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OCT. 16. ARRIVE FROM HELSINKI BY TRAIN. AM MET BY INTOURIST  
AGENTS. AND IN CAR TO HOTEL "BERLIN". ROBEK AS "STUDENT" (I PAY  
LVA. TOURIST TICKET.) MEET MY INTOURIST GUIDES RIMMA SHELIKOVA.  
I EXPLAIN TO HER I WISH TO APPLY FOR RUS. CITIZENSHIP. SHE  
IS FAVORABLE BUT AGREES TO HELP. SHE CHECKS WITH HER BOSS,  
MAIN OFFICE INTOURIST, WHO HELPS ME ADD. LETTER TO SUP. COURT. ASKING  
FOR CITIZENSHIP. MEAN WHILE BOSS TELEPHONS PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE  
AND NOTIFIES THEM ABOUT ME.

OCT. 17 - RIMMA MEETS ME FOR INTOURIST SIGHTSEEING. SHE WANTS  
ME NOT CONTINUE WITH THIS ALTHOUGH I AM TWO MONTHS SHE IS "LIVING"  
SHE GIVE AN ANSWER. SOON, ASKS ME ABOUT MYSELF AND MY  
REASONS FOR DOING THIS. I EXPLAIN I AM A COMMUNIST. ETC.  
SHE IS POLITELY SYM. BUT UNHAPPY NOW. SHE WANTS TO BE A  
FRIEND TO ME. SHE FEELS SORRY FOR ME I AM SOMEONE WHO  
OCT. 18. MY 20th BIRTHDAY. AM VIST EXHIB. IN MORNING AND  
IN THE AFTER NOON THE LERIN-SPAIN TOMB. SHE GIVES ME  
A PRESENT BOOK "IDEOT" BY DOSTOEVSKI.

OCT. 19. TOURISM. AM HAVING SINCE MY VISA IS GOOD FOR  
FIVE DAYS ONLY AND STILL REQUIRED FROM AUTH. ABOUT MY REQUEST.

OCT. 20. RIMMA 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.

OCT. 21. (MOR.) MEETING WITH SIKHE OFFICIAL. BALDING SPORT, BLACK  
SVIT FAMILY. GOOD ENGLISH. ASKS WHAT DO I WANT? I SAY  
SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. HE ASK WHY I GIVE VALUE ANSWER  
ABOUT GREAT SOVIET CIVILIZ. HE TELLS ME "USSR ONLY GREAT  
IN LITERATURE WANTS ME TO GO BACK HOME" I AM STUCCED  
I REITERATE. HE SAYS HE SHALL CHECK AND LET ME KNOW  
WEATHER MY VISA WILL BE EXTENDED IT EXPIRES TODAY.

EVE. 6.00 RECEIVE WORD FROM POLICE OFFICIAL. I MUST  
LEAVE COUNTRY TOMORROW AT 8.00 AM AS VISA EXPIRES. I AM  
SHOCKED!! MY DREAMS! I RETURN TO MY ROOM. I HAVE  
3.00. LEFT. I HAVE WAITED FOR 2 YEARS TO BE ACCEPTED  
MY FINGERS OLEANS ARE SHATTERED BECAUSE OF A PETTY OFFICIAL BECAUSE  
OF BAD PLANNING I PLANNED SO MUCH. 7.00 AM I DECIDE TO  
END IT. SOAK RUSTIN GOLD WATER TO NUMB THE PAIN. THEN SLASH  
MY LEFT WRIST, THEN PLUCK WRIST INTO BATHROOM OF HOT WATER.  
I THINK WHEN RIMMA COMES AT 8. TO FIND ME DEAD IT WILL  
BE A GREAT SHOCK. SOMEWHERE RUSSIAN FILMS AS I

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Oct. 21 (Sun). WALK MY LIFE WALK AWAY. I THINK TO MYSELF, "HOW EASY TO DIE" AND "A SWEET DEATH, (TO VIOLINS) ABOUT 400 RIMMA FINDS ME UNCONSCIOUS (BATHING UNDER A RICH RED COAT) SHE SCREAMS (I REMEMBER THAT) and runs for help. AMBULANCE COMES, AM TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. MEDICAL STAFF STINGS MY RICH "MY WRIST. POOR RIMMA STAYS BY MY SIDE AS INTERPRETER MY RUSKIAN 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 FREE" X

Oct. 22. HOSPITAL I AM IN A SMALL ROOM WITH ABOUT 12 OTHERS SICK PERSONS) 2 DOCTORS AND A NURSE THE ROOM IS VERY PROBABLY AS WELL AS THE BREAKFAST. ONLY AFTER ALCOHOL (2 HOURS) OBSERVATION OF THE OTHER PAT. DO NOT NOTICE I AM IN THE DEMENTIA WARD. THIS REALIZATION DISGUSTS ME. LATER IN AFTERNOON I AM VISITED BY RIMMA, SHE COMES IN WITH TWO DOCTORS AS ENTERED SHE MOST ASK ME MEDICAL QUESTIONS "DID YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING?" ANS. YES "DID YOU BLACK OUT?" NO. ECT. I THAN COME ABOUT AFTER FOOD THE DOCTORS LAUGH AND SAY THIS IS A GOOD SIGN LATER THEY LEAVE I AM ALONE WITH RIMMA (ALMOST THE MENTALLY ILL) SHE ENCOURAGES ME AND SCOLLS ME, SHE SAYS SHE WILL HELP ME TO GET TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SECTION OF HOS. (NOT FOR DEMENTIA) WHERE FOOD IS GOOD. X

Oct. 23. TRANSFERRED TO ORDINARY WARD, (AIRY, GOOD FOOD.) BUT NURSES SUSPICIOUS OF ME. (THEY KNOW). AFTERNOON I AM VISITED BY ROSA AKA FANONIA OF THE HOTEL WHO ASKES ABOUT MY HEALTH, VERY BEAUTIFUL, EXCELLENT ENG., VERY HEAVY AND KIND, SHE MAKES ME VERY GLAD TO BE ALIVE. LATER RIMMA VISITS X

Oct. 24. HOSPITAL ADJUSTIVE, RIMMA VISITS ME IN AFTERNOON X

Oct. 25. AN ELDERY AMERICAN AT THE HOSPITAL GROW SUSPICIOUS ABOUT ME FOR SOME REASON. PHIPPA BECAUSE AT EMBASSY I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT REGISTERED AS TOURIST AND I AM IN GENERAL EVASIVE ABOUT MY PRESENCE IN MOSCOW AND AT HOSPITAL RIMMA VISITS. X

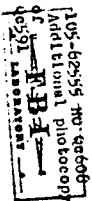
Oct. 27. STILNES ARE TAKEN OUT BY DOCTOR WITH "DULL" SCISSOR X  
 Oct. 28. I LEAVE HOSPITAL IN INTERIST CTR. WITH RIMMA FOR HOTEL "BERLIN" LATER I CHANGE HOTELS TO "METROPOLE" (ALL CLOTHES PACKED AND MONEY FROM MY ROOM (TO THE LAST KOPEEK) RETURNED AS WELL AS WATCH, RING. LUDMILA OLYTROVA (INTERIST OFFICE HEAD) AND ROSA INVITE ME TO COME AND SIT AND TALK WITH THEM ANY TIME I GET LEASONS AT NEW HOTEL. THEY FEEL SORRY FOR ME. X

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Oct. 2 (Cont) RIMMA notices me THAT. PASS REGISTRATION OFFICE WISHES TO SEE ME ABOUT MY FUTURE. LATER RIMMA AND CAR PICK ME UP AND WE ENTER THE OFFICES TO FIND FOUR OFFICIALS WAITING FOR ME (ALL UNKNOWN TO ME) THEY ASK HOW MY ARM IS, I SAY OK. THEY ASK "DO YOU WANT TO GO TO YOUR HOMETOWN. I SAY NO I WANT SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. I SAY I WANT TO RESIDE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THEY SAY THEY WILL SEE ABOUT THAT. THEN THEY ASK ME ABOUT THE ONE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM I SPOKE IN THE FIRST OFFICE (HARRIS). 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 OFFICERS DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE? I GIVE THEM MY DISCHARGE PAPERS FROM THE MARINE CORPS. THEY SAY WAIT FOR OUR ANSWER. I ASK HOW LONG? NOT SOON. LATER RIMMA COMES TO CHECK ON ME. I FEEL UNWELL AND SEND HER. Oct. 27. HOTEL ROOM 214 METROPOLITAN HOTEL. I WAIT. EVERYDAY I EAT ONCE, STAY NEXT TO PHONE WORKY I SLEEP FULLY DRESSED. Oct. 30. HOTEL ROOM I HAVE BEEN IN HOTEL THREE DAYS IT SEEMS LIKE THREE YEARS I MUST HAVE SENSORED OF A SHOWDOWN. Oct. 31. I MAKE MY DECISION. GETTING PASSPORT AT 12:00 I MEET AND TALK WITH RIMMA FOR A FEW MINUTES SHE SAYS "STAY IN YOUR ROOM AND EAT WELL, I DONT TELL HER ABOUT WHAT I INTEND TO DO SINCE I KNOW SHE WOULD NOT APPROVE. AFTER SHE LEAVES I WAIT A FEW MINUTES AND THEN 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 LABEL AND SAYS "IF YOU ARE A TOURIST PLEASE REGISTER". I TAKE OUT MY AMERICAN PASSPORT AND LAY IT IN THE DESK, I HAVE COME TO DISSOLVE MY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. I say nothing of fact she also and enters the office of Richard Snyder, American Consul in Moscow AT THAT TIME HE INVITES ME TO SIT DOWN. HE FINISHES A LETTER HE IS TYPING AND THEN ASK WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME. I TELL HIM I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND WOULD LIKE TO LEADLY DISSOLVE MY U.S. CITIZENSHIP. HIS ASSISTANT (NOW HEAD CONSULAR) PREVIKERS LOOKS UP FROM HIS WORK SAYING "OK" AND THEN DOWN. PERSONAL INFORMATION, ask questions

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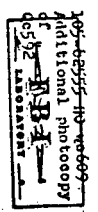
SAT. OCT 31. Can' warned me not to take any steps before  
 the soviet's demand, says I am a "fool" and says the  
 dissolution papers are almost ready in preparation. (in other  
 words REFUSES TO ALLOW ME AT THAT TIME TO DISSOLVE U.S.  
 CITIZENSHIP. I STATE "MY MIND IS MADE UP" FROM THIS DAY FORWARD  
 I CONSIDER MYSELF NO CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A. I SPEND 40  
 MINUTES AT THE EMBASSY BEFORE INYOCK SAYS "NOW UNLESS  
 YOU WISH TO EXPOUND ON YOUR MAXIST BELIEFS YOU CAN GO."  
 I WISH TO DISSOLVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP, NOT TODAY HE SAYS IN EFFECT. I  
 LEAVE EMBASSY ELATED AT THIS SLOWDOWN, RETURNING TO  
 MY HOTEL I FEEL NOW MY ENEMIES ARE NOT SPENT IN  
 VAIN. I'M SURE RUSSIANS WILL EXCEPT ME AFTER THIS  
 SIGN OF MY FAITH IN THEM. ZOO AKHUCK, A REPORTER  
 BY THE NAME OF GOLSTENO WANTS AN INTERVIEW I'M  
 FLATTERED & HOW DID YOU FIND OUT? THE EMBASSY CALLED  
 US. HE SAID. I SENT HIM AWAY I S.T.M.D. REALIZE THIS  
 IS ONE WAY TO BRING PRESSURE ON ME. BY NOTIFYING MY  
 RELATIONS IN U.S. THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS, ALTHOUGH THEY  
 WOULD SAY "YES FOR THE PUBLIC RECORDS" A HALF HOUR LATER  
 ANOTHER REPORTER MISS MOSBY COMES. FOR SOME A FEW  
 QUICK QUESTIONS AFTER REFUSING AN INTERVIEW. I AM  
 SURPRISED AT THE INTEREST. I GET PHONE CALLS FROM  
 "TIP" AT NIGHT A PHONE CALL FROM THE STATES I REFUSE  
 ALL CALLS WITHOUT FINDING OUT WHO'S AT FROM. I FEEL  
 I AM DELIVERED BECAUSE OF ITS ATTENTION 10:00 I RETIRE.

OCT. 1 - MORE REPORTERS, 3 PHONE CALLS FROM BRITAIN  
 NOW I FEEL SLIGHTLY EXHAUSTED, NOT SO LONELY.

NOV-2-15 DAYS OF UTTER LONELINESS I REFUSE ALL REPORTS  
 PHONE CALLS I REMAIN IN MY ROOM, I AM RAZED WITH NOYDOKY.

NOV 15 - I DECIDE TO GIVE AN INTERVIEW, I HAVE MISS  
 MOSBY'S CARD SO I CALL HER. SHE DRIVES RIGHT OVER. I GIVE  
 MY STORY, ALLOW PICTURES, LATER STORY IS DISTORTED, SENT WITHOUT  
 MY PERMISSION, THAT IS; BEFORE I EVER SAW AND OK'ED HER  
 STORY. AGAIN I FEEL SLIGHTLY BETTER BECAUSE OF THE ATTENTION

NOV. 16. A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL COMES TO MY ROOM ASKES HOW  
 I AM. NOTIFIES ME I CAN REMAIN IN USSR TILL SOME SOLUTION  
 IS FOUND WITH WHAT TO DO WITH ME, IT IS COMFORTING NEWS.  
 FOR ME.



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NOV 17 - DEC 30 I HAVE BROUGHT MYSELF TO SELF-TEACHING  
 RUSSIAN LON. BOOKS I FORCE MYSELF TO STUDY & AND A DAY  
 I SIT IN MY ROOM AND READING AND MEMORIZE WORDS. NO NEWS  
 I TAKE IN MY ROOM. RIMNER ARRANGED THAT IT IS VERY  
 LON ON THE STREETS SO I MAY GO OUTSIDE AT ALL FOR THE  
 MINTA AND HALF I SEE NO ONE SPEAK TO NO ONE ACCEPT EVERYONE  
 AND TANN RIMNER, WHO CALLS THE MINISTRY ABOUT ME. HAVE THEY  
 FORGOTTEN? DURING DECEMBER I PAID NO MONEY TO THE HOTEL, BUT  
 RIMNER TOLD HOTEL I WAS BRINGING A LOT OF MONEY FROM USA. I HAVE  
 28. LEFT. THIS MONTH I WAS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE AND  
 MET 3 NEW OFFICIALS WHO ASKED ME THE SAME QUESTIONS I ASKED  
 A MONTH BEFORE. THEY APPEAR NOT TO KNOW ME AT ALL.

DEC 31. NEW YEARS EVE I SPEND IN THE COMPANY OF ROSA ROUSSEVA  
 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 COMPELLING.

JAN 4 NO CHANGE IN ROUTINE  
 I AM CALLED TO PASSPORT OFFICE AND FINALLY GIVEN A SOVIET  
 DOCUMENT NOT THE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AS I SO WANT, ONLY  
 A RESIDENCE DOCUMENT, NOT EVEN FOR FOREIGNER BUT A PAPER  
 CALLED "FOR THOSE WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP". IT'S A LITTLE  
 THE OFFICIAL SAYS THEY ARE SENDING ME TO THE CITY OF MINSK  
 I ASK "IS THAT IN LITHUANIA?" HE ANSWERS: 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 ALMA "SHE ASKS ARE YOU HAPPY" "YES"

JAN 5. I GO TO RED CROSS IN MOSCOW FOR MONEY WITH PERMISSION  
 (A NEW ONE) I RECEIVE SECCO RUBLES A HUGE SUM!! LATER IN  
 MARCH I AM TO SHARE 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 150. RUBLES SO I HAVE LACK OF MONEY'S THERE.  
 I WROTE MY BROTHER & NOTICE LETTERS IN WHICH I SAID  
 "I DO NOT WISH TO EVERY CONTACT YOU AGAIN. I AM BEGINNING  
 A NEW LIFE AND I WENT WANT ANY PART OF THE OLD."

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

JAN. 8. I meet the city mayor, Comrade SHARPOF, who welcomes me to Minsk I rent a 2 room apartment "Evan" and learn me about "manufactured persons" who sometimes insult foreigners. MY INTERPRETER: Roman DETKOF, head Pol. Tech Institut next door.

JAN. 10. THE DAY TO MYSELF I WALK THROUGH city, very nice.

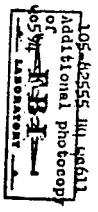
JAN. 11 I VISIT Minsk RADIO FACTORY WHERE I SHALL WORK. THERE I MEET ARGENTINIUM STRANIKHANT ALEXANDER ZEGER BORN A POLISH JEW. IMMIGRATED TO AMEN. IN 1938 AND BACK TO POLISH HOME (NOW PART OF POL.) IN 1955 SPEAKS ENGLISH WITH AMER. ACCENT HE WORKED FOR AMVIC. COM. IN ARBEN. HE'S HEAD OF A DEPT. A QUALIFIED ENGINEER, IN LATE

40'S HE MARRIED LIKOWIC HE STAYS IN SUIT TO TELL ME SOMETHING I shall give my TEMPOR. DOCU. AND SAY I SHALL UNDER RUSS. CITY. JAN. 13-18 I WORK AS A "CHECKER" METAL WORKER, PAY: 700 RUB. A MONTH WORK VERY BUSY I AM LEARNING RUSSIAN QUICKLY. NOW, EVERYONE IS VERY FRIENDLY AND KIND. I MEET MANY YOUNG RUSSIAN WORKERS MY OWN AGE THEY HAVE VARIOUS REASONS WHY ALL WISH TO KNOW ABOUT ME EVEN OFFER TO HOLD A MASS MEETING SO I CAN SAY. I REFUSE POLITELY. AT NIGHT I TAKE REST TO

THE THEATER, MUSIC BY OPERA ABOUT EVERY DAY I'M LEAVING 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 D. DIRECTOR OF THE FACTORY! ZEGER COULD BE DURING THIS TIME I DON'T LIKE; PICTURE OF LENIN WHICH WATCHES FROM ITS PLACE OF HONOUR AND PHY. TRAINING AT 11-12 O'Clock MORNING (COMPLUSORY) FOR ALL (SHADES OF H.L. WELLS!!)

MARCH 14. I RECEIVE A SMALL FLAT ONE ROOM KITCHEN BATH NEAR THE FACTORY (5 MIN. WALK) WITH SPLENDID VIEW FROM 2. SKYLINE OF THE RIVER. ALMOST LEFT FREE (60. RUB A MONTH) IT IS A RUSSIAN'S DREAM.

MARCH 17 - APRIL 21. - WORK, BUT I HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH ROSA AFTER MY HOUSE MOVING. I MEET PAVIL GOLOVACHA. A YOUNG MAN MY AGE FRIENDLY VERY INTELLIGENT A EXAMINER RADIO TECHNICIAN HIS FATHER IS GEN. GILJALLO COMMANDER OF NORTH WESTERN SIBERIA. TWICE HERO OF USSR. IN W.W. 2.



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MAY 1 - MAY DAY CAME AS MY FIRST HOLIDAY ALL FACTORIES  
 ETC. CLOSED AFTER SPECTACULAR MILITARY PARADE BY WORKERS  
 PARADE STAFF REVIEWING STANDS WAVING FLAGS AND PICTURES OF  
 MR. K. ~~...~~ ETC. I FOLLOW THE AMER. CUSTOM OF MAKING A  
 HOLIDAY BY SLEEPING IN IN THE MORNING. AT NIGHT I DINE  
 WITH THE ZEBER DAUGHTERS AT AN PARTY THROU BY THEM ABOUT  
 40 PEOPLE LONG MOST OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN WE DANCE AND  
 SING AROUND AND DRINK UNTIL 2 AM. WHEN PARTY BREAKS UP.  
 LEONORA ZEBER BEST DAN. 26 FORMALLY MARRIED, NOW DIVORCED,  
 A TALENTED SINGER. ANITA ZEBER SO VERY GAY, NOT SO  
 ATTRACTIVE BUT WE TRY IT OFF. HER BOY-FRIEND ALFRED IS  
 A HUNGARIAN CHIEF. GILBERT AND BLOODING, NOT AT ALL LIKE ANITA.  
 ZEBER ADVISES ME TO GO BACK TO USA, ITS THE FIRST VOICE OF  
 OPPOSITION I HAVE HEARD. I RESPECT ZEBER, HE HAS SEEN THE WORLD.  
 HE SAYS MANY THINGS, AND RELAYS MANY THINGS I DO NOT KNOW  
 ABOUT THE USSR. I BEGIN TO FEEL UNEASY INSIDE, ITS TENSE!

JUNE-JULY SUMMER MONTHS OF GREEN BEAUTY, THE FOREST  
 VERY DEEP. I ENJOY MANY SUNDAYS IN THE ENVIRONMENT  
 OF MOUNT. WITH THE ZEBERS WHO HAVE A CAR MASS. WITH  
 ALFRED ALWAYS GOES ALONG WITH ANITA. LEONORA SEEMS TO HAVE  
 NO PERSONAL BOY-FRIEND BUT MANY ADMIRERS. SHE HAS A  
 BEAUTIFUL SPANISH FIGURE LONG BLACK HAIR, LIKE ANITA.  
 I NEVER PAY MUCH ATTEN TO HER SHE TOO DID 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.A.

AUG-SEPT. AS MY RUSSIAN IMPROVES I BECOME INCREASINGLY  
 CONSCIOUS OF JUST WHAT SORT OF A SOCIETY I LIVE IN. MASS  
 GYMNASTICS, COMPULSORY AFTERWORK MEETING, MONTHLY POLITICAL  
 INFORMATION MEETING. COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND  
 THE SENDING OF THE ENTIRE SHOP COLLECTIVE (EXCEPT ME) TO PICK  
 POTATOES ON A SUNDAY, AT A STATE COLLECTIVE FARM. A PARTIAL  
 DUTY TO BRING IN THE HARVEST. THE OPIONS 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" NATURAL FEELING. FARM INCREASINGLY  
 AWARE OF THE PRESENCE, IN ALL THING, OF LEIBIZEN, SHOP PARTY  
 SECRETARY, FAT FORTIS, and JOINT ON THE OUTSIDE. HE IS A  
 NO-SENSE PARTY REGULATOR.

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out. the coming of full, very broad of a new Russian winter. ARE melted in splendid bolts and reds & fall in color, in all the peaches apricots and cherries around. For these last few weeks I am a healthy, brown color and stuffed with PROS'S FRUIT. (At other times of the year unattractive)

Out. If my 21st BIRTHDAY sees LISA, PAUL, ELLA ~~and~~ AT A SMALL PARTY AT MY PARENTS' ELLA & VERY ATTRACTIVE Russian girl I have been going walking with LATIY, works at THE APP'S FACTORY who, lost and STUPID JEALOUS OF EACH OTHER AT BRINGS A Warm Feeling to me. Both are MY DANCE PARTNER FOR THE FIRST TIME. ELLA and PAUL both give me TRAYS (I don't smoke) we are a match.

-NOV. Finds the approach of winter now. Allowings Lowliness overtakes me in spite of my conquest of ENNATACHINA A GIRL FROM RIGA, STUDING AT THE MUSIC CONSERVATIVE IN MINSK. ~~After~~ AFTER AN OFFER WHICH LAST A FEW WEEKS. WE PART.

within NOV. I make the acquaintance of FOUR GIRLS ROOMING at TO GO. Low. Domicile in room 212. NEIL is VERY INTERESTING, so is TAMKA, TOM'S AND ALMA, I USUALLY GO TO THE INSITUATE COMATERY WITH A FRIEND OF MINE who SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL, ERICH T. FOU' is IN THE FIFTH YEAR AT THE MEDICAL INSITUATE. VERY BRIGHT FELLOW AT THE COMATERY WE GO SIT AND TALK FOR HOURS IN ~~English~~ <sup>English</sup> I AM HAVING A LIGHT AFFAIR WITH NEIL, KOROBKA - NEW YEARS I SPEND AT HOME OF ELLA GERMAIN. I THINK I'm IN LOVE WITH HER. SHE HAS REFUSED MY MORE DISHONORABLE ADVANCES, WE DRINK AND EAT IN THE PRESENCE OF HER FATHER IN A VERY HOSPITABLE ATMOSPHERE. LATER I GO HOME DRUNK AND HAPPY. PASSING THE RIVER HOMEWARDS, I DECIDE TO PROPOSE TO ELLA.

JAN. 2. AFTER A PLEASANT HAND-TO-HAND WALK TO THE LOCAL CEMETERY WE COME HOME, STANDING ON THE DOORSTEP I PROPOSE. SHE HESITATES THEN REFUSES, MY LOVE IS REAL BUT SHE HAS NONE FOR ME, HER REASON BESIDES LACK OF LOVE; I AM AMERICAN AND IMMEDIATELY MIGHT BE ARRESTED SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THAT EDWARD POLISH DELIVERED IN THE 20'S. LED TO ARREST OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREAS OF POLISH ORIGIN "you understand the world situation there is too much against you and you don't even know it" I AM STUNNED AS SHE SMILES AT MY EXPLANATION IN ATTEMPTING TO GO ON TOO STUNNED TO THINK I REALIZE SHE WAS THERE WITH ME BUT ONLY EXPLOITED MY BEING AN AMERICAN IN ORDER TO GET THE END OF THE OTHER GIRL WHO CONSIDERS ME DIFFERENT FROM THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE. I AM DISHONORED!

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JAN 3. I AM MISERABLE ABOUT ELIZ. I LOVE HER BUT WHAT CAN I DO?  
 IT IS THE STATE OF THE UNION WHICH WAS A JURY IN THE SILENT UNION.  
 JAN 4. ONE YEAR AFTER I RECEIVED 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 DOCUMENT IS EXTENDED UNTIL JAN 9, 1962.

JAN 4-31 I AM STRIVING TO RECONSIDER MY DESIRE ABOUT STAYING.  
 THE WORK IS DEAD THE MONEY I GET HAS NOWHERE TO BE SPENT.  
 NO SPORTS OR BOWLING OR ANY NO PLACE OF RECREATION ACCEPT  
 THE TRADE UNION DANCES I HAVE MADE TWO ENOUGH.  
 FEB. 25 MY FIRST REQUEST TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW  
 FOR RECONSIDERING MY POSITION, I STATED "I WOULD LIKE TO BE BACK IN U.S."  
 FEB. 28 I RECEIVE LETTER FROM EMBASSY. MILAUL E STREYER  
 STATED "I COULD COME IN FOR AN INTERVIEW ANY TIME I WANTED."  
 MARCH 4-15 I NOW LIVE IN A STATE OF EXPECTATION ABOUT  
 GOING BACK TO THE U.S. I CONFIDED WITH ZECOR HE SUPPORTS  
 MY JUDGMENT. BUT WARNED ME NOT TO TELL ANY RUSSIANS ABOUT  
 MY DESIRE TO RETURN. I UNDERSTAND 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 SHIRT. I DANCE  
 WITH HER. THAN ASK TO SHOW HER HOME I DO ALONG WITH 5  
 OTHER ADMIRERS HER NAME IS MIRA. WA. WE LIKE EACH OTHER  
 RIGHT AWAY SHE GIVES ME HER PHONE NUMBER AND DETAILS  
 HOME WITH AN NOT-50-NEW FRIENDS IN A TRIP I WANT HAVE.

MARCH 18-21 - WE WALK & TALK A LOT ABOUT MYSELF SHE  
 TALKS A LOT ABOUT HERSELF. HER HOME IN TRAINING. PRAKOBAN.  
 APRIL 1-30 WE ARE YOUNG STEADY AND I DECIDE I WANT MIRA  
 HER. SHE PUTS ME OFF AS ON APRIL 15 I PROPOSE SHE ACCEPTS.  
 APRIL 31, AFTER A 7 DAY DELAY AT IT MARRIAGE BECAUSE  
 BECAUSE OF MY UNUSUAL PURSUIT THEY ALLOW US TO REGISTER  
 AS MAN & WIFE TWO OF MARRIAGE TOGETHER FRIENDS AND  
 BRIDESMAIDS. WE ARE MARRIED. AT HER HOME WE HAVE  
 A HOME RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 20 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO  
 WERE US HAPPINESS (IN SPIRIT OF MY ORIGIN AND ACCEPT) WHICH  
 WAS IN GENERAL RUTHY DRINKING TO MY RUSSIAN MUSIC FOR.  
 ARE VERY RARE IN THE SOVIET UNION EVEN TODAY. AFTER  
 AN EVENING OF EATING AND DRINKING IN WHICH MILAUL WOODEN  
 STOLED A BRIGHT AND THE FUSE BLOW ON AN OVERLOADED CIRCUIT  
 WE TAKE OUR LEAVE AND WALK THE 15 MINUTES TO OUR HOME.  
 WE LIVE NEAR EACH OTHER - AT MIDNIGHT WE WERE HOME.

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MAY 11. FOUND US THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURE. IN S.P. OF  
OF FACT I MARRIED MARINA TO HEAT ELLA I FOUND MYSELF  
IN LOVE WITH MARINA.

MAY - THE TRANSITION OF CHANGING FULL LOVE FROM ELLA  
TO MARINA WAS VERY PAINFULL ES. AS I SAW ELLA ALMOST  
EVERY DAY AT THE FACTORY BUT AS THE DAYS WENT BY  
I ADJUSTED MORE AND MORE MY WIFE MENTALLY. I STILL  
WOULDN'T TALK MY WIFE OF MY GOING 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 VALINE'S PLACE. MARK MANY

JUNE - A CONTINUENCE 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 RECEIVE MY LEAVING  
TO RETURN TO AMERICA. MY WIFE IS SLIGHTLY SURPRISED.  
BUT THEN SHE WANTS ME TO DO WHAT I WISH TO DO.

JULY - I DECIDE TO TAKE MY TWO WEEK VACATION  
AND TRAVEL TO MOSCOW (WITHOUT POLICE PERMISSION)  
TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SEE ABOUT GETTING MY VISA.  
PASSPORT BACK AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY WIFE  
TO ENTER THE U.S. WITH ME.

JULY 2 - I FLY BY PLANE TO MINSK ON A 4-20 26 AS 20  
LATER AFTER TAKING A TENSEFUL AND ANXIOUS PARTING FROM  
MY WIFE I ARRIVE IN MOSCOW DEPARTING BY BUS  
FROM THE AIRPORT 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 THE  
EMBASSY PERSONAL FILE ON THE SAME BUILDING)  
HE COMES DOWN TO greet me above my head after  
interview. He advises me to come on first thing mon.  
(see - July 8-13.)

JULY 8 - INTERVIEW JULY 9 REIVE PASSPORT CALL MARINA TO MOSCOW ALSO  
JULY 14 - I AND MARINA RETURN TO MINSK  
JULY 15 - MARRIAGE AT WORK, SO SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THEY

EVERYONE KNOWS SHE ENTERED THE U.S. EMBASSY. THEY WERE  
CALLED AT HER PLACE OF WORK FROM HOME OFFICIAL IN MOSCOW!  
THE BOSS HAD A MEETING AND GIVE HER HER STAMP  
DROWCENTING. THE FIRST OF MANY SNOODERIN'NESS.

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 JULY 5 - AUG 20. We have found out which papers and certificates are necessary FOR TO APPLY FOR A EXIT VISA. They number about 20 PAPERS; BIRTH CERTIFICATES, IMMIGRATION PAPERS ect. ON AUG 20'S we put 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 X 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. She young com. leave headquarters also called about her and all had to go all there for 1 1/2 hrs. The purpose (apparently) is to persuade her from going to the USA, NET EFFECT: MAKE HER MORE SURE ABOUT VISITING DEC. MARINA IS DUBIOUS. WE ONLY HOPE THAT THE VISAS COME THROUGH SOON.

AUG 21 - SEPT 1. I MAKE EXPANDED 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 2 weeks. DURING THIS TIME I AM LONELY BUT I AND ERICH GO TO THE BARS AND PUBLIC PLACES FOR ENTERTAINMENT. I WITHOUT DOING THIS IN QUITE A FEW MONTHS NOW. I SPEND MY BIRTHDAY ALONE AT THE OFFICE WAITING MY FAVORITE "QUEEN OF SPACES" I AM 22 years old.

NOV 7. MARINA ARRIVES BACK, RADIANT, WITH SEVERAL STARS OF PRESELES FOR ME FROM HER HER. aunt. W. Y. KHLOV.

NOV - DEC. NOW WE ARE BECOMING WORRIED ABOUT NOT OBTAINING MARINA IS BEGINNING TO WAVE ABOUT GOING TO THE US. PROBABLY FROM THE STRAIN AND HER BEING PREGNANT. ST. U WE quarrel AND SO THINGS ARE NOT TO BRING US SP. WITH THE APPROACH OF THE HARD RUSSIAN WINTER.

DEC 25th CHRISTMAS DAY TUES. MARINA IS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE. SHE IS TOLD WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SOVIET EXIT VISAS. SHE FINE OUT THE COMPUTING BUREAU AND THAT COMES HOME WITH DE WENT ITS GREAT (S. THING) NEW YEAR. 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 RESIDENCE PASSPORT EXPIRES TODAY. SINCE I NOW HAVE A US. PASSPORT IN MY POSSESSION I AM GIVEN A TOTALLY NEW RESID. PASS. CALLED "PASS. FOR FOR. AFF." AND SINCE THEY HAVE GIVEN US PERMISSION TO LEAVE, THEY KNOW WE SHOULD GO 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 15.  
 Feb 15. Dawn, Marina wakes me. It's her time. At 7:00 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 5:00 after work, I am given news.  
 We both wanted a boy. Marina feels well, baby girl, ok.  
 Feb 23 Marina leaves hospital I see her for first time.  
 Feb. 23 I go to registrar (as prescribed by law) the city.  
 I want her name to be Eugene Marina Oswald. but  
 those bureaucrats say her middle name must be the  
 same as my first. A Russian custom support by  
 in law. I refuse to have her name written as "Eugene".  
 They promise to call the city ministry (city hall) and  
 find out in this case since I do have in U.S. passport.  
 Feb. 27. I am told that nobody knows what to do exactly, but  
 everyone agrees "Go ahead and do it, fo-russki". Name Eugene.  
 March. The last commiques are exchanged between myself  
 and embassy. letters are always answered from my mother  
 and brother in the U.S.. I have still not told Frank who  
 is my oldest existing acquaintance, that we are going to  
 the state, he's ok. But I'm afraid he is too bold a  
 young communist league member so I'll wait till late April.  
 March 10 - Marina quits her job in the format fashion.  
 March 15 I receive a letter from Immigration & Natural  
 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. Embassy to receive their  
 copy of the approval. So they can officially give the go ahead.  
 March 20 I receive a letter from Mr. Philles (a friend)  
 of my mother, pledging to support my wife in case of need.  
 April -

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