responsible for student relations. Thanks for your initiative in organizing the invited lectures.
Best regards, Mihran *Mihran*

cc: Prof Stepan Karamardian