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Irena Golyslava has called to say that the President has given his verbal agreement to a banderole system. I believe this to be only the first step as Bahkrom Ibragimov (Customs Head) has been told to start up the various committees for implementation. Naturally I am making myself available to give further advice.

Incidentally I believe the trip paid other dividends. We have been able to completely reorganise the calculation and payment of taxes exactly as we wanted. Irena said our requests were on her table while we were on the trip. Urgut factory had a tax audit and it looked like a significant claim (\$600,000) was developing that would have caused a claim on escrow with all the political problems that would have entailed. Somehow this has now turned around to them agreeing in writing that they owe us \$48,000 equivalent.

Will keep you posted.

I think they mean a tax marker system!

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