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Dear Timur,

I am astonished that almost three months have passed since you wrote. For two of those months my financial situation was more than precarious. Now matters have improved slightly. By way of excuse (izvini za slabost' !) I may mention that I had a stiff case of influenza or pneumonia for two weeks in the first part of March.

Your article is, in general, quite suitable for publication in EURASIA. Unfortunately, the journal has at present even less money than I. At present I cannot look forward with confidence to maintaining the project as a going concern without a source of income for the project (or, indeed, for myself). I cannot, of course, regard this apparent outcome as accidental. Should you wish to withdraw your article and seek publication elsewhere, I will perfectly understand. If the situation should unexpectedly change for the better, I will advise you of it.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful career. I do believe that Islamic studies and their geo-political relationship to the Great Powers in Eurasia has risen considerably since I began my labors, but the Ayatollah ~~xx~~ has had considerably more influence than I. The Islamic world is going through its Risorgimento, but I cannot see that this complex process is finding unprejudiced analysis in the United States, where so many find publication for so little with so many concealed allegiances--to nearly all parties, it seems, except the scholarly ideal, which is above party.

Sincerely,

Dale

P.S. I would appreciate any recent analyses from your present employer in relationship to Afghanistan, Iran and Turkey.