

Nov 2 1957

Dear Robert

I recall being very surprised by your question on why I and many fellow workers and communists would like to see the present capitalist government of the U.S. overthrown.

Do you remember that in your letter to me about the affairs of your mother company, to form an union? They 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 whole America in a nut shell) and war. In this system art, culture, and the spirit of man are subjected to commercial integration, religion and education are used as a tool to suppress what will otherwise be a population questioning their government's unfair economic system and plans for war.

and I will tell you I fight for communism.  
The word brings to your mind notions of  
injustice, this is because of American  
propaganda, look this word up in the  
dictionary or better still, read the book  
which I first read when I was 15;  
"CPUSA", which contains numerous thoughts  
and most important the "communist manifesto".

I will not say your grandchildren will  
live under communism, even 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 the military  
operations.

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 personal,  
material advantage? My opinion is  
not based on oneself, it does not consist

Science is neglected unless it can be directly used in making war or producing more profit for the owners of business. These are some of the reasons. Look around you, and look at yourself. See the degeneration, see the unemployment and what automation is, remember how you were lulled off at Concorde?

I remember well the day we stood off shore at Indonesia waiting to surprise yet another population, when they were having a revolution there in May, 1958. I can still see Gogon and the Philippines and their puppet government more important I can see the confusion in uniform men who were there because they were drafted or because they were adventurers or unemployed in civilian life. I will ask you a question Robert, what do you suggest for American government for? What is the ideal you put forward? Do not say "freedom" because freedom is a word used by all peoples through all of time. Ask me

of a small home, of taking and getting,  
I suppose is taking just as the language,  
where there is no working between our  
own personal words, and the world in general.  
I never believed I would find more material  
advantages to this stage of development in  
the Soviet Union than I might of find  
in the U.S.

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

I left you out of the matter because

(2)

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 me.

You probably know little about this country so I will tell you about it. I did find just as I suspected I would, out of what is written about the Soviet Union in America is for the better part fabrication. The people here have a seven hour work day now and only work till three o'clock on Saturdays with Sundays off. They have socialism which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care the money for that comes from the profit they help to create in their labor, which in the U.S., goes to capitalists. Here in Moscow there is a housing shortage because of the war but it's 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 industry in  
15 years. Most important in this part they  
do not work for employers at all, a  
million or a factory, a business are both  
socially equal, this does not mean they don't  
do some kind of work, this just means  
that their work goes for the common good  
of all.

These people are a good natured, kind 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 economy, in most parts of the  
west free, they want in their school  
and they support their government and  
country to the full.

Let me say you may not understand me,  
good is my goal, but I will tell you on  
what terms I want this arrangement.

Do 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.

1. In the event of war I would kill any  
american who put a uniform on in defense  
of the american government - any american.

2. That in my own mind I have no  
attachments of any kind in the U.S.

3. 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.

4. That my mother and you are (in spite of  
what the newspapers said) not objects of  
affection, but only examples of workers in the U.S.

If you should not try to remember me in  
any way I used to be, since I am  
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 least with my  
own people, but do not let me give you  
the impression I am on another world, that  
people are so much like americans and people  
the world over. They simply have an economic  
system and the ideal of communism which

to the U.S. (I not have, I would like to have  
been personally happy in the U.S.

I wish you would do me a favor  
since that other had newspapers.

over, I have been thinking I would use it  
to give people, who are interested in the real reasons.

If you would, give the contents of this letter  
(except that which is for your benefit)  
to some reporter, it will clarify my  
situation, use your own judgment, however.

I have no money problems at all.

My situation was not nearly as bad  
then, as it is now, I have no troubles  
at all now along that line.

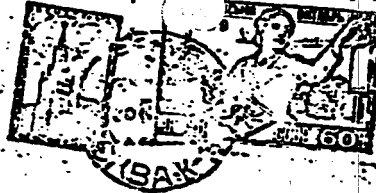
It is snowing here in Moscow now, which  
makes everything look very nice, from my  
hotel window, I can see the Kremlin and  
Red Square and I have just finished a  
dinner of (Milk & Vegetables) meat and potatoes.  
So you see the Russians are not so different  
from you and I.

JD

HOTEL METROPOL  
RM 201 ← (NEW ROOM NO.)  
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.



Използана Общедоступно  
всичко общедоступно  
МАКВАН  
СССР



МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ

VIA AIR MAIL

ROBERT Oswald  
7313 DAVANPORT ST  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

U.S.A.

11/21/59