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On December 5, 1963, Confidential Informant, Dallas T-8, advised Special Agent CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., that on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, he was listening to a radio broadcast of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY at which time he heard the announcer give OSWALD's name as a suspect and he also heard the announcer say OSWALD was associated with the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." Informant advised that when he heard of OSWALD's association with the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," this "rang a bell" with him and he immediately checked his application cards for box rentals at the Terminal Annex Post Office Station. By looking for a card bearing the name, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," informant observed that this appeared on a card filled out by LEE R. OSWALD. Informant stated that after observing OSWALD's photograph on television and in the newspapers he was positive that OSWALD was the man who came to the Terminal Annex Post Office in Dallas, Texas, on November 1, 1963, and filled out an application card for Post Office Box 6225. Informant continued that all the handwriting appearing on the application card for Box 6225 was in the handwriting of OSWALD with the exception of the box number which appears in the right-hand corner of the card.

Informant recalled asking OSWALD whether OSWALD wanted the box in OSWALD's name or in the name of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." Informant advised that OSWALD gave him instructions that the box was to be maintained in OSWALD's own name. Informant observed OSWALD, when he left the box window at the Terminal Annex Station, walk to the center of the lobby to fill out the application card after which he returned to informant's location. At that point OSWALD furnished informant with the application card for

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Box 6225 and thereafter handed informant \$3.00 in cash for rental of the box for the period from November 1 through December 31, 1963. According to informant, OSWALD was alone at this time. Informant recalled OSWALD being a young, white man of slender build. Informant assumed that since OSWALD had P. O. Box 6225 in his own name, OSWALD would be the only one using this box.

Informant concluded by stating he did not notice any additional money in OSWALD's wallet when OSWALD gave him \$3.00 for the box rental. OSWALD did not show any form of identification when he rented P. O. Box 6225.

Informant exhibited to Special Agent BROWN a Post Office Box key, Number 1126, which informant identified as a key fitting P. O. Box 6225 at the Terminal Annex Post Office Station, Dallas, Texas.

X WRITINGS OF OSWALD

The writings hereinafter quoted were obtained from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department. These manuscripts were obtained by the Dallas Police Department from the RUTH PAINE residence and garage, at Irving, Texas, located at 2515 Fifth Street, which was the home of MARINA OSWALD at that time, and from LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S last place of residence, a room located at 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas. All handwriting and handprinting on these manuscripts has been examined by the FBI Laboratory and was found to have been prepared by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The handprinted corrections on typed manuscript entitled, "The Collective", which is a copy of the handwritten manuscript herein quoted, were also found to have been prepared by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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A OSWALD DIARY IN RUSSIA

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The following pages comprise a copy of a handwritten composition of 15 pages, each of which is labeled "Diary." It will be noted the full date is not given by the author in a number of instances. The spacing followed by numbers in this composition indicates separate pages of the composition, as originally written:

"Historic Diary

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"From Oct. 16 1959 Arrival - Leaveing

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"Oct. 16. Arrive from Helsinki by train; am met by intourest repre. and in car to hotel 'Berlin.' Reges. as 'Studet' 5 day lux. tourist ticket.) Meet my intorist guied Rimma Sherikova. *USSR* I explain to her I wish to appli for Rus. citizenship. She is flabbergassed, but agrees to help. She checks with her boss, main office intour; than helps me add. a letter to Sup. Sov.'t. asking for citizenship, mean while boss telephons passport * visa office and notifies them about me.

"Oct. 17 - Rimma meets me for intourist sighseeing says we must cont.'d. with this although I am too nevous she is 'sure' I'll have an anserwer. soon. Asks me about myself and my reasons for doing this I explaine I am a communist, ect. She is politly sym. but uneasy now. She tries to be a friend to me. She feels sorry for me I am someth. new.

"Sun. Oct. 18. My 20th birthday, we vist exhib. in morning and in the after noon the Lenin - Stalin tomb. She gives me a present book 'Ideot' by Dostoevski.

"Oct. 19. Tourism. Am anxious since my visa is good for five days only and still (illegible) from auth. about my request.

"Oct. 20 Rimmer in the after noon says intourist was notified by the pass. * visa dept. that they want to see me I am excited greatly by this news.

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"Oct. 21 (mor.) Meeting with single official. balding stout, black suit fairly good English, asks what do I want? I say Sovite citizenship, he ask why I give vague answers about 'great Soviet Union' He tells me 'USSR only great in literature wants me to go back home' I am stunned I reiterate, he says he shall check and let me know weather my visa will be (extended it expires today) eve. 6.00 recive word from police official. I must leave country tonight at 8.00 P.M. as visa expires. I am shocked!! My dreams! I retire to my room. I have \$100 left. I have waited for 2 year to be accepted My fondes dreams are shattered because of a petty official; because of bad planning, I planned so much! 7.00 P.M. I decide to end it. Soak rist in cold water to numb the pain, than slash my left wrist, than plaug wrist into bathtum of hot water. I think 'when Rimma comes at 8. to find me dead it will be a great shock. Somewhere, a violin plays, as I

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"Oct. 21 Con.): Wacth my life whirl away. I think to myself. 'How easy to die' and 'a sweet death, (to violins) about 8:00 Rimma finds me unconcious (bathtub water arich red color) she screams (I remember that) and runs for help. Amulance comes, am taken to hospital. where five stiches are put in my wrist. Poor Rimmea stays by my side as interrptator (my Russian is still very bad) far into the night, I tell her 'go home' (my mood is bad) but she stays, she is 'my friend' she has a strong will only at this moment I notice she is preety.

"Oct. 22. Hospital I am in a small room with about 12 others (sick persons.) 2 ordalies and a nurse the room is very drab as well as the breakfast. Only after prolonged (2 hours) observation of the other pat. do I relize I am in the Insanity Ward. This relization disquits me. Later in afternoon I am visited by Rimma, she comes in with two doctors, as intern. She must ask me medical question; did you know what you were doing? Ans. yes Did you black out? No. ect. I than comp. about poor food the doctors laugh app. This is a good sign later they leave, I am alone with Rimma (amongst the mentaly ill) She encourgest me and scolls me she says she will help me get transferred to another section of hos. (not for insane) where food is good.

ROSA AVA FONOVA

USSR
"Oct. 23. Transferred to ordinary ward (airy, good food.) but nurses suspisious of me. (They know) Afternoon I am visited by Rosa Ava Fonova of the hotel, tourist office, who asks about my health, very beautiful, excelent Eng., 'very merry and kind, she makes me very glad to be alive. Later Rimma vists

"Oct. 24 Hospital routin, Rimma vists me in afternoon

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"Oct. 26 An elderly American at the hospital grow suspicious about me for some reason. (illegible) because at embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at hospital. Afternoon Rimma visits.

"Oct. 27. Stiches are taken out by doctor with 'dull' scissor

"Wed Oct 28 Mon. leave hospital in intorist car with Rimma for hotel 'Berlin' Later I change hotels to 'Metropole'. Al choths packed, and money from my room (to the last kopeek) returned as well as watch, ring. Ludmilla ^{USSR} Dimitreva (intorist office head) and Rosa invite me to come and sit and take with them any time I get lonesome at new hotel. They feel sbrry for me.

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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 officies to find four offials waiting for me (all unknown to me) they ask how my arm is, I say o.k. They ask 'Do you want to go to your homeland. I say no I want Sovite citizen I say I want to reside in the Soviet Union. They say they will see about that. Than they ask me about the lone offial with whom I spoke in the first place (Norar. 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 dischar. papers from the Marine Corps. They say wait for our ans., I ask how long? Not soon. Later Rimma comes to check on me. I feel insulted and insult her.

"Oct. 29. Hotel Room 214 Metropole Hotel. I wait. I worry I eat once, stay next to phone wary I keep fully dressed

"Oct. 30. Hotel Room I have been in hotel three days, if seems like three years I must have some sort of a showdown!

"Oct. 31. I make my dision. Getting passport a 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

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"know she would not approve. After she leaves I wait a few minutes and than 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 lager and says 'If you are a tourist please register'. I take out my American passport and lay it on the desk, I have come to dissolve my American citizenship. she rises 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 than ask what he can do for me. I tell him I have decided to take Soviet citizenship and would like to leagly dissolve my U. S. citizenship. His assistant (now head consular) McVickers looks up from his work Snyder takes down personal informatin, ask questions. (There is a note in the left margin which reads, 'See Oct. 31st interview'),

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"Sat. Oct. 31. (Con) Warnes me not to take any steps before the soviets except me, says I am a 'fool', and says the dissolution papers are along time in preparing (In other words refuses to allow at that time to dissolve U. S. Citiz. I state 'my mind is make up' From this day forward I consider myself no citizen of the U. S. A. I spend 40 minutes at the Embassy before Snyder says 'Now unless you wish to expound on your Marxist belifes you can go.' I wish to dissolve U. S. Citiz., not today he says in effect. I leave Embassy, elated at this showdown, returning to my hotel I feel now my enorgies are not spent in vain. I'm sure Russians will except me after this sign of my faith in them. 2:00 a knock a reporter by the name of Goldstene wants an interview I'm flabbergassed. 'How did you find out? The Embassy called U. S.' He said. I send him away I sit and relize this is one way to bring pressure on me. By notifying my relations in U. S. through the newspapers. Although they would say 'ifs for the public record.' A half hour later another reporter Miss Mosby comes. I answer a few quick questions after refusing an intervine. I am surprised at the interest. I get phone calls from 'time' at night a phone call from the States I refuse all calles without finding out who's it from. I feel non-deplused because of the attention 10:00 I retire.

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"Nov. 1 - more reporters, 3 phone calls from brother, mother, now I feel slightly axzillarated, not so lonely.

"Nov. 2 - 15 days of utter loneliness I refuse all reports phone calls I remain in my room, I am racked with dsyentary.

"Nov. 15 - I decide to give an interview, I have Miss Mosbys card so I call her. She drives right over. I give my story, allow pictures, later story is distorted, sent without my perrmission, that is: before I ever saw and o.k'ed her story, again I feel slightly better because of the attention

"Nov. 16. A Russian official comes to my room asks how I am. notifies me I can remain in USSR till some solution in found with what to do with me, it is comforting news for me. (There is a note in the left margin which reads, "See: Nov 15th interview").

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"Nov 17 - Dec. 30. I have bought myself two self-teaching Russian lan. books I force myself to study 8 hours a day I sit in my room and read and memorize words. All meals I take in my room. Rimmer arranged that. It is very cold on the streets so I harley go outside at all for this month and a-half see no one speak to no-one accept every-now-and-then Rimma, who calls the ministry about me. Have they forgotten? During Decemember I paid no money to the hotel, but Rimmer told hotel I was expecting alot of money from U.S.A. I have \$28. left. This month I was called to the passport office and met 3 new offials who asked me the same questions I ans. a month before. They appear not to know me at all.

"Dec. 31. New Years Eve, I spend in the company of Rosa Aga Foneva at the Hotel Berlin, she has the duty. I sit with her untill past midnight, she gives me a small 'Boratin' clown, for a New Years present she is very nice I foud out only recently she is married, has small son who was born crippled, that is why she is so strangely tender and comping.

"Jan 1 - 4 No change in routine

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4. 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 officer says they are sending me to the city of 'Minsk' I ask 'is that in Siberia?' He only laughs; he also tells me that they have arranged for me to receive some money though the Red Cross to pay my hotel bills and expenses I thank the gentlemen and leave later in the afternoon I see Rimma She asks are you happy? 'Yes'

"Jan. 5. I go to Red Cross in Moscow for money with interrupter (a new one) I receive 5000. rubles a huge sum! Later in Minsk I am to earn 70 rubles a month at the factory.

"Jan. 7. I leave Moscow by train for Minsk, Belorussia. My hotel bill was 2200. rubles and the train ticket to Minsk 150. rubles so I have a lot of money I hope. I wrote my brother & mother letters, in which I said 'I do not wish to ever contact you again.' I am beginning a new life and I don't want any part of the old.'

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"Jan. 7. Arrive in Minsk, met by 2 women Red Cross workers we go to hotel 'Minsk.' I take room, and meet Rosa and Stellina two persons from tourist in hotel who speak English Stellina is in 40's nice married young child, Rosa about 23 blond attractive unmarried excellent English, we attract each other at once.

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"Jan 8. I meet the city mayor, Comrade Shrapov, who welcomes me to Minsk promises a rent-free apartment 'soon' and warns me about 'uncultured persons' who sometimes insult foreigners. my interpreter: Roman Detkof, head For. Tech Instit. next door.

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"Jan. 10. The day to myself I walk through city, very nice.

"Jan. 13 I visit Minsk radio factory where I shall work. There I meet Argentinian immigrant Alexander Zeger born a Polish Jew. Immigrant to Argon. in 1938 and back to Polish homeland (now part of Belo.)

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"In 1955 speaks English with Amer. accent he worked for Amer. Com. in Argen. He is head of a dept. a qualified entenien. in late 40's mild mannered likable he seems to want to tell me somet. I show him my temp. docu. and say soon I shall have Russ. citiz.

"Jan. 13 - 16 I work as a 'checker' metal worker, pay: 700 rubles a month. work very easy I am learning Russian quickly. Now, everyone is very frindly and kind. I meet many yougn Russian workers my own age they have varied personatities all wish to know about me even offer to hold a mass meeting so I can say. I refuse politly. At night I take Rosa to the theater, movie or operas almost every day I'm living big and am very satisfied. I receive a check from the Red Cross every 5th of the month 'to help.' The check is 700 rubles. Therefore every month I make 1400 R. about the same as the director of the factory! Zeger obseres me during this time I don't like: picture of Lenin which watches from its place of honour and phy. traning at 11.-11.10 each morning (complusery). For all. (Shades of H. G. Wells!)

"March 16. I recive a small flat one-room kiten-bath near the factory (5 min. walk) with splendid view from 2 balconies of the river, almost rent free (60. rub a mon.) It is a Russians dream.

"March 17 - April 31. - work. I have last contact with Rosa after my house moving. I meet Pavil Golovacha. A yonuge man my age friend) very intelligent a exalant radio tehnniction his father is Gen. Golovacha commander of Northwestern Siberia. Twice hero of USSR in W. W. 2.

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"May 1 - May Day came as my first holiday all factories ect. closed after sptacular military parade all workers parad past reviewing stand waving flags and pictures of Mr. K. ect. I follow the Amer. custom of marking holiday by sleeping in in the morning. At night I vist with the Zegers daughters at an party throw by them about 40 people come many of Argenthe origen we dance and play around and drink until 2 AM. when party breaks up. Leonara Zeger oldest dau. 26 formally married, now divocied, a talanted

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"singer. Anita Zeger 20 very gay, not so attractive but we hit it off. Her boy-friend Alfred is a Hungarian chap, silent and brooding, not at all like Anita. Opposition I have heard. I respect Zeger, he has seen the world. He says many things, and relates many things I do not know about the U.S.S.R. I begin to feel uneasy inside, its true!

"June - July Summer months of green beauty, pine forest very deep. I enjoy many Sundays in the environments of Minsk with the Zegers who have a car 'Mosivick' Alfred always goes along with Anita, Leonara seems to have no permanent boy-friend, but many admirers. She has a beautiful Spanish figure, long black hair, like Anita. I never pay much atten. to her shes too old for me she seems to dislike my lack of attention for some reason. She is high strung. I have become habituated to a small cafe which is where I dine in the evening the food is generally poor and always exactly the same, menue in any cafe, at any point in the city. The food is cheap and I don't really care about quality after three years in the U.S.M.C.

"Aug - Sept. As my Russian improves I become increasingly concious of just what sort of a society I live in. Mass gymnastics, compulsory afterwork meeting, usually political - information meeting. Compulsory attendance at lectures and the sending of the entire shop collective (except me) to pick potatoes on a Sunday, at a state collective farm. A 'patriotic duty' to bring in the harvest. The opinions of the workers (unvoiced) are that its a great pain in the neck. They don't seem to be especially enthusiastic about any of the 'collective' duties a natural feeling. I am increasingly aware of the presence, in all thing, of Lebizen, shop party secretary, fat, fortyish, and Jovial on the outside. He is a no-nonsense party regular.

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"Oct. the coming of Fall, my dread of a new Russian winter are mellowed in splendid golds and reds of Fall in Belo Russia plums peachs appricots and cherrys abound for these last Fall weeks I am a healthy brown color and stuffed with fresh fruit. (At other

"times of the year unobtainable)

"Oct. 18 My 21st birthday sees Rosa, Pavil, Ella at a small party at my place Ella a very attractive Russian Jew I have been going walking with lately, works at the radio factory also. Rosa and Ella are jealous of each other it brings a warm feeling to me. Both are at my place for the first time. Alla and Pavil both give ash-trays (I don't smoke) We have a laugh.

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"Nov. Finds the approach of winter now. a growing loneliness overtakes me in spite of my conquest of Enna Tachina a girl from Riga, studying at the music conservorie in Minsk. After an affair which last a few weeks we part.

"Nov is in Nov. I make the acquaintances of four girls rooming at the For. lan. domitory in room 212. Nell is very interesting, so is Tomka, Tomis and Alla. I usually go to the insitute domatory with a freend of mine who speaks English very well. Eraich Titov is in the forth year at the medical insitute. very bright fellow at the domatory we 6 sit and talk for hours in English.

ERAIKH TITOV

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"Dec. I am havng a light affair with Nell Korobka.

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"Jan 1

New Years I spend at home of Ella Germain. I think I'm in love with her. She has refused my more dishonourable advanis, we drink and eat in the presence of her famly in a very hospitable atmosfere. Later I go home drunk and happy. Passing the river homewards, I decide to propose to Ella.

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"Jan 2. After a pleasant hand-in-hand walk to the local cinema we come home, standing on the door step I propose's She hesitates than refuses, my love is real but she has none for me. Her reason besides lack of love: I am american and someday might be arrested simply because of that example Polish Intervention in the 20's. led to arrest of all people in the Soviet Union of polish origen 'You understand the world situation there is too much against you and you don't even know it' I am stunned she snickers at my awkarnes in turning to go (I am too stunned too think!) I realize

"she was never serious with me but only exploited my being an american, in order to get the envy of the other girls who consider me different from the Russian boys. I am miserable!

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Jan 3. I am miserable about Ella. I love her but what can I do? it is the state of fear which was always in the Soviet Union.

Jan 4. One year after I recived 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 docciment is extended untill Jan 4. 1962

Jan-4-31 I am stating to reconsider my disire about staying The work is drab the money I get has nowhere to be spent. No nightclubs or bowling allys no places of recreation accept the Trade Union dances I have have had enough.

Feb. 1st Mail my first request to American Embassy, Moscow for reconsidering my position, I stated 'I would like to go back to U.S.'

Feb. 28 - I recive letter from Embassy. Richard E. Soyeydeck stated 'I could come in for an interview any time I wanted'.

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March 6-18 I now live in a state of expectation about going back to the U.S. I confided with Zeger he supports my judgment but warnes me not to tell any Russians about my desire to reture. I understade 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 hair-do and red-dress with white slippers I dance with her. Than ask to show her home I do, along with 5 other admirares Her name is Marina. We like each other right away she gives me her phone number and departs home with an not-so-new freind in a taxi, I walk home.

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"March-18-31 We walk I talk a little about myself she talks a lot about herself. her name is Marina N. Proskopka

Apr 1-1-30 We are going steady and I decide I must have her, she puts me off so on April 15 I propose, she accepts.

April 31, After a 7 day delay at the marriage bureau because of my unusual passport they allow us to register as man & wife two of Marina's girl friends act as bridesmaids, we are married at her aunts home we have a dinner reception for about 20 friends and neighbors who wish us happiness (in spite of my origin and accent) which was in general rather disquieting to my Russian since for, are very rare in the Soviet Union even tourist. after an evening of eating and drinking in which Uncle Wooser started a fight and the fuse blew 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. U.S.S.R.

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May Day 1961. Found us thinking about our future. In spite of fact I married Marina to hurt Ella I found myself in love with Marina.

May - The transition of changing full love from Ella to Marina was very painful esp. as I saw Ella almost every day at the factory but as the days & weeks went by I adjusted more and more my wife mentally. I still ardent told my wife of my desire to return to U.S. She is madly in love with me from the very start, boat rides on Lake Minsk walks through the parks evening at home or at Aunt Valia's place Mark May

June - a continuation of May, except that; we draw closer and closer, and I think very little now of Ella, in the last days of this month I reveal my longing to return to America. My wife is slightly startled. But then encourages me to do what I wish to do.

July - I decided to take my two week vacation and travel to Moscow (without police permission) to the American Embassy

"to see about getting my U.S. passport back and make arrangements for my wife to enter the U.S. with me.

July 8 - I fly by plane to Minsk on a il-20, 2hrs20. Later after taking a tearful and anxious parting from my wife I arrive in Moscow departing by bus from the airfield I arrive in the center of the city making my way through heavy traffic I don't come in sight of the embassy until 2:00 in the afternoon. Its Saturday what if they are closed? Entering I find the offices empty but manage to contact Snyder on the phone (since all embassy personal live in the same building) he comes down to greet me shake my hand after interview he advises me to come in first thing Mon.

(see - July 8-13)

July 8 - Interview July 9 receive passport call Maria to Moscow also.

July 14 - I and Mariaa return to Minsk.

July 15 - Marina at work is shocked to find out they everyone knows she entered the U.S. embassy. They were called at her place of work from some official in Moscow. the bosses hold a meeting and give her a strong browbeating. The first of many indocrinations.

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July 16 Aug 20. We have found out which blanks and certifikats are nessceary to apply for a exit visa They number about 20 papers; birth certificates affidavite photos ect. On Aug 20th we give the papers out they say it will be 3½ months before we know wheather they'll let us go or not. in the meantime Marina has had to stade 4 differant meeting at the place of work held by her boss's at the direction of "someone" by phone. The Young Comm. leauge headquathes also called about her and she had to go see them for 1½ hrs.

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"The purpose (expressed of is to disaude her from going to the U.S.A., net effect: make her more stubborn about wanting to go. Maria is pregnat. 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 Interl Affairs, all of which have a say in the granting of a visa, I extrakted promises of quick attention to us.

Sept-Oct 18. No word from Min. ("They'll call us".) Marina leaves Minsk by train on vaction to the city of Khkov in the Urals to vist an aunt for 4 weeks. During this time I am lonely but I and Erich go to the dances and public places for enitainment. I havent done this in quite a few months now. I spend my birthday alone at the opera wacthing my favoriot "Queen of Spades". I am 22 years old.

Nov. 2 Marina arrives back, radiant, with serveral jars of preserses for me from her her aunt in Khkov.

Nov - Dec. Now we are becoming anide about the delay Marina is beginning to waiver about going to the U.S. probably from the strain and her being pregnate, still we quarrel and so things are not to bright esp. with the approch of the hard Russian winter.

Dec 25th Xmas Day Tues. Marina is called to the passport & visa office. She is told we have been granted Soviet exit visa's. She fills out the completing blank and than comes home with the news. its great (I think)

New Years we spend at the Zeger's 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 possition I am given a totly new resid. pass. called "Pass. for Forin." and since they have given us perrmission to leave, and know we shall good to July 5, 1962.

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Jan 15- Days of cold Russian winter but we feel fine.
Feb. 15 - Marina is supposed to have baby on March 1st.

Feb. 15 - Dawn. Marina wakes me. its her time, at 9:00 we arrive at the hospital I leave her in care of nurses and leave to go to work. 10:00 Marina has a baby girl. When I visit the hospital at 500 after work, I am given news. We both wanted a boy. Marina feels well, baby girl, O.K.

Feb. 23 Maria leaves hospital I see June for first time.

Feb. 28 I go to registra (as prespibed by law) the baby. I want her name to be June Marina Oswald. But those Beaucrats say her middle name must be the same as my first. A Russian custom support by a law. I refuse to have her name written as "June Lee". They promise to call the city ministry (city hall) and find out in this case since I do have an U.S. passport.

Feb. 29. I am told that nobody knows what to do exactly, but everyone agrees "Go ahead and do it. "Po-Russki".
Name: June Lee.

March. The last commiques are exchanged between myself and embassy. letters are always arriving from my mother and brother in the U.S. I have still not told Erich who is my oldest existing aquaitance, that we are going to the State, he's O.K. But I'm afraid he is too good a young Communist leage member so I'll wait till last min.

March 28 - Marina quits her job in the formal fashion.

March 25 - I recive a letter from Immigration & Natur. service at San Antonio, Texas, that Marina has had her visa petition to the U.S. (approved!!) The last document. Now we only have to wait for the U.S. Embassey to recive their copy of the approval so they can officially give the go ahead.

March 2 (illegible) I recive a letter from a Mr. Philles (a /illegible/ of my mother, pleging to support my wife in case of need.

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Diary. (Extra days) not included in formal diary

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Nov. 1961 ~~Enna Ta (illegible)~~ 23 Blond, irial, famise, from Rega Esonia. Studing (Taknagobyeva written between lines) at conservatorie I met her in 1960 at the Zegers. her family (who sent her to Minsk) apparently well off. Enna loves fancy cloths well made shoes and underthings in Oct. 1960 we began to get very close and clamingating in intercourse on Oct. 21 she was a virgin and very interesting we met in such a fashion on for 5 occiations ending Nov. 4 1960 later upon completion of her last year at the music con. she left Minsk for Rega.

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25 Dec 1961. Nell Rogrobakc 21 large, 5 ft. 11 inch 150 lbs, built proportionly, large fruitful breast hips wide and hevvey but very pleasly proportioned, from a villige near the polish boarder of strictly Russian peasant stock. gentle kind womanly and understanding, passionate in heat, stubborn in hate she combined all the best womanly features with the kind simple, Russian hearlh. I met her through one of her room-mates, tonka, anell and Tomka. together with three other girls lived in a room at the for. hon. Insit. Dom. in Minsk near the victory urile. I began to notice nell serously only after I had parted ways with Enna. Nell at first dose not seem to warrant attention since she is rather plain looking and frieghtingly large. but I felt at once that she was kind and her passions were proportionent too her size. I fact too be found out only after a great deal of research. after a light affair lasting into Jan and even Feb, we containgly to remain on friendly but conventional terms throughout 1961 up till May when after beging married we no longer met.

June 19 (illegible) Ella Germain - a silky, black haired Jewish beauty with fine dark eyes skin as white as snow a beautiful smile and good but unpredictable nature, her only fault was that at 24 she was still a virgin, and due entirely to her own desire. I met her when she came too work at our factory. I noticed her, and perhaps fell in love with her, the first minute I saw her. we remained