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Subject: invitation to istanbul...

Dear Huo and Hanru:

I've just spoken with the French Cultural Institute in Istanbul. They have agreed to cooperate in inviting a number of people to Istanbul for lectures and visits. I would first like to invite you both, preferably not at the same time, —but there may be a merit in doing so—. We will put you up in a nice hotel, provide a lecture fee of USD350, and take care of your meals and other worldly needs.

What I would like in return is a talk, and two days of interaction with the community.

I would also like to invite Stephanie Moisdon Tremblay and Cecil Bourne. Are there any other people France whom we should invite in the next 12 to 18 months? Do you think Stephanie or Cecil would make a strong intellectual presence? I only ask because you know them so much better.

Can you please give me two options, preferably more or less exact dates for coming. It would be great if the trip is Paris-Istanbul-Paris.

Warmest,

Vasif