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Mr. Steyn Bastikis  
708 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bastikis:

The prospects of adding to our Russian staff at the present time are extremely dubious. As you have probably heard, we have been forced to dismiss several teachers because of a severe reduction in the number of students assigned to us by the Air Force. Insofar as I can determine, this present tendency to diminish the number of students in this program seems likely to continue for another year at least. Therefore, I must advise you against any optimistic hope for obtaining work again in the Syracuse University Russian Program. I regret that this is so, because the administration had a very high opinion of your work as teacher and we would very much like to be able to engage you further. I can foresee no likelihood that we shall be able to do so within the current academic year and I am not hopeful that our student quota will be increased for several years.

With cordial personal greetings to you,

Sincerely yours,

*Albert D. Meent*  
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ADM/s

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