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OCT 28 (CON) RIMMA NOTIFIES ME THAT, PASSA REGISTRATION OFFICE WISHES TO SEE ME ABOUT MY FUTURE. LATER RIMMA AND CAR PICK ME UP AND WE ENTER THE OFFICES TO FIND FOUR OFFICIALS WAITING FOR ME (ALL UNKNOWN TO ME) THEY ASK HOW MY ARM IS, I SAY OK. THEY ASK "DO YOU WANT TO GO TO YOUR HOMETOWN. I SAY NO I WANT SOVIET CITIZEN I SAY I WANT TO RESIDE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THEY SAY THEY WILL SEE ABOUT THAT. THEN THEY ASK ME ABOUT THE ONE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM I SPOKE IN THE FIRST PASSAGE (PARA). HE DID NOT PASS ALONG MY REQUEST AT ALL BUT THOUGHT TO SIMPLY GET RID OF ME BY NOT EXTENDING MY SOVIET VISA. AT THE TIME I REQUESTED IT I DESCRIBE HIM (THEY MAKE NOTES) (WHAT PAPERS DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE?) I GIVE THEM MY DISCHARGE PAPERS FROM THE MARINE CORPS. THEY SAY WAIT FOR OUR ANSWERS. I ASK HOW LONG? NOT SOON. LATER RIMMA COMES TO CHECK ON ME. I FEEL INSULTED AND ENSURE HER.

OCT. 29. HOTEL ROOM 214 METROPOLE HOTEL. I WAIT. I WORRY I EAT ONCE, STAY NEXT TO PHONE WORRY I KEEP FULLY DRESSED

OCT. 30. HOTEL ROOM I HAVE BEEN IN HOTEL THREE DAYS IT SEEMS LIKE THREE YEARS I MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF A SHUTDOWN.

OCT. 31. I MAKE MY DECISION. GETTING PASSPORT AT 12:00 I MEET AND TALK WITH RIMMA FOR A FEW MINUTES SHE SAYS; STAY IN YOUR ROOM AND EAT WELL, I DON'T TELL HER ABOUT WHAT I INTEND TO DO SINCE I KNOW SHE WOULD NOT APPROVE. AFTER SHE LEAVES I WAIT A FEW MINUTES AND THEN I CATCH A TAXI. "AMERICAN EMBASSY" I SAY. 12:30, I ARRIVE AMERICAN EMBASSY, I WALK IN AND SAY TO THE RECEPTIONIST "I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONSULAR" SHE POINTS AT A LARGE LADY AND SAYS "IF YOU ARE A TOURIST PLEASE REGISTER". I TAKE OUT MY AMERICAN PASSPORT AND LAY IT IN THE DESK, I HAVE COME TO DISSOLVE MY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. I SAY MATTER-OF-FACTLY SHE NODS AND ENTERS THE OFFICE OF RICHARD SNYDER AMERICAN HEAD CONSULAR IN MOSCOW AT THAT TIME HE INVITES ME TO SIT DOWN. HE FINISHES A LETTER HE IS TYPING AND THEN ASK WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME. I TELL HIM I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND WOULD LIKE TO LEADY DISSOLVE MY U.S. CITIZENSHIP. HIS ASSISTANT (NOW HEAD CONSULAR) SVICKERS LOOKS UP FROM HIS WORK. SNYDER ASKS DOWN PERSONAL INFORMATION, ASK QUESTIONS

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