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Mr. Mikhail Shkalikov
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Dear Mr. Shkalikov:

I am enclosing some material from our first Telluride Film Festival, held last year. We discussed Telluride somewhat when you were in Los Angeles, and in Berkeley: and you met my associate at Telluride, Mr. Bill Pence, who is also director of theatrical film distribution for Janus Films.

We would very much like to invite Mr. Andrei Tarkovsky to Telluride this year, Aug. 29-Sept. 1 1975, to be honored with a special tribute and a showing of all of his films. I am writing you to see if in your capacity in the office of Foreign Relations of GOSKINO you can communicate this invitation to Mr. Tarkovsky, and together with him advise us of the possibility of an acceptance.

Naturally, we would host all of Mr. Tarkovsky's expenses while he is at Telluride, and we would be in a position to pay his round trip air fare at least from New York.

Last year we presented SOLARIS at Telluride, and as you can see from the enclosed press materials, it received a great response. And as a result of its showing at Telluride, Bill Pence began negotiations, in the name of Janus Films, with Sovexportfilm for the US distribution rights to SOLARIS. I believe Bill Pence has sent to you copies of his correspondence with SOVEXPORTFILM on this matter.

Bill Pence has also been negotiating on behalf of Janus with Columbia Pictures, with the aim of freeing ANDREI RUBLEV from Columbia's vaults, reconstructing a full version, and placing it in distribution.

So our little Festival at Telluride does get results!

This year, we would hope that Mr. Tarkovsky could attend for his tribute, and that futhur, we would be able to show a subtitled print of his new film THE MIRROR, with your kind cooperation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to be our guest at Telluride this year, as a representative of Soviet cinematography.

I will see you in Moscow in July, but I hope you can answer me on this matter before then. With all best regards,

Tom Luddy
TOM LUDDY, CO-DIRECTOR, TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL