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Dear Yevgeny Yevgenevich,

I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I loved visiting Murom. It has been a dream all of my life.

I can see that Murom has a unique combination of Russian history, wonderful architecture, delightful museums, energetic universities, and natural beauty. In the E.U. and the U.S.A., this combination attracts rich businesses, vacationers, and retirees! I believe Murom has a bright future. I wish you every good fortune as you and your staff work to build a brilliant future.

Thank you for arranging the beautiful ceremony to dedicate the statue of my grandfather V.K. Zworykin. The portrait of the young Valodya Zworykin in his student uniform is handsome. The ceremony was emotional, both the speeches and the fine music. I hope every visitor to Murom wants to be photographed with the statue. I hope your office looks north toward the portrait and the Zworykin House!

It was an excellent surprise to discover two more new portraits in Murom of my grandfather. The portrait bust on the high school wall is very special. The portrait that Nina Tchaikovskaya plans to install at the Murom Institute will be wonderful.

All three buildings of the Murom Museum are charming. I was very happy to meet director Albina Alekseevna Anuchkina and some of the members of her staff. I wanted to stay much longer. I wanted to sit in the rooms of the Zworykin House and think about when the house was a living home and place of business. I want to learn about the plans to renovate the building, to install the objects, to replant the gardens, and to educate visitors.

If you can imagine some way that I can help you, please talk to me. I worked for 40 years in American art museums as a curator and writer. In the USA, as you may know, museums (art, history, and science) are almost all private institutions, supported by members. I have written to Albina Alekseevna to offer to help.