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Dear Robert

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I shall begin by answering your question
on why I and my fellow workers and
I. economist's would like to see the present
capitalist government of the U.S. overthrown.

Do you remember the time you told
me about the efforts of your milk company
to form a union? Try to see why workers
must form unions against their employers
in the U.S., it is because the government
supports an economic system which
exploits all its workers, a system based
upon credit which gives rise to the never
ending cycle of depression, inflation,
unlimited speculation (which is the phase
America is in now) and war. In this
system art, culture, and the spirit of man
are subjected to commercial enterprise;
religion and education are used as a tool
to suppress what would otherwise be a
population questioning their government's
unfair economic system and plans for war.

Science is neglected unless it can be
directly used in making us or producing
more profit for the owners of business's.
These are some of the reasons. Look around
you, and look at yourself. See the
segregation, see the unemployed and
what automation is, remember how you
were landed off at conraint.

I remember well the days we stood off-
shore at Indonesia waiting to surprise yet
another population, when they were having
a revolution there in May 1955. I can still
see Japan and the Philippines and their puppet
government more important I can see the
American in uniform men who were there
because they were drafted or because they were
adventurous or unemployed in civilian life.
I will ask you a question Robert, what
do you support the American government for?
What is the ideal you put forward? Do not
say "freedom" because freedom is a jewel held
by all peoples through all of time. Oak we

and I will tell you I fight for communism.
This word brings to your mind ideas of
injustice, this is because of one-sided
propaganda, look this word up in the
dictionary or better still, read the book
which I first read when I was 15,
"CARTA", which contains economic theory
and most important the "communist manifesto".

I will not say your grandchildren will
live under communism, look for yourself
at history, look at a world map! America
is a dying country, I do not wish to
be a part of it, nor do I ever again wish
to be used as a tool in its military
aggressions.

This should answer your question, and
also give you a glimpse of my way of
thinking.

In your quest of advantage, do you think
that is why I am here? For general
material advantage? Happiness is
not based on oneself, it does not consist

of a small home, of taking and getting,
happiness is taking part in the struggle,
where there is no bordering between one
own personal world, and the world in general.
I never believed I would find more material
advantages at this stage of development in
the Soviet Union than I might find
in the U.S.

When I talked to a reporter & gave most
of my reasons, however the story I found
out later was badly slanted and left out
the real reason, the reporter was
interested only in a colorful story.
I have been a pro-communist for years
and yet I have never met a communist;
instead I kept silent and observed,
and what I observed plus my Marxist
learning brought me here to the
Soviet Union. I have always
considered this country to be my
own.

I left you out of the matter because

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I did not want to get you into any sort of trouble because of me, also this decision is one which I only could make, and you would not have been able to understand us.

You probably know little about this country and will tell you about it. I did find (as I suspected) I work, that most of what is written about the Soviet Union in America is for the better part fabrication. The people here have a seven hours work day now and only work till three o'clock on Saturdays with Sunday's off. They have socialism which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care the money for these comes from the profit they help to create in their labor, which on the U.S., goes to Capitalist. here in Moscow there is a housing shortage because of the war but its not bad now there is no unemployment here and in fact a slight shortage of manpower even with

a 250,000,000 population this is because this country is building at a pace which will put it first in all fields of endeavor in 15 years. Most important in this fact they do not work for employers at all, a millman or a factory supervisor are both socially equal, this does not mean they have the same salary of course, this just means that their work goes for the common good of all.

These people are a good, warm, alive people. These people would never think of war, they wish to see all peoples live in peace, but at the same time they wish to see the economically enslaved people of the west free, they believe in their God and they support their government and country to the full limit.

You say you have not received me, good I am glad, but I will tell you on what terms I want this arrangement.

I want you to understand what I

say now, I do not say lightly, or unknowingly,
since I have been in the military as you
know and I know what war is like.
"On the event of war I would kill any
American who put a uniform on in defense
of the American government - any American -
as that is my own mind & how no
attachment of any kind in the U.S.
"That I want to, and I shall, live a
normal happy and peaceful life here in the
Soviet Union for the rest of my life.
"That my mother and you are (in spite of
what the Americans said) not objects of
affection, but only examples of workers in the U.S.
"I you should not try to remember me nor
any way I used to be, since I am only now
showing you how I am. I am not all bitterness
or hate, I come here only to find freedom,
in truth, I feel I am at last with my
own people. but do not let me give you
the impression I am on another world, these
people are as much like Americans and people
the world over. They simply have an economic
system and the ideal of communism which

The U.S. has not done. I could never have been personally happy in the U.S.

I wish you would do me a favor and tell other Red newspaper writers about me. I have been thinking it would like to give people, who are interested the real reasons if you would give the contents of the letter (except that which is for your benefit) to some reporter, it will clarify my situation, and your own judgment, however.

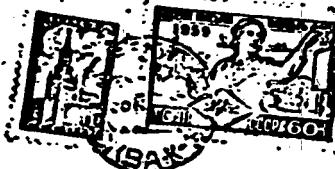
I have no money problems at all.
At my situation was not much, as well then, as it is now, I don't had trouble at all now along that line.

It is knowing here in Moscow now, which make everything look very nice, from my hotel window, I can see the Kremlin and Red Square and I have just finished a dinner of (milk u yogurt) just and potato. So you see the Russians are also different from you and I.

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