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## Item #19

A five-page handwritten letter dated 7/22/63, and addressed to:

> Mrs. Marina Oswald 4907 Magazine St. New Orleans, La.

> > From: G. P. Khontuleva ul. Ruzovskaya 9, apt. 8 Leningrad, F-13 USSR

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# SUMMARY FROM RUSSIAN

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### It contains such items as:

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- 1. Galina is working in the Pharmacy of Mechnikov Hospital.
- 2. Still sad over mother's death.
- 3. Her boy friend.
- 4. How are things with Alex? How does he feel? Are all the disagreements smoothed out? They will be after the arrival of the new child.
- 5. If she still can't stand it come back to the Soviet Union and they will find a place for her.
- 6. Don't be discouraged.
- 7. Ask about the new town that Marina is living in.
- 8. Talk about Valentina TERESHKOVA (the space woman).

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