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OCT. 16. ARRIVE FROM HELSINKI BY TRAIN. AM MET BY INTOURIST
REPRE. 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 INTOUR, 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 WOULD
NOT CONTINUE WITH THIS ALTHOUGH I AM TOLD RIMMA SHE IS "LIVING"
SHE GIVE AN ANSWER. SOON, ASKS ME ABOUT MYSELF AND MY
REASONS FOR DOING THIS. I EXPLAIN I AM A COMMUNIST. REPT.
SHE IS POLITICALLY 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 LERAIN-SPAIN TOMA. 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 TONIGHT AT 8:00 PM AS VISA EXPIRES. I AM
SHOCKED!! MY DREAMS! I RETURN TO MY ROOM. I HAVE
3:00. REPT. 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 BATHTUB 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 (cont.) "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 STICKS NEEDLES IN 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

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 ABOUT 2 HOURS OBSERVATION OF THE OTHER PAT. DO I REALIZE I AM IN THE INSANITY WARD. THIS REALIZATION DISGUSTS ME. LATER IN AFTERNOON I AM VISITED BY RIMMA, SHE COMES IN WITH THE DOCTOR 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 INSANE) WHERE FOOD IS GOOD.

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

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

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.

Oct. 27. STICKS ARE TAKEN OUT BY DOCTOR WITH "DULL" SCISSOR
 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 (INTEGRITY 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.

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Oct. 2 (Cont.) RIMMA notifies 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 NOISE (WHAT NOISE 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 "MOTHER-FUCKER SHE ALSO AND ENTER THE OFFICE OF RICHARD SNYDER, OVERCOMER READ CONSULAR 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 LEAVELY 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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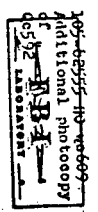
SAT. OCT 31. Can' warned me not to take any steps before
 the soviet's demand as, says I am a "fool", and says the
 dissolution papers are almost ready in preparation. (in other
 words refuses to allow me at that time to dissolve U.S.
 CITIZ. I STATE "MY MIND IS MADE UP" FROM THIS DAY FORWARD
 I CONSIDER 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. CITIZ. 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 GOKSTENO WANTS AN INTERVIEW I'M
 FLATTERED & HOW DID YOU FIND OUT? THE EMBASSY CALLED
 US. HE SAID. I SEND HIM AWAY I S.T AND 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 RECORD" A HALF HOUR LATER
 ANOTHER REPORTER MISS MOSBY COMES. I ANSWER 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
 IN FOUND WITH WHAT TO DO WITH ME, IT IS COMFORTING NEWS.
 FOR ME.



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NOV 17 - DEC 30 I HAVE TAUGHT MYSELF TO SELF-TEACHING
 RUSSIAN LON. BOOKS I FORCE MYSELF TO STUDY & AND A DAY
 I SIT IN MY ROOM AND READING & MEMORIZE WORDS. NO NEED
 I TAKE IN MY ROOM. RIMNER ARRANGED THAT IT IS VERY
 LON ON THE STREETS SO I CAN GO OUTSIDE AT ALL FOR THE
 MONTH 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 ALOT OF MONEY FROM USA. & 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 5000 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 ALOT OF MONEY IN MY POCKET.
 I WROTE MY BROTHER & MOTHER LETTERS IN WHICH I SAID
 "I DO NOT WISH TO EVERY CON THAT YOU REMAIN. 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 William Two persons from interest in hotel who speak English Stella 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 Shrapov, 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 Detrof, head Pol. Tech Instit. next door.

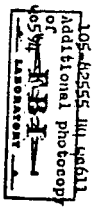
JAN. 10. THE DAY TO MYSELF I WALK THROUGH city, very nice.

JAN. 11 I VISIT Minsk RAO's FACTORY WHERE I SHALL WORK. THERE I MEET ARGENTINIUM STRIKER/STANT ALEXANDER ZEGER BORN A POLISH JEW. IMMIGRATED TO AMER. IN 1938 AND BACK TO POLISH HOME/PLANT (NOW PART OF BELG.) IN 1955 SPEAKS ENGLISH WITH AMER. ACCENT HE WORKED FOR AMVIC. COM. IN ARDEN. HE'S HEAD OF A DEPT. A QUALIFIED ENGINEER, IN LATE 40'S HE MARRIED LIKOWIC HE STRUGGLES TO GET THE WORK.

JAN. 13-18 I WORK AS A "CHECKER" METAL WORKER, PAY: 700 RUB. 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 RIDE 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 RUB. THEREFORE EVERY MONTH I MAKE 1400. R. ABOUT THE SAME AS THE D. DIRECTOR OF THE FACTORY! ZEGER COSTS AS HE 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 RAO'S 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 CHIMP. 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 ATTENDED AT LEAST ONCE A
 WEEK. THE SENDING OF THE ENTIRE SHOP COLLECTIVE (EXCEPT ME) TO PICK
 POTATOES ON A SUNDAY, AT A STATE COLLECTIVE FARM. A PARADOX
 BUT 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" ACTIVITIES (NATURAL REEING, 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 followed in splendid bolds 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, kept out STRANGE jealous of each other & BRINGS A warm feeling to me. Both are MY NICE FOR THE FIRST TIME. ELLA and PAUL both give me TRAYS (I don't smoke) we are a month.

-NOV. Finds the approach of winter now. Allowings lowliness overtakes me in spite of my conquest of ENNATACHINA A girl from Riga, studying at the music conservatory in MINSK. ~~After~~ AFTER AN AFFAIR which last a few weeks. we part.

within NOV. I make the acquaintance of four girls working at the Gov. Lab. dormitory in room 212. NEIL is very interesting, so is TAMKA, TOMA'S AND ALIA, I usually go to the institute dormitory with a friend of mine who SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL, ERACH T. FOU is in the FIFTH YEAR AT THE medical institute. VERY BRIGHT FELLOW AT THE dormitory we sit and talk for hours in ^{English} ~~Russian~~ I am having a light affair with NEIL, KOROBKA - New Year 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 family in a very hospitable atmosphere. Later I go home drunk and HAPPY. Passing the river home wards, I decide to propose to ELLA.

JAN. 2. AFTER A Pleasant hand-in-hand walk to the local cinema 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 someday might be arrested simply because of that edifying Polish Deliberation in the 20's. led to arrest of all people in the world situation there is too much against you and you don't even know it" I am stunned & she sneers at my embarrassment in turning to go (I am too stunned to think) I realize she was there, someone with me but only explained my being an American in order to get the envy of the other girls who consider me different from the Russian boys. I am distressed!

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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. 15. MAKE MY FIRST REQUEST TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW
FOR RECONSIDERING MY POSITION, I STATE "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 VAIK-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-YEAR FRIEND 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

WISH US HAPPINESS (IN SPIRIT OF MY ORIGIN AND ACCEPT) WHICH
WAS IN GENERAL GREATLY DISQUINING 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

STOLE 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 ESP. 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 VALIA'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 THAT
EMBASSY PERSONAL FILE ON THE SAME BUILDING)
HE COMES DOWN TO greet me shake my hand 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 STRONG
DROWCENTING. THE FIRST OF MANY SNOODERINNESS.

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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, RESIDENTIAL PAPERS, etc. ON AUG 20 we quit 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 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 called about her and all had to go all there for 15 hrs. The purpose (apparently) is to persuade her from going to the USA, net effect: MAKE HER MORE SURE ABOUT US. MARINA IS PRESENT. 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 WORKING MY FAVORITE "QUEEN OF SPADES" 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 BEING MARINA IS BEGINNING TO WORRY 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 THE NEWS. IT'S GREAT (S. THINKS) New year, we spend at the 20 bars 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 Evdju Marina Oswald. But those bureaucrats say her middle name must be the same as my first. A Russian custom support by law. I refuse to have her name written as "June Lee".

They promise to call the city ministry (city hall) and find out in this case since I do have a 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 June Lee.

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, pleading to support my wife in case of need.

April -

