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NOV 17- DEC. 30 I HAVE BOUGHT MYSELF TWO SELF-TEACHING RUSSIAN LANG. BOOKS I FORCE MYSELF TO STUDY & HUNDREDS OF HOURS I SIT IN MY ROOM AND READ AND MEMORIZE WORDS. ALL MEALS I TAKE IN MY ROOM. RIMMA ARRANGED THAT IT IS VERY COOL ON THE STREETS SO I RARELY GO OUTSIDE AT ALL FOR THIS MONTH AND A HALF I SEE NO ONE SPEAK TO NO ONE ACCEPT EVERY NOW AND THEN RIMMA, WHO CALLS THE MINISTRY ABOUT ME. HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN? DURING DECEMBER I PAID NO MONEY TO THE HOTEL, BUT RIMMA TOLD HOTEL I WAS EXPORTING A LOT OF MONEY FROM U.S.A. & HAVE 25. LEFT. THIS MONTH I WAS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE AND MET 3 NEW OFFICIALS WHO ASKED ME THE SAME QUESTIONS I HAD A MONTH BEFORE. THEY APPEAR NOT TO KNOW ME AT ALL.

DEC 31. NEW YEARS EVE I SPEND IN THE COMPANY OF ROSA ABRAFIMOVA AT THE HOTEL BERLIN, SHE HAS THE DUTY. I SIT WITH HER UNTIL PAST MIDNIGHT, SHE GIVES ME A SMALL 'BORATIN' DOWN, FOR A NEW YEARS PRESENT SHE IS VERY NICE I FOUND OUT ONLY RECENTLY SHE IS MARRIED, HAS SMALL SON WHO WAS BORN CRIPPLED, THAT IS WHY SHE IS SO STRANGELY TENDER AND COMPASSIONATE.

JAN 1-4 NO CHANGE IN ROUTINE
 I AM CALLED TO PASSPORT OFFICE AND FINALLY GIVEN A SOVIET DOCUMENT NOT THE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AS I SO WANTED, ONLY A RESIDENCE DOCUMENT, NOT EVEN FOR FOREIGNERS BUT A PAPER CALLED "FOR THOSE WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP" STILL I AM HAPPY. THE OFFICIAL SAYS THEY ARE SENDING ME TO THE CITY OF MINSK I ASK "IS THAT IN SIBERIA?" HE LAUGHS. HE ALSO TELLS ME THAT THEY HAVE ARRANGED FOR ME TO RECEIVE SOME MONEY THROUGH THE RED CROSS TO PAY MY HOTEL BILLS AND EXPENSES I THANK THE GENTLEMEN AND LEAVE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON I SEE ADAMA SHE ASKS ARE YOU HAPPY? "YES"

JAN. 5. I GO TO RED CROSS IN MOSCOW FOR MONEY WITH DURKUTER (A NEW ONE) I RECEIVE 5000 RUBLES A HUGE SUM!! LATER IN MINSK I AM TO EARN 20 RUBLES A MONTH AT THE FACTORY.

JAN. 7. I LEAVE MOSCOW BY TRAIN FOR MINSK BELORUSSIA. MY HOTEL BILL WAS 2200 RUBLES AND MY TRAIN TICKET TO MINSK 850 RUBLES SO I HAVE A LOT OF MONEY & HOPE. I WROTE MY BROTHER & MOTHER LETTERS IN WHICH I SAID "I DO NOT WISH TO EVERY CONTACT YOU AGAIN! I AM BEGINNING A NEW LIFE AND I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THE OLD!!"

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