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JAN 3. I AM MISERABLE ABOUT ELLA. I LOVE HER BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
 JAN 4. IT IS THE STATE OF FEAR WHICH WAS ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION.
 JAN 4. ONE YEAR AFTER I RECEIVED THE RESIDENCE DOCUMENT I
 AM CALLED IN TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE AND ASKED IF I WANT
 CITIZENSHIP (RUSSIAN) I SAY NO SIMPLY EXTEND MY RESIDENTIAL
 PASSPORT TO AGREE AND MY DOCUMENT IS EXTENDED UNTIL JAN 4. 1962
 JAN 4-31 I AM STARTING TO RECONSIDER MY DESIRE ABOUT STAYING
 THE WORK IS DRAB THE MONEY I GET HAS NOWHERE TO BE SPENT.
 NO NIGHTCLUBS OR BOWLING BAYS NO PLACES OF RECREATION NEAR
 THE TRADE UNION DANCES I HAVE HAD ENOUGH.
 FEB. 16 MAIL MY FIRST REQUEST TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW
 FOR RECONSIDERING MY POSITION, I STATED "I WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK U.S."
 FEB. 28 I RECEIVE LETTER FROM EMBASSY. RICHARD ESTMEYER
 STATED "I COULD COME IN FOR AN INTERVIEW ANY TIME I WANTED."
 MARCH 1-10 I NOW LIVE IN A STATE OF EXPECTATION ABOUT
 GOING BACK TO THE U.S. I CONFIDED WITH ZEGGER HE SUPPORTS
 MY JUDGMENT BUT WARNS ME NOT TO TELL ANY RUSSIANS ABOUT
 MY DESIRE TO RETURN. I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY.

MARCH 17. I AND ERICH WENT TO TRADE UNION DANCE. BORING
 BUT AT THE LAST HOUR I AM INTRODUCED TO A GIRL WITH
 A FRENCH KAIK-DO AND RED-DRESS WITH WHITE SLIPPERS I DANCE
 WITH HER. THEN ASK TO SHOW HER HOME I DO ALONG WITH 5
 OTHER ADMIRERS HER NAME IS MARINA. WE LIKE EACH OTHER
 RIGHT AWAY SHE GIVES ME HER PHONE NUMBER AND DEPARTS
 HOME WITH AN NOT-SO-NEW FRIEND IN A TAXI I WALK HOME.

MARCH 18-31. WE WALK & TALK A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF SHE
 TALKS A LOT ABOUT HERSELF. HER NAME IS MARINA N. PROSKODIA

APR. 14-30 WE ARE GOING STRAIGHT AND I DECIDE I MUST LEAVE
 HER, SHE PUTS ME OFF SO ON APRIL 15 I PROPOSE SHE ACCEPTS.
 APR. 31, AFTER A 7 DAY DELAY AT THE MARRIAGE BUREAU

BECAUSE OF MY UNUSUAL PURSUIT THEY ALLOW US TO REGISTER
 AS MAN & WIFE TWO OF MARINA'S GIRL FRIENDS ACT AS
 BRIDESMAIDS, WE ARE MARRIED. AT HER AUNT'S HOME WE HAVE
 A DINNER RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 20 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO
 WISH US HAPPINESS (IN SPITE OF MY ORIGIN AND ACCEPT) WHICH
 WHO IN GENERAL RATHER DISQUITE TO MY RUSSIAN SENSE FOR.
 ARE VERY RARE IN THE SOVIET UNION EVEN TODAY. AFTER
 AN EVENING OF EATING AND DRINKING IN WHICH UNCLE MOSES
 STARTED A FIGHT AND THE FUSE BLOW ON AN OVERLOADED CIRCUIT
 WE TAKE OUR LEAVE AND WALK THE 15 MINUTES TO OUR HOME.
 WE LIVED NEAR EACH OTHER, AT MIDNIGHT WE WERE HOME.

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