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Dear Dr. Blackburn,

A. Batashov you have now the name of
a contact in Moscow. He can
put together just the musicians you need.

While there, I would be most
grateful if you could ask all musicians
& especially Batashov for photos of Soviet
jazzmen, to be included in a rather massive
book on the subject by me, to be published
this autumn by Oxford University Press.
I have in hand many pictures already, but
any additional ones would be most
useful. The book is carefully researched &
covers the period 1917-1980. Batashov himself
wrote a monograph on the subject that
I have tried repeatedly to find a
publisher for. Unfortunately (this can't be
broadcast, as it is delicate) he had to
alter the text so extensively to get it
through the press that it just won't float
here "as is." Obviously, his original manuscript
would, but that would subject him
to difficulties. Anyway, the pictures would
all be safely returned, if they would like,

and will be acknowledged in any appropriate way, (including not at all!). Obviously, people appearing in the photo should be identified.

I hope very much we might meet some day. At present I am completing a detailed gazetteer of New Orleans.

Best wishes,

Fred Starr

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