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TRANSLATION

Information taken from a letter dated 25 October 1959 received from Romanov by Professor

"Frankly speaking, life is much better now than it was at one time and there is no lack of bread. If you compare the present with the past, then materially life has improved, although earnings in the kolhosps are not very great. Average earnings of a kolhospnick are about 300-350 karbovantchi monthly. One kilogram of white bread costs 2 karbovantchi, so that on some items there is a wide discrepancy in prices. Regarding education, one is almost forced to go to school so that every student will complete 7 grades. As far as hearing the language of the "older brother" more frequently than ours in the cities, it is true, because there is no lack of those brothers here and even our own Russotypes kak, chto and da all over the place and forget their own."

Dated 23/10/59
Letter/ From Another Brother

"I am working in a kolhosp. Three tourist delegations from neighboring republics visited us during the summer. I became acquainted with some workers of the delegation who wrote letters to me from Budapest. There was a delegation from Berlin, representatives of cooperatives....Our village is presently undergoing electrification. They have installed electricity in our home also but we do not have lights yet. We received drugs for my sister, "cortizon" and "rynofonym". It is difficult to obtain drugs here.

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