

He took Bunny to see  
The Magnificent Seven. you  
should have seen him, he  
did everything but squeal.  
For two days he talked  
about nothing else. I'm  
afraid he's going to shoot  
up another foot after  
bathing. By the way, he  
learned to swim and isn't  
afraid of anything. He didn't  
know it and once Leo and

I started swimming away  
from the beach and in  
a minute or two Leo looked  
back and there was Bunny  
splashing away coming right  
after us like a little ~~egg~~ <sup>egg</sup>

puppy. He were soon scared  
silly. Leo turned sick  
and Bunny swam right  
up to him. That's how  
we found out he wasn't  
afraid to go out way  
over his head.

Smethert, that's about all  
my news right now. We're  
having a splendid rest. We've  
got ten days more. We'll  
be glad to go home when  
the time comes. So everything's  
fine. I will write as soon  
as we get back. With  
all my love and many  
kisses to both John and  
you. Sherry and write.  
How's your health, darling? With love  
Curtis



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Oct. 8, 1963

My dearest, or greatly missed Dytch,  
I haven't received anything from you yet but Leo called me at the studio to let me know that a magazine had come from Sweden Tony Honey, was I ever tickled to see your handwriting again! Now at least we know we can conclude at least that you got to Sweden alright and you must be visiting or were visiting John's sister. Knowing how quickly you always answer letters I can't believe you didn't write. Now I'm sorry that I didn't ask you to send a telegram. We have been so worried about you, Amalelli, Zina, Semyon, Anna, and Tanya - just about everybody has been asking about you and all I can say is that you are or were in Sweden. That's all I know. Sweetheart, how we miss you if only we could tell you. Leo says every single evening: "Where's our darling? She's forgotten all of us. Nobody asks me: How's my Leo? I've told him I'd ask him but he says no, that's not

the sun. Haven't darling. In trying  
to hear how you fared, where you  
went, what your visit to Osterlund  
was like. And I would like to  
know where you are! When I'm asked  
about you, and that's about every day,  
I say you are either gadding around  
Europe or shooting missus in Sweden!  
I do hope I hear from you soon. For  
a day passes but what Leo or I send  
you a dozen times. Sunday we went  
out to Claudia & Nick's and talked  
about you so much Leo went for a  
walk in the woods and that evening  
told me that he had been so very  
lonesome seeing the spots where we  
had been with you. Honestly, darling,  
I'm beginning to suspect that Leo misses  
you more than his own Mother, just  
between you and me & the gatepost.  
His daughter Annick arrived on  
the second of October. Leo and I had  
to help Karl get his room ready, you  
know &. Sometimes it's comical. Leo  
says we've got a second baby  
in our hands, and he's fit the  
wail on the head I think. Annick  
brought me a big bottle of perfume

Now I must find something for her.  
She will be leaving next Sunday,  
Oct. 12. She came only for 10 days. I  
have accorded her what hospitality  
I could (I leave every morning at 10.30)  
and they have been just about as  
friendly as anyone could be with-  
out slathering all over me. (K. would  
be only too happy to do that but  
I keep a nice big distance between)  
I thought when his daughter came  
she would straighten up his room  
but God! I think it's much worse  
since she got here. It's one big  
god-awful clutter, with beds un-  
made for a week. When she wasn't  
here at least he kept his bed made  
because he saw how neat  
our room always is. She brought  
him some clothes, the only thing  
that affects me are 3 sweaters,  
bulky-knit, thick warm ones.  
Damn it, I can just see Leo  
in them. (K. looks like hell in anything  
right now!)

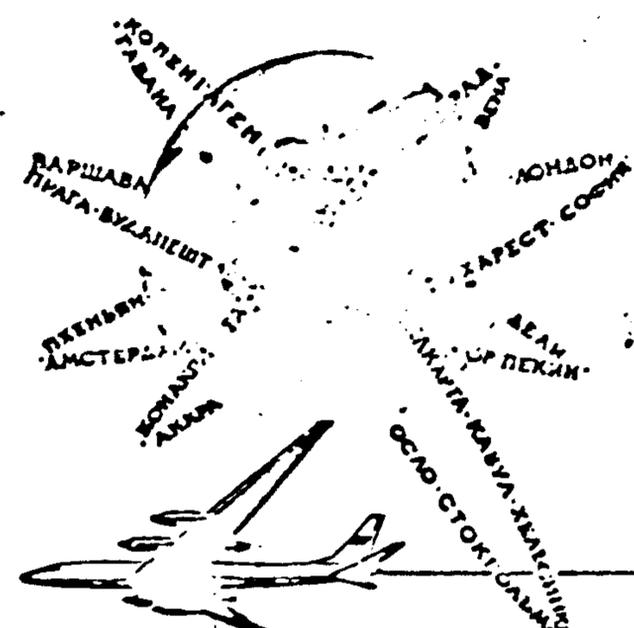
Once again I must tell of what a  
difference there is in those two. Nothing  
can excite our boy (except a radio)  
he's so calm about anything.

Anna told me that K. is so  
excited about his new clothes that  
he could hardly talk with them!

Well, my Angel darling, I don't have  
any more news right now. I like  
our day work but am horribly  
behind in my chores. Just  
can't have enough time now. Bunny  
remembers you constantly. He's getting  
along fine in his new school and  
schoolwork. It has been so warm  
again for a few days. On Sunday it  
was 33°C. in the sun. Now I suppose  
it will snow next Sunday. Well,  
Sweetheart, I am hoping very much  
to hear from you soon. I miss  
you horribly, and without your  
letters, it's simply impossible. Did  
you get your bottles through safely?  
I'm ever so curious. With all  
my endless love and endless kisses,  
Your loving & devoted Aunt

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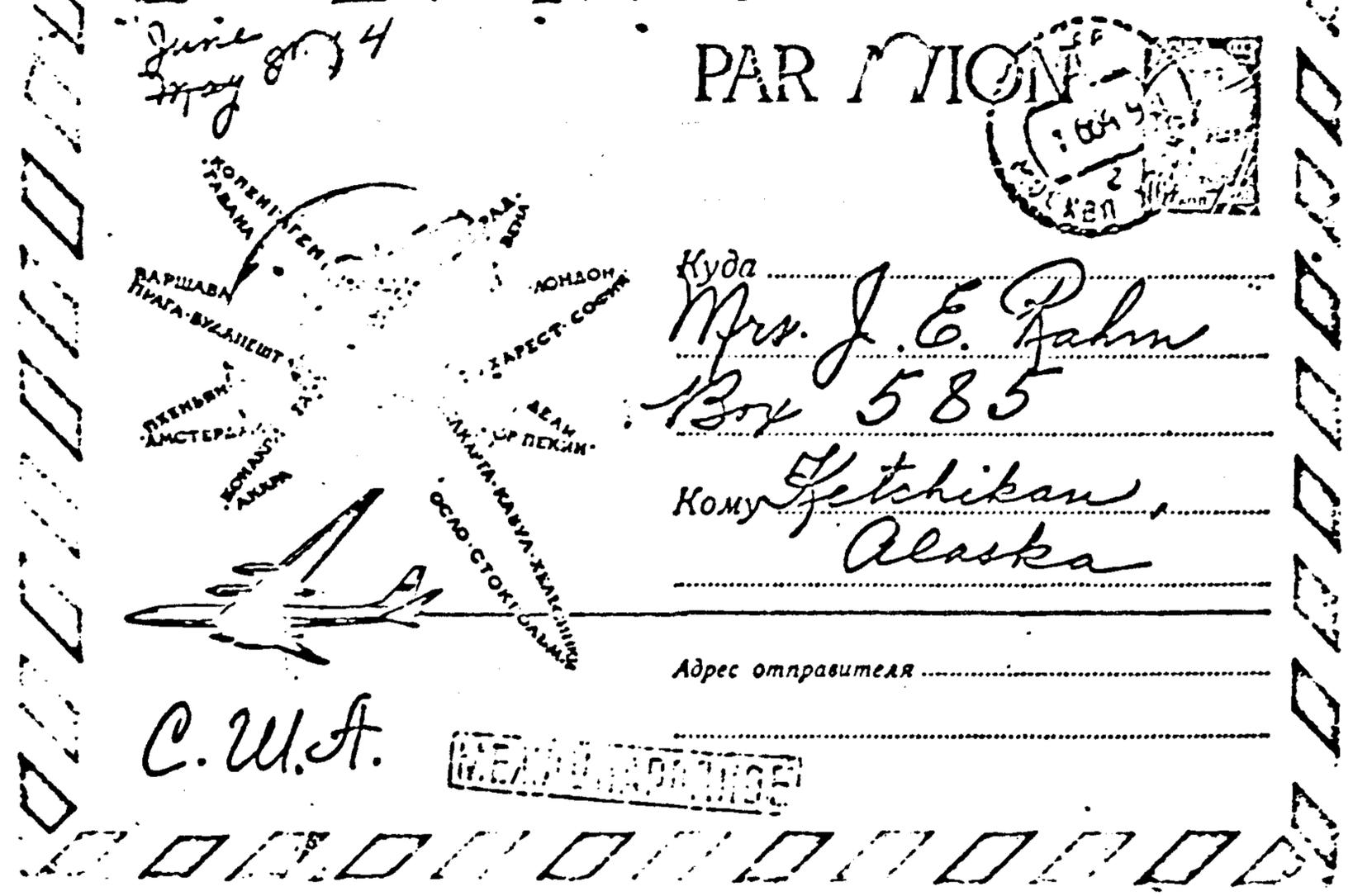
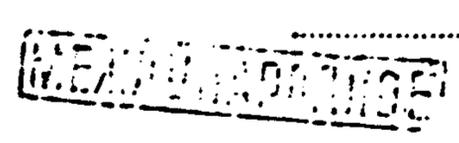


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СЕТЯЕВА А.К.

May 30, 1964

Darling Mother - mine,

Just got up. sent Bunny off for his last day at school and there was your letter of May 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm going to try and answer you before I go to work. I'm drinking coffee, eating breakfast, and writing. Honey dear, so please make allowances.

We were at the Bolshoi last night; (sat in the 1<sup>st</sup> row right plumb in the middle!!) to see the ballet "Don Quixote" and I don't think I have ever seen such a magnificent performance. All Leo didn't do was holler, and a lot of others were doing just that. I'm so sorry it wasn't on when you were here, it's solid dancing from beginning to end, one faster than the other. I clapped until my hands ached. The Spanish dances and costumes are too beautiful for words. Yuri Fire

was conducting  
and (by far the most temperamental  
conductor at the Bolshoi) and in  
several places he was so carried  
away by the music (which is  
splendid) and the dancing that  
he burst into song a few bars  
ahead of the orchestra. He was  
sitting right at his elbow, it was  
a performance in itself just  
to watch his handling of the  
orchestra. It's a long ballet  
and we enjoyed every minute of  
it. The whole company was  
superb from the prima ballerina  
down to the children. The place  
was packed with tourists, I  
heard English, German, French,  
Spanish, I saw one woman  
in Japanese kimono, with hair-  
do and everything. Leo and  
I kept remembering you all  
the time, how last year we  
were together at the Bolshoi.

Honey I wrote you once already that we got the acc. radations, were leaving on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June. I'll send you some pictures of the place as soon as I find some there. The Crimean beaches are steep and stony but to me it'll be pure heaven to sit and do nothing for awhile.

About the apartment, darling. I've found just the thing we want, but I can't get my documents from our house management, I hope to God they hurry up. The Moscow University is building an immense cooperative apartment house at the end of one of the subway lines called Southwest. I've seen the layout and like it very much. The three-room apts. have any number of built-in cupboards, a big balcony (the Italian loggia) a nice entry-hall, bath & lavatory separate, and a nice kitchen

The building will be completed  
at the end of next year. I  
think it's just what we want.  
Now all we've got to do is  
~~enter~~ <sup>join</sup> the cooperative, but  
I can't do that without a  
lot of papers from our house  
management. Leo has his  
key ago. I sure would like  
to do it before we leave.  
The location is on the  
edge of Moscow but we  
have decided it's about  
time we began thinking  
about our health and  
the air out there is lovely.  
Right now it's just an  
open field with the Metro  
station in the middle  
but in a year it'll be  
all laid out, and the  
new housing developments are

so pretty and  
sick of living in the heart  
of Moscow. It's so noisy I can't  
sleep in the morning at all.  
And it's about time we had  
something to ourselves. You know  
how good Leo is at fixing  
things and he's just asking  
to get his hands on some-  
thing that will belong to us alone.  
Yes, darling, Leo is just about  
all you could want as a  
husband and a father. I think  
I forgot to tell you that he  
gave me a lovely wristwatch  
for Mayday. It's very modern  
 one end is wider than the  
other. For quite some time we  
couldn't find a bracelet or strap  
but just yesterday I found a  
nice bracelet which fits my wrist  
and matches the watch, it's very  
much like yours only without  
the gold nuggets, of course, and

just 1 of the flexible thing you  
had. The watch is gold-plated and  
I like it immensely.

Bunny finishes school today  
He hasn't done too bad but  
sure could do a lot better.  
He dropped to solid C's in  
everything except department - A  
and Reading - B. Well, I guess  
we'll just have to be patient.  
He'll wake up one of these  
days.

I'm very glad to know that  
at least one gooseberry plant  
is coming up. I'm sure your  
flowers will thrive because  
those wild flowers are tough  
as anything. You should see  
Leo gardening, you'd die  
laughing. He planted some  
kind of seeds in our window  
box, just threw them on top and

scraped, some dirt over the top.  
Next morning he says "How  
come there's nothing come up  
yet." He expects them to grow  
at least half a foot a day.

May 31.

Angel love, I couldn't finish  
my letter to you yesterday, my  
washer woman came and I  
had to stop, then I began in the  
studio and our art director  
wanted me to sing! What next?  
Can you imagine me singing?  
Well, he did make me sing  
something, but it was for a  
little grasshopper in a story for  
children, so I guess it may  
pass. Anyway I didn't get  
my letter written and now  
we are out at Claudia's  
and I'm sitting under the pine  
trees near the kitchen. She  
thanks you for the card, she  
thought it was lovely. I made

the chocolate cake and  
use the creamy white  
frosting. Maybe I was supposed  
to use the French vanilla  
I didn't know. See, sweetheart,  
these cake mixes are gorgeous.  
It took me half an hour to  
make it last night. I was so  
tired when I came home from  
work I simply dreaded thinking  
of making a cake, but I couldn't  
go without a cake. When I'd  
finished I just couldn't believe  
I'd made a cake. Sweetheart,  
let whoever wants have the  
real cakes, I'll take the  
mix any day. I wonder  
how much horse power we  
spent mixing and beating.  
My arm aches two days  
after a cake-baking session.  
The weather today is perfect.  
I'm wearing your blue-green

and it's hot. The mosquitoes  
are having a picnic on my  
arms and legs.

Sweetheart, don't worry about  
that bathing suit at all, or any-  
thing else for that matter. Just  
be careful and get well.  
I have an idea of what you're  
suffering. Last week I was walking  
along the street and somehow  
twisted my ankle, went sprawling  
on my knees, and couldn't get  
up unaided. It's been bandaged  
for a week and is still  
swollen nearly double its ~~normal~~  
normal size. I wrenched it  
something awful getting out of  
the cab when we went to  
the Bolshoi. I do wish it  
would heal soon. I can't  
put my full weight on it,  
and am scared silly some-  
one will accidentally scrape

against it. I must have  
banged the ankle. One on  
the pavement, there's a black-  
and blue bruise, covers half  
my foot. It's been years  
since I've sprained an  
ankle. Sure isn't any  
fun. We'll be leaving in  
four days for vacation and  
I'll take it easy for awhile  
so the swelling will go down.

Darling, I'll be so tickled to  
have a cap of baby blue.  
First of all, I never knew baby-  
blue was so becoming to me.  
Those blue scarves you sent  
me have caused so much  
comment. And baby-blue will  
look so nice with my winter  
coat. Would you consider  
me a pizzy if I asked you  
to make me a scarf and  
mittens (or gloves) to match?

my little red ones you sent  
me several years ago are  
just about through. I've darned  
them again and again, no there's  
nothing hardly left to darn, and  
they don't go very nicely with my  
coat.

I know just how you feel, Angel  
darling, you and I are exactly alike.  
I get ants in my pants after  
2 days of bed rest. I can under-  
stand how you itch looking at  
those dirty curtains. Take it  
easy, Honey, you've always told  
me it's not going to run away.  
The main thing is to let your  
knee heal. Nothing else really  
counts, does it? I hope with  
all my heart this will find  
you still better. Do take care  
of yourself, my precious darling.  
I'm so terrified of something  
happening to you, and you're

times a night drenched with  
sweat, fearing you might be  
sick. I don't think I ever  
experienced as horrible a time  
as when I was waiting for  
word of you after the quake.

I hope you are out at the  
cabin now, it must be  
heavenly now. How I ache to  
be sitting there drinking coffee  
with you. Who knows, maybe  
I will be some day. Our main  
job right now is to get  
ourselves a home and then  
we can think of visiting  
Mother Darling. Stranger things  
have happened, haven't they?  
I kiss and hold both  
of you as hard as possible.  
Kiss you sweet, my darlings.  
A big special kiss to John  
from this little girl.

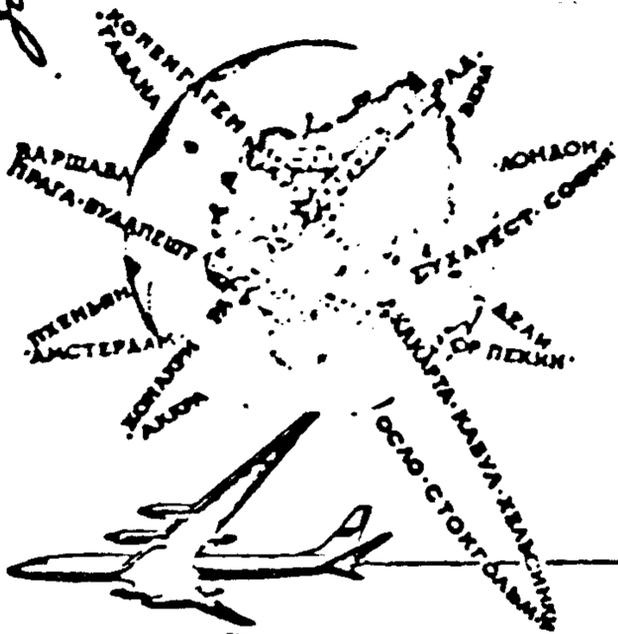
With all my love,

Your loving daughter  
Cecilia

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г. 1/15 Кор. В кв. 78

СЕТЯЕВА А.К.

July 5, 1964

My dearest Angel,

Just before I left Yalta I received a letter from you. Marina saw it, I didn't have any air mail envelopes so I decided I'd better wait and write from Moscow. It flew in very late, it was 8 a.m. when we finally got home. It had bought our return tickets in Moscow before and Leo thought it would be better to fly at night. Bunny slept the whole trip curled up in his seat. I barely managed to wake him up, we were last to leave the plane. When we got home there was another letter from you dated June 9<sup>th</sup>. I read it before going to bed although I was just all in. The trip from Yalta to Simferopol where the airport is located is 2 hours, from there to Moscow it's nearly 2 hours, and from the Vnukovo airport to the city

is news, which is all  
pretty exhausting in a day.  
Honey, in the letter you wrote  
which I got in Yalta, you mention  
not having received anything for  
a month. One of my letters must  
have gone astray because I've been  
writing steadily. I sent only one  
letter from Yalta because sitting  
on the beach all day and nearly  
every day there's not much to  
write about. Yalta is a nice  
place and this time I liked  
it better because we were  
close to the beach. I'm afraid  
it would be much too hot for  
you, sweetheart, the temperature  
is seldom less than 90 in the  
shade. Towards the end of our  
stay there I got tired of the  
sun and didn't even go to the  
beach. I found it much more  
pleasant to stay in our room  
in the shade. Our air mattress  
blew up on the beach one day

and all of a sudden it exploded with such a bang, it scared everybody silly. I think if anyone had been sitting on it he would have landed way out at sea, because Leo tried to tear the material and with all his strength he couldn't even make a tiny rip in it. The explosion ripped it over half its length. That's what the sun does there. After our explosion everyone else began letting the air out of their mattresses so they wouldn't explode in the sun. We had a splendid rest but all of us, including Bunny, lost weight. Perhaps from the heat. Here in Moscow the heat is terrific, all of June was hot and dry, yesterday there was such a thunder storm, a regular cloudburst, but the thermometer shows 85-90° even late at night. I seem to have lost my appetite, my boys, too. As soon as I get Bunny off to camp

my f't. It swells up all the  
time and both my feet ache  
something awful. I have to take  
pills before going to bed to take  
away that steady ache, otherwise  
I can't sleep at all. It's probably  
arthritis, as you said. If I  
put my ring on in the morning  
I can't get it off in the evening.  
In Yalta I thought I'd have to  
begin crawling. I bought a  
pair of heeled slippers because  
I don't have any summer foot-  
wear at all. I had blisters  
on every single toe as big  
as a quarter, and on the  
soles of my feet too! I like  
the heeled sandals (scuffs  
they are called, aren't they?)  
they look very nice on my  
feet. and I thought if they didn't  
have heels I wouldn't have  
so many places for blisters. Honey,

if you have ~~some~~ ~~any~~  
foot-removers or is it ~~to~~ ~~king-~~  
savers please send me a ~~of~~  
couple. It's simply impossible to wear  
stockings in this heat and I'm  
in torture constantly from blisters  
on my feet because I can't go  
without stockings. I've got the cruelest  
feet. I tried to wear your old  
sandals but they hurt too, both  
the red and the white ones. The  
straps cut into my ankles.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

My darling sweetest, I didn't  
finish this because my plan  
to send Bunny to camp fell  
through at the very last minute.  
I was at my wit's end what  
to do with him. It's too  
late to get him into our camp  
for children at the Radio. Finally  
Marina managed to get her  
vacation in July instead of  
August and she will take

Bunny to Colonel (where  
I was in 1960. The way it's  
two birds with one stone—Marina  
needs a rest in the worst way  
and Bunny will be out of  
the city. This has taught me  
never to depend on anyone  
but myself. Since January Anna  
kept telling me that there's was  
nothing to worry about. Then at  
the very last minute they refused  
to take Bunny because he is  
her nephew and not her son.  
If it weren't for Marina I  
don't know what I would  
have done. I was nearly  
ready to send him to Daddy's  
because, as you know, there's  
no one to leave him with  
at home and in this heat  
he sort of melts away.

because I didn't count on having  
to send both of the seeds off.  
Things are rather expensive in  
the Baltic area - rent is much  
more. Oh, well, I can't do anything  
else so what's the use of  
worrying about it. He'll  
manage, we've never gone begging  
yet.

I'm so glad you get out to the  
cabin once in a while. If there's one  
place I'd like to see, it's your  
little place there. You and I are  
just alike. We have cabbage again  
and every time I begin to cut it  
I think of you and I'd be damned  
if I can cut it like you do!  
No matter how I try.

I should get my papers this  
week I think. It took two  
months just to have the apt.  
put in K's name. Now I should  
get all my documents signed,  
at least I hope so. I think I

were you before Sunday and  
we were there with 600 and  
his papers were taken and  
we signed up for a 3-room  
apt with ~~bed~~ kitchen, bath,  
toilet and a big balcony -  
loggia (built-in) I'll send you  
the lay-out as soon as  
we go there again. They called  
up from the university yesterday  
to ask about my papers. It's  
an awful long way out  
there - it will take us nearly  
an hour to get to work!  
but I think it's worth it.  
The summers in Moscow seem  
to be getting hotter and drier  
with every year. Nick is  
crazy about his new apart-  
ment and he's also a 40  
minute ride from the radio,  
but he's on the same sub-  
way line - we'll have to  
commute. Still I think it's

subway and at present the station is in the middle of an open field, behind the university building. Birds were singing away and I could hear grasshoppers. The house should be a five minute from the subway station but where its going to be precisely I don't know yet, but I like the location, its' up on a hill and the air is wonderful. Its the first breath of air I've had since returning from Yalta. What we breathe at home is certainly not air! I'm sure that year will pass before we know it and at the end of next year we should have a lovely place of our own. I'm living with that idea, I think I've moved in twenty times already. And we should have our debt paid and be clear by that time. Well, here's hoping anyway.

judging by your  
should have your new ear  
by now. I sure hope you  
do. Then you'll be able to  
stay out at the cabin a  
lot more, won't you? I bet  
your knee would get better  
twice as fast in the fresh  
air. And you certainly need  
the sleep, you get up so early.

I'm getting so I can't sleep  
at home at all, I wake up  
at 3 or 4 a.m. and it takes  
me hours to go back to  
sleep, it's so noisy.

Your squirrels must be  
adorable. I think they are  
such lovely little things.  
I've seen a couple out  
at Claudia's in the winter.  
They are such bugbodies.

About the cakes, darling,  
they were simply heavenly. I

Claude, said Burnum asked  
for the yellow one. Geo went  
to town on the yellow cake, he  
just ate and ate it. That's  
the first time I've seen him  
eat cake like that. I've got  
one left for our next family  
holiday, the cherry cake & frosting.  
By the way, I like the frosting,  
where you add 1 tef. of butter,  
besides the eggs, it's nicer than  
the other ones. and much  
easier to beat up without  
a mixer. I'm also planning  
on making a strawberry  
short cake (altho it won't be  
short) if strawberries get  
a bit cheaper. I usually  
just make a pound cake  
and cover it with ~~strawberries~~ berries.  
Everybody likes it. I brought  
some flour with me from  
Yalta so you can send me the  
can of baking powder you

but I think it is good flour.  
It's not too white but it will  
do. My boys love pancakes.

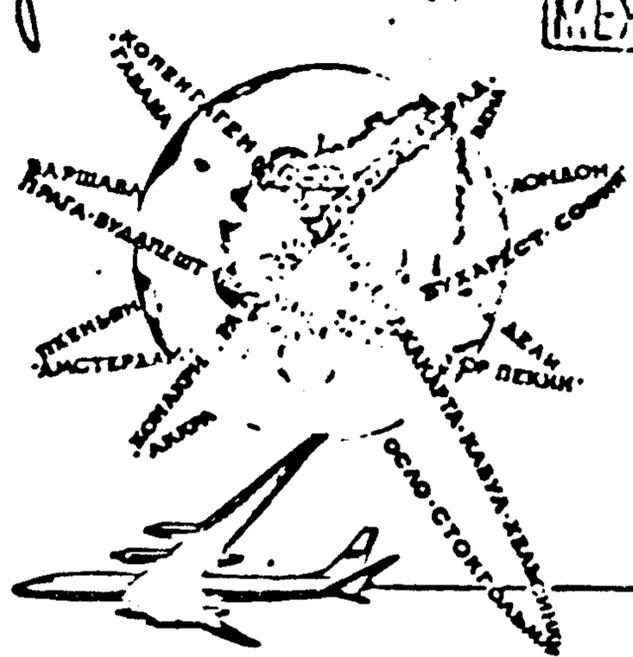
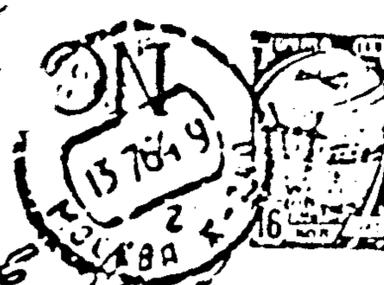
I hope you will tell me  
all about your S. of N. convention.  
Did you get to see anything?  
Leo has finally taken my photo-  
graphy with a bang. So you  
should be getting some pictures.  
He developed his first ones last  
night and was dancing all  
over. He keeps snapping me  
when I'm not looking. He's using  
a simple little camera. K.  
gave to Bunny for his birthday.

Well, my own sweet darling,  
it's about time I got this in  
the mail. I'll be writing  
regularly now and hope I'll  
have some good news. Give  
my love to dearest John and  
a big hug and kisses from  
his girl who is brown as an  
Indian right now. I'm writing  
for your letters, sweetheart.  
With all my endless love,  
Your loving Aunt

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СЕТЯЕВА А.К.

July 12, 1909  
Mother Darling.

I'm sure you must have my letter by now. On getting up this Sunday morning I found your letter of June 27<sup>th</sup> in the letter box. In answering you right away so that you'll know I'm writing regularly. I wrote only one letter from Yalta, my precious darling because somehow in that hot sun my brains got half-stewed or fried, I just couldn't think of anything to write about. You get up in the morning, go for a swim, come back up the stairs to the dining room for breakfast, go back down to the beach for the rest of the day until dinner, after dinner nearly everybody goes to sleep until supper. So you see, sweetheart, there wasn't much to tell you. Besides going to the movies nearly every evening I don't think we did anything else at all. But we did have a good rest. I came.

that is why at work, wanted to  
take a bite of me. Leo's mother  
is also having a rest at  
a mineral springs place in  
the Caucasus. She looked so  
peaked and tired this winter.

It's hot as hades in Moscow  
and it's awful how it effects  
me. Thank heavens, Marina and  
Bunny are at the seashore.  
It was cold when they arrived.  
I haven't received any more news  
from them yet. I hope to have a  
letter by this evening. I get so  
lonesome for them.

I'm so glad to hear that  
Maggie and Ivo are in Hetchikan.  
That makes things much merrier  
for you, doesn't it? And I do hope  
the awful effect of the quake will  
wear off finally. Honey, tell Maggie  
the only letter I received was the one

from Division. Leo still laughs when he remembers how the vodka effected all of you. I never received anything else but we were both tickled to know that the records came through. He thought they went the way of the cigarettes and other things.

Hurray for the gooseberries! I do hope they keep on that way. Be sure and let me know. Poor Leo's garden dried up and withered away while we were gone even though Maria came every few days to water it. The heat was too much and as you'll remember our window box is exposed to the sun all day.

I'm so glad you've got your new car. It's sure it must be a beauty. I shall be waiting for a picture of it, and I'd also like a picture of the cabin, if you can manage it.

Maybe Maggie or Ivo could snap it

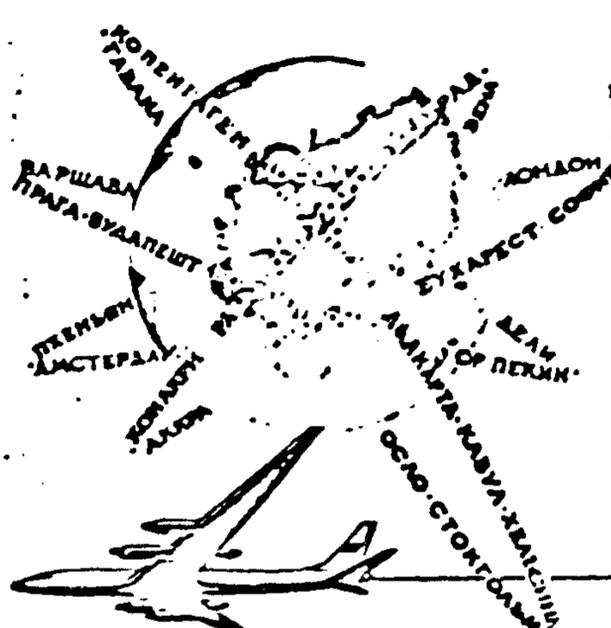
It has a pity you miss so  
much of the Sons of N. convention. I  
was hoping you'd see most of it.  
You mention the drill team, Honey,  
what do they drill in or at?  
I wish you wouldn't tire yourself  
out so much baking cakes and  
so on. You really must take better  
care of yourself, Honey darling.  
I so wish you could stay more  
out at the cabin. With the new  
car now won't it be possible?

Give my love to Maggie and  
Irene and a big kiss to John.  
How I'd love to see them all.  
I kiss and hug you, sweetest,  
and shall be waiting very  
impatiently for your letter.

With all my love,  
Your Cousin

L. Sweetest, I'm dying for something to read.

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Darling Mother, mine,

You simply can't imagine how overjoyed I was to get your letter of April 11<sup>th</sup>, the first one I've had since the middle of March. And since I saw my boys off to Saratov, Leo's home town, last night I woke up feeling mighty blue this Saturday morning. When I got up there in the hall was your letter. I pounced on it like a tiger and have read it three times and now have sit down to answer immediately. "It let the cats' away the mice will play." - for four days I'm not making any dinner nor doing anything until I feel ready for it. I'm going to drink coffee and eat crackers! Leo went to visit his father's grave, the 26<sup>th</sup> was his birthday, put some flowers on it and see his grandmother again. Poor thing.

all to come but I couldn't  
get off at all. Auntelle is  
sick and Joe has taken a  
month's vacation. So I'll have  
to send a picture. Bunny was  
so excited he was goggle-eyed.  
I think they will have a fine  
time, the two of them.

My precious little darling, what a  
relief to know that your knee  
is getting better. And what a  
hair-raising experience! No wonder  
on Leo's birthday I could think  
of nothing but you. You were in  
mind every single second. I think  
I wrote you that I woke Leo  
& his mother up that night  
screaming "Mamma!" Mother  
darling, how relieved I am to  
hear from you and know that

were I really like cake, (one or two  
days in bed is just about all  
I can take, after that I get onto  
in my pants. But don't you go getting  
up too early, my sweetheart. Please  
be careful, Honey, better stay in  
bed a little bit extra than have  
trouble later on. And I'm sure John  
is the handsiest darling and  
you can just thank your stars,  
sweetheart, that he can do the cooking.  
Just remember how some men would  
rather starve their wives and  
themselves too than lift a finger in  
the kitchen. You can give a big  
kiss to dearest John from his  
little girl, if there's one thing I  
prize it's a man who knows  
his way about the kitchen. And  
I am so glad I could make  
John happy on his birthday, it  
was about all I could send.  
You see, Honey, I had it all

planned to send me a set of  
glasses for tea with the  
Russian glass-holder. You  
know that's an old Russian  
custom to drink tea in glasses.  
Well, just as I was about  
to buy the set I decided to better  
call the Customs to make sure.  
So nothing doing - the glass-holder  
is silver and that's not allowed.  
And the other ones - not silver,  
don't look nice, ~~as~~ at least  
to me they don't. So I had to be  
contented with just a wire, but  
as you were in the hospital  
that day I guess that was  
pleasant, too. So I'm glad he  
was glad.

Darling, we never even thought  
for a minute ~~that~~ nor expected  
a telegram on Leo's birthday.  
In fact when I read about

first time I thought about it.  
We were so struck about  
the earthquake that we forgot  
all about everything else. It  
didn't enter our minds at all.

The destruction you describe  
is certainly heartbreaking. We  
have read a great deal about  
it but somehow it escaped us  
entirely that another result of  
the quake is unemployment.

We had a quake here in Central  
Asia in a city called Ashkabad  
in 1949 or 1950, a very bad one -  
God, half the country was  
rushed there to work, doctors,  
nurses, and every kind of building  
worker. I think it's been entirely  
rebuilt now. Do let me know  
about Irvie and Maggie. What  
will they do? Do you think they  
might move to Ketchikan if  
there's no work in Seward?

you, wouldn't it? I sure do  
hope with all my heart that  
they didn't lose everything.  
Of course, it's a miracle that  
so very few were killed in  
a disaster of that extent.

Honey, don't you bother about  
sending me anything at all. When  
I wrote you about the Panty hose  
and deodorant I had no idea  
that, in the first place, you  
were in the hospital being  
operated on and, secondly,  
that in a few days Alaska  
was going to turn inside  
out. Now I won't refuse  
the books because you know  
what books are to me,  
I just can't resist the temptation  
but, Honey, if John can send  
them be sure and declare them  
just to make sure I get