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JULY 16 AUG 20. WE HAVE FOUND OUT WHICH ~~BLANKS~~ <sup>BLANKS</sup> AND CERTIFICATES ARE NECESSARY ~~FOR~~ TO APPLY FOR AN EXIT VISA. THEY NUMBER ABOUT 20 PAPERS; BIRTH CERTIFICATES AFFIDAVIT PHOTOS ect. ON AUG 20<sup>th</sup> WE GET THE PAPERS OUT THEY SAY IT WILL BE 3 1/2 MONTHS BEFORE WE KNOW WHETHER THEY'LL LET US GO OR NOT. IN THE MEANTIME MARINA HAS HAD TO STAGE 4 DIFFERENT MEETINGS AT THE PLACE OF WORK HELD BY HER BOSS'S AT THE DIRECTION OF "SOMEONE" BY PHONE. THE YOUNG COMM. LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS ALSO CALLED ABOUT HER AND SHE HAD TO GO SEE THEM FOR 1 1/2 HRS. THE PURPOSE (EXPRESSED) IS TO DISUADE HER FROM GOING TO THE U.S.A. NET EFFECT: MAKE HER MORE STUBBORN ABOUT WANTING TO GO. MARINA IS DREBNET. WE ONLY HOPE THAT THE VISAS COME THROUGH SOON.

AUG 21-SEPT 1. I MAKE REPEATED TRIPS TO THE PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE ALSO TO MINISTRY OF FOR. AFFAIRS IN MINSK, ALSO MIN. OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE A SAY IN THE GRANTING OF A VISA. I EXTRACTED PROMISES OF QUICK ATTENTION TO US.

SEPT-OCT 18. NO WORD FROM MIN. ("THEY'LL CALL US") MARINA LEAVES MINSK BY TRAIN ON VACATION TO THE CITY OF KHAROV IN THE URALS TO VISIT AN AUNT FOR 4 WEEKS. DURING THIS TIME I AM LONELY BUT I AND ERICH GO TO THE DANCES AND PUBLIC PLACES FOR ENTERTAINMENT. I HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN QUITE A FEW MONTHS NOW.

I SPEND MY BIRTHDAY ALONE AT THE OPERA WATCHING MY FAVORITE "QUEEN OF SPADES" I AM 22 YEARS OLD.

NOV. MARINA ARRIVES BACK, RADIANT, WITH SEVERAL YEARS OF PRESENTS FOR ME FROM HER HER AUNT IN KHAROV.

NOV-DEC. NOW WE ARE BECOMING ANNOYED ABOUT THE DELAY MARINA IS BEGINNING TO WAIVER ABOUT GOING TO THE U.S. PROBABLY FROM THE STRAIN AND HER BEING PREGNANT, STILL WE GUARANTEE AND SO THINGS ARE NOT TO BRING IT OFF WITH THE APPROACH OF THE HARD RUSSIAN WINTER.

DEC 25<sup>th</sup> ~~TO~~ <sup>KNOW</sup> DAY TUES. MARINA IS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE. SHE IS TOLD WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SOVIET EXIT VISAS. SHE FILLS OUT THE COMPLETING BLANK AND THEN COMES HOME WITH THE NEWS. ITS GREAT (I THINK)

NEW YEARS. WE SPEND AT THE ZUBERS AT A DINNER PARTY AT MIDNIGHT. ATTENDED BY 6 OTHER PERSONS.

JAN. 4. I AM CALLED TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE SINCE MY RESIDENCEAL PASSPORT EXPIRES TODAY. SINCE I NOW HAVE A U.S. PASSPORT IN MY POSSESSION I AM GIVEN A TOTALLY NEW RESID. PASS. CALLED "PASS. FOR FORIN." AND SINCE THEY HAVE GIVEN US PERMISSION TO LEAVE, AND KNOW WE SHALL GO TO JULY 5 1962.

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