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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein
Subject: FW: library update

On 1/13/15, 10:22 PM, "Brandon Thompson" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>Dear Mr. Kahn,
>This is to update you with the current project, " Waxing the Library".
>The work is progressing well. We started with the biggest surface. The
>wood is very, very dry in the Library. I decided to go with alternative
>method of conservation.
>Since the wooden paneling in the Library lost most of the original
>"oils" the boards started to shrink and in some instances even scale
>out. To prevent the wood from further shrinkage, I decided to sand the
>paneling with Sand Paper #600. After this, I, we rubbed the surfaces
>with combination of six oils, with predominant is Linseed Oil. We
>applied very generous coating. After waiting 4-6 hours, some boards
>absorbed the oils so much that some sections became dry. We re-applied
>the oils again and the saturation was more or less complete. What I
>believe that happened, is; Lack of Humidity in Winter time, boards
>shrank. Summer time, increased Relative Humidity, boards expanded. This
>movement caused the finish to microscopically crack. So, when we
>applied the oils, they were absorbed inside the wood. This in turn
>restored the vibrant color and returned the wood to virtually original
>color. The panels look very healthy now.
>Brandon Thompson

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