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**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 2:19 PM  
**To:** jeffrey E.  
**Subject:** NES stair update

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Begin forwarded message:

Date: January 28, 2015 at 10:18:26 PM EST

From: Brandon Thompson <>

To: Richard Kahn <>

Subject: Re: Thank you

Dear Mr. Kahn,

Thank you for your letter.

Just would like to update you on the Staircase and the Stair-rail.

We are making a good progress. Again, I changed the method of restoring Staircase and the Stair-rail. I decided to remove the glue from the Steps in mechanical way. Although is a bit more time consuming, I would like to avoid over use the chemicals. Rock-miracle contains methylene Chloride and beside the smell, it gets into surroundings and is harmful to the health. I will try various methods to avoid harsh chemicals. As far as the Stair-rail is concern, I am washing it with alcohol and steel wool # 0000, so there are no side affects. I already cleaned 65% of the top. The rail on the Second Floor, had a lot of cuffs, scratches and dents. The very deep dents, I steamed them up and the wood grain lifted up completely. I did the same with the rest of the scratches and the Rail on the Second Floor looks like brand new. Again, when I finish cleaning it, I will use finest French Polish. French Polish is a natural finish, and is completely neutral, so there will be no side effects.

I re-finished a lot of Stair-rails for various museums and the effects were very nice. I think, I will impress Mr. Epstein with this work. For now, I am cleaning it very carefully, as it has small details and I can not leave anything to chance.

I will update you within two days again.

Thank you,

Brandon Thompson

On 1/28/2015 10:54 AM, Richard Kahn wrote:

timing for project will be when you complete NY or whenever =s good for you  
thank you

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On Jan 27, 2015, at 8:27 PM, Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for sending me check so promptly. I received it =rom Marwin on Monday.  
Many times my estimates may seem =igh, however, I always estimate the work for the highest  
quality and =xecution.

The stairs is a relatively small project, so =his is fine. You mentioned a possible project in New  
Mexico. I will be =appy to participate,  
as I have expertize in wood =estoration, Finishing and Re-finishing and Preservation. I imagine,  
=his would be much bigger project,  
and will go for =idding. Would you be so kind and let me know the possible date of this =roject?  
I will be happy to submit my methods  
of =reserving the wood, staining and finishing as well.  
Thank =ou for being so kind,  
Brandon Thompson

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