The Art of Translation or Which came first?

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The Russian President, December 19:

"Если когда-то состоится встреча с вновь избранным президентом, господином Трампом, уверен, нам будет о чём поговорить."

"Во-первых, я не знаю, когда мы с ним встретимся, потому что он об этом ничего не говорит. Я с ним вообще не разговаривал более четырёх лет. Я готов к этому, конечно, в любое время, и готов буду к встрече, если он захочет этого."

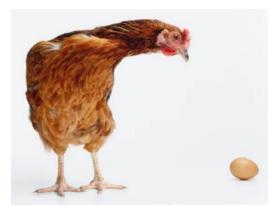
Literal English translation according to the Dictionary:

"If there is ever a meeting with the newly elected president, Mr. Trump, I am sure we will have something to talk about."

"First of all, I don't know when we will meet, because he doesn't say anything about it. I haven't spoken to him at all for more than four years. I am ready for this, of course, at any time, and I will be ready for a meeting if he wants it."

The U.S. President-Elect's rendition, December 22:

"President Putin said that he wants to meet with me as soon as possible. So we have to wait for this."



Likely, We may have to wait awhile, or exchange dictionaries.