

OSWALD CALLED IT MY 'HISTORIC

Here, published in full for the first time as he wrote and spelled it, is the assassin's diary inside Russia

On these and the following pages LIFE presents a fascinating and historic document, the personal discrep kept by Lee Harvey Oswald during his months in Russia. It is one of the most important pieces of evidence studied by the Warren Commission to utravel the character and motives of President Kennedy's assassin. Though Oswald's widow did not provide LIFE with the dlary, it is

printed here in full with her permission. At Marina Oswald's request, many Russian names in the diary have been changed to prevent reprisals against Oswald's acquaintances. In a few instances—which are indicated in the text—Oswald's writing is so undecipherable that the editors had to make an educated guess. Other than that the days is printed exactly as Oswald wrote it, misspellings and all.

MISTORIC DIARY

FROM OCT. 16, 1958 ARRIVAL—LEAVEING

9CT. 16. Arrive from Helsinki by train; am met by Intourest repredad in art to Hotel "Berlin." Reges. as "studet" 5 day lux. tourist ticket.) Meet my Intonist guied Olga I explain to her I wish to appli. for Rus. citizenship, she is flabbergassed, but aggrees to help. She checks with her boss, main office intour; than helps me add. a letter to sup. Sovit. asking for citizenship, mean while boss telephons passport "visa office and notifies them about me. OCT. II—Olga meets me for Intourist sighsceing says we must OCT. 16. Arrive from Helsinki by

tourist sighsceing says we must contin. with this although I am

too nevous she is "sure" I'll have an anserwer, soon. Asks me about myself and my reasons for doing this I explaine I am a communist, ect. She is politly sym. but uneasy now. She tries to be a friend to me. She feels sorry for me I am someth new

me. She feels sorry for me 1 am someth. new. \$UR. OCT. 12. My 20th birthday, we vist exhib. in morning and in the after noon the Lenin-Stalin tomb. She gives me a present book "IDEOIT" by Dostoevski. OCT. 14. Tourism. Am anxious since my visa is good for five days only and still no word from auth. about my reqest.

OCT. 22. Olga in the afternoon says Intourist was notified by the pass. * visa dept. that they want

says intourist was notined by the pass. • visa dept. that they want to see me I am excited greatly by

this news,

OCT. 11. (mor) Meeting with single offial. Balding stout, black suit fairly, good English, askes what do I want?. I say Sovite citizenship, he ask why I give vauge ansewers about "great Soviet union" He tells me "USSR only great in He tells me "USSR only great in literature wants me to go back home" I am studded I reiterate, he says he shall check and let me know weather my visa will be (extended it exipiers today) Eve. 6.00 Recive word from police official. I must leave country tonight at 8.00 p.m. as visa expirs I am shocked!! My dreams! I retire to my room. I have \$100. left. I have waited for 2 year to be accepted. My fondis dreams are shattered because of a petty offial; because of bad plan-



wife Marina (right) pose

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with her Uncle Vasili Khritinin and Aunt Lubov Axelnova, It was early spring and Marina remembers that he countryside seemed more drabhan usual on this occasion, She also leds that she did not look her best

PIGNIC CHEF. While friends of Oswald (left, background) relaxed on the grass outside Minsk, he started a ire to begin a cookout, Russiantyle. This picture was taken sever-I wocks before Oswald met Marina. RAMPLE OF DIARY, Oswald's writexpert who was unaware of for was, shows "intelligence

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> aing, I planned so much! 7.00 p.m. I decide to end it. Soak rist in cold water to numb the pain. Than slash my left wrist. Than plaug wrist into bathrum of hot water. I think "when Olga comes at 8. to find me dead it wil be a great shock. Some where, a violin plays, as I wacth my life whirl away. I think to my-self. How easy to die" and "a sweet death, (to violins) about 8.00 Olga finds me unconcious (bathrub water a rich red color) she screams (I remember that) and water to numb the pain. Than slash she screams (I remember that) and runs for help. Amulance comes, am taken to hospital where five stiches [writing unclear, probably "are put"] in my wrist. Poor Olga stays by my side as interrpator my Russian 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 preety. she screams (I remember that) and

is precty. OCT. 22. Hospital I am in a small 967. 22. Hospital I am in a small room with about 12 others sick persons.) 2 ordalies and a nurse the room is very drab as well as the breakfast. Only after prolonged (2 hours) observation of the other pat. do I realize I am in the insanity ward. This relization disquits me. Later in afternoon I am visited by Olga, the comes in with two doctors. As intern the must two doctors. As intern she must ask me medical question; did you know what you were doing? Ans. Yes Did you black out? No. ect. I than comp. about poor food the doctors laugh app. this is a good sign later they leave, I am alone with Olga (amonst the mentaly. iii) She encourgest me and scolls me. She says she will help me me get transfered to another section of hos. (not for insane) where food two doctors. As intern she must hos, (not for insane) where food is good. OCT. 22. Transfered to ordinary

ward, (airy, good food.) but nurses suspious of me. (They know), Aft-amoon 1 am visited by Katerina of the hotel tourist office, who askes about my health, very beautiful, excelant Eng., very merry

and kind, she makes me very glad to be alive. Later Olga vists to be alive. Later Olga vists OCT. 24. Hospital routine, Olga vists me in afternoon OCT. 25. Hospital routine, Olga

vists me in afternoon
OCT. 26 An eldery American at

the hospital grow suspious about the nospital grow suspious about me for some reason. [Word un-clear, probably "perhaps"] be-cause at embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at bospresence in Moscow and a pitial. Afternoon Olga vists.

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GOT. 27. Stiches are taken out by
doctor with "dull" scisor

GOT. 28 (mor) Leave hospital in
Intorist car, with Olga for Hotel
"Berlin", later I change hotels to
"Metropole", all cloths packed,
and money from my room (to the
last kopeek) returned as well as
watch, ring. Vera (Intorist office
head) and Katerina invite me to
come and sit and take with them watch, ring. Vera (Intorist office head) and Katerina invite me to come and sit and take with them any time. I get lonesome at new hotel. They feel sorry for me. Olga notifies me that pass * registration office wishes to see me about my future. Later Olga and car pick me up and we enter the officies to find four offials waiting for me (all unknown to me) they ask how my arm is, I say O.K. They ask 'Do you want to go to your homeland. I say no! want to reside in the Soviet Union. They say they will see about that. Than they ask me about the lone offial with whom I spoke in the first place (Aprar. he did not pass along my request at all but thought to simply get rid of me by not extending my Soviet vias at the time I requested it) I describe him (they make notes) (what papers do you have to show who and what you are? I eive them (what papers do you have to show who and what you are? I give them my dischare papers from the MaA VIOLIN PLAYS,



FAMILY PORTRAIT. In apartment in Minsk, Marina held first child while Oswald looked away from camera.

marriage, Oswalds posed before op-era bouse (far right) that he attended,

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rine Corps. They say wait for our ans. I ask how long? Not soon. Later Olga comes to check on me. I feel insulted and insult her. 0CT. 23. Hotel room 214 Metropole Hotel. I wait. I worry I at once, stay next to phone worry I keep fully dressed OCT. 34. Hotel room I have been in hotel three days, if seems like three years I must have some sort of a showdown!

OCT. 31. I make my dision. Get-

OCT. 31. I make my dision. Getting passport a 12:00 I meet and talk with Olga for a few minutes talk with Olga for a few minutes she says; stay in your room and eat well, I don't tell her about what I intend to do since I know she would not approve. After she leaves I wait a few minutes and than 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 lager and says "If you are a tourist please register". I take out my American passport and lay it on the desk, I have come to dissolve my American citizenship. I say my American citizenship. I say matter-of-factly she rises and en-ters the office of Richard Snyder American head consular in Moscow at that time. He invites me to sit down. He finishes a letter he is typing and than ask what he can do for me. I tell him I have dicided to take Soviet citizenship and would like to leagly dissolve my U.S. citizenship. His assitant (now head consular) McVickers looks up from his work. Snyder takes down personall Information, ask questions, warnes me not to take any steps before the soviets except me, assys I am a "fool," and American head consular in Mosexcept me, says I am a "fool," and the dissolution papers are

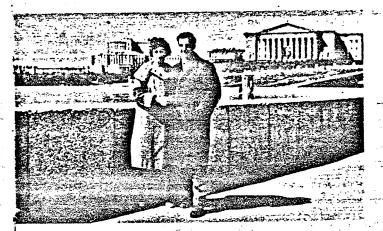
along time in preparing (In other words refuses to allow me at that time to dissolve U.S. citiz. I state "my mind is make up" from this day forward I consider myself no citizen of the U.S.A. I spend 40 minutes at the Embassy before Snyder says "now unless you wish to expound on your Maxist belifes you can go." I wish to dissolve U.S. citiz. not today he says in effect. I leave Embassy, clated at this showdown, returning to my hotel I feel now my emorgies are this showdown, returning to my hotel I feel now my enorgies are not spent in vain. I'm sure Russians will except me after this sign of my faith in them. 2:00 A knock. A reporter by the name of Goldstene wants an interview I'm flabergassed "How did you find out? The Embassy called us." he said. I send him away I sit and relize this is one way to bring pressure on me. By nottling my relations in U.S. through the newspapers. Atthough they would say "it's for the public record." A half hour later another reporter Miss Mosby comes. I ansewer a few quick questions after refusing ao intervine. tions after refusing an interviue. I am surprised at the interest. I get phone calls from "Time" at night a phone call from the States I refuse all calls without finding out who's it from. I feel non-deplused because of the attention 10:00 I

ROV. 1—More reporters, 3 phone calls from brother * mother. Now I feel slightly axzillarated, not so

lonly. 80V. 2-15 Days of utter loneli-ness I refuse all reports phone calls I remaine in my room, I am racked

with dysentary.

HOV 18—I decide to give an interview, I have Miss Mosbys 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 new and O.K.'ed her story. Again I feel slightly better because of the attention

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MOV. 14. A Russian official comes to my room askes how I am. No-tifies me I can remain in USSR till some solution in found with what to do with me, it is comforting news. For me.

myself two self-teaching Russian lan. books I force myself to study 8 hours a day I sit in my room and read and memorize words. All meals I take in my room. Olga arranged that. It is very cold on the streets so I rarley go outside at all for this month and a-half I see noone speak to no-one accept everyone speak to no-one accept every-now-and-than Olga, who calls the ministry about me. Have they for-gotten? During Decementer I paid no money to the hotel, but Olga told hotel I was expecting a lot of money from U.S.A. I have \$28, left, This month I was called to the present office and met. 3 to the passport office and met 3 new officials who asked me the same questions I ans. a month before. They appear not to know me

BEC 21. New Years Eve. I spend BEG 11. New Years Eve, I spend in the company of Katerina at the Plotel Berlin, she has the duty. I sit with her untill past mignight, She gives me a small "Boratin," clown, for a New Years present she is very nice I fonud out only specently she is married, has small son who was born crippled; that is why she is so strangly tender

and compeling.

JAN 1 - 4 No change in routine

JAN 4. I am called to passport office and finilly given a Soviet document not the Soviet citizenship as ment not the Soviet citizenship as I so wanted, only a Resdence document, not even for foringers, but a paper called "for those without citizenship". Still I am happy. The offial says they are sending me to the city of "Minsk" I ask "is that in Siberia? He only laughes; health and the strength of the city of the strength of the stre he also tells me that they have ar-ranged for me to recive some monranged for me to receive some mon-ey though the Red cross to pay my hotel bills and expensis. I thank the gentelmen and leave later in the afternoon I see Olga "she asks are you happy" "yes" JAR. E. I go to Red Cross in Mos-

cow for money with interrupter (a new one) I recive 5000, rubles a huge sum!! Later in Minsk I am to earn 70 rubles a month at the

factory.
JAN. 7. I leave Moscow by train for Minsk, Belorussia. My hotel bill was 2200, rubles and the train ticket to Minsk 150. rubles so I have a lot of money * hope. I wrote my brother * mother letters wrote my brother * mother letters in which I said "I do not wish to every contact you again." I am begining a new life and I don't want any part of the old."

ARM, I. Arrive in Minsk, met by 2 women Red Cross workers we go to Hotel "Minsk." I take room, and meet Tamara and Valentina.

and meet Tamara and Valentina two persons from intourist in ho-tel who speak English Valentina is in 40's nice married young child, Tamara about 23 blond attractive unmarried excellant English, we

JAN & I meet the city mayor, comrade Shrapof, who welcomes me to Minsk promisis a rent-free apartment "soon" and warns me about "uncultured persons" who somethimes insult foriengress. My interputer: Aleksei. Head For. Tech Instit. next door. JAN. 18. The day to myself I walk

through city, very nice.

JAN. 12 I vist Minsk Radio factory where I shall work. There I
meet Andrei B., late 40's mild man-

meet Andrei B., late 40's mild mannered likable he seems to want to tell me somet. I show hin my tempor. docu. and say soon I shall have Russ. Citiz.

JAR. 18-16 i work as a "checker" metal worker, pay: 700 rubles a month. Work very casy. I am learning Russian quickly. Now everyone is very freindly and kind. I meet many young Russian workers my own age they have varied personatities all wish to know about me even offer to hold a mass meeting even offer to hold a mass meeting so I can say, I refuse politly. At night I take Tamara to the thearter, movie or operor almost ev-ery day I'm living 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 director of the factory! Andrei obseres me during this time I don't like: picture of Lenin which watchs like: picture of Lenin which waters from its place of honour and phy-training at 11.-11.10 each morning (complusery). For all. (Shades of H.G. Wells!!) SARPH 18. I recive a small flat one-room kicten-bath near the fac-

tory (8 min. walk) with splendid

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view from 2 balconies of the river. Almost rent free (60, rub a mon.) It is a Russians dream. MARCH 17-APRIL 31. - Work, 1

have lost contact with Tamara afhave lost contact with Tamara af-ter my house moving. I meet Vladi-mir G. A yoavige man my age friendly very intelligent a exalant radio tehniction his father is Gen. G. twice hero of USSR in W.W.2. MAY 1.—May Day came as my first holiday all factories ect. closed after sptacular military pa-rade all workers narad east review. rade all workers parad past reviewing stand waving flags and pictures of Mr. K. ect. I follow the Amer. custom of marking a holiday by eleeping in in the morning. At night I vist with Andrei's daughters at an party thron by them about 40 people come many of Argentine origen we dance and play around and drink until 2 AM, when party breaks up. Natasha oldest dau. 26 formally married, now divocied, a talanted singer. Calina 20 very gay, not so attractive but we hit it off. Her boy-friend Boris is a Hungarian chap, silent and brooding, not at all like Galina. Andrei advises rade all workers parad past reviewan chap, stemt and brooding, not at all, like Galina. Andrei advises me to go back to U.S.A. Its the first voice of opposition I have heard. I respect Andrei, he has seen the world. He says many things, and relats many things I do not know about the U.S.S.R. I begin as feel the many strings in do not know about the U.S.S.R. I begin as feel the many things.

who about the U.S.S.R. to be into feel uneasy inside, its true!

WHE-JULY Summer months of green beauty, pine forest very deep.

I enjoy many Sundays in the enviorments of Minsk with the B's who have a car "Mosivich" Boris. who have a car "Mosivich" Boris always goc along with Galina. Natasha seems to have no permonet boy-friend, but many admiriers. She has a beautiful Spanish figure, long black hair, like Galina. I never pay much atten, to her shes too old for me she seems to dislike was tack of attention for some reachers. my lack of attention for some rea-son. She is high strung. I have become habituatated to a small cafe come habituatated to a small cafe which is where I dine in the evening The food is generally poor and always eactly the same, menue in any cafe, at any point in the city. The food is cheap and I dont really care

food is cheap and I dont really care about quisitity after three years in the U.S.M.C.

AUG-REPT. As my Russian improves I become increasingly concious of just what sort of a sociaty I live in. Mass gymnastics, complusory afterwork meeting, usually policical information meeting. Complusory attendence at lectures and the sending of the entire shop collective (except me) to pick bo and the sending of the enter snop collective (except me) to pick po-tatoes on a Sunday, at a state col-letive farm: A "patroict duty" to bring in the harvest. The opions of the workers (unvoiced) are that its a great pain in the neck. They don't

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continued seem to be esspicially enthusiatic about any of the "collective" duties a natural feeling. I am increasingly aware of the presence, in all thing, of Lebizen, shop party secretary, fat, fortyish, and jovial on the outside. He is a no-nonsense "Party" results.

on the outside. He is a no-nonsense 'Party' regular. 'Pot'. The coming of Fall, my dread of a new Russian winter, are mellowed in splendid golds and reds of fall in Belorussia Plums peachs appricots and cherrys abound for these last fall weeks I. am a healthy brown color and stuffed with fresh fruit. (At other times of the tresh fruit.

stuned with Iresh Iruit. (At other times of the year unobtainable) 967. 18 My 21st birthday see's Tamara, Vladimir, Anna at a small party at my place Anna a very at-tractive Russian Jew I have been going walking with lath, works at the radio factory also. Tamara and Anna are i lous of each other it brings a warm feeling to me. Both are at my place for the first time. Anna and Vladimir both give ashtray's (I don't smoke) we have a

NOV. Finds the approach of winter now. A growing lonliness over-takes me in spite of my conquest of, Sarra a girl from Riga, studing at the music conservorie in Minsk.

After an affair which last a few

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After an attait which seek weeks we part.

#0V 15—In Nov. I make the aquistances of four girls rooming at the For. Ian. Domitory in room 212. Larisa is very intersting, so is Nina, Alisa and Svetlana, I usually go to the insitute domatory with a freend of mine who speaks English very well. Ivan 22: is in the fourth year at the medical institute. Very bright fellow At the domatory we 6 sit and talk for hours in English etc. I I am having a light affair with Larisa.

home of Anna. I think I'm in love with her. She has refused my more dishonourable advances, we drink and eat in the presence of her family in a very hospitable atmosfere. Later I go home drunk and happy.

Passing the river homewards, I de-

rasing the river nomewards, I decide to propose to Anna.

JAN. 2. After a pleasent hand-in hand walk to the local cimima we come home, standing on the door-step I propose's she hesitates than refuses, my love is real but she has aone for me, her reason besides lack of love; I am american and someday might be arrestled simply because of that example Polish Intervention in the 20's, led to ar-rest of all people in the Soviet Union of polish origen "you under-stand the world situation there is too much against you and you don't even know it" I am stunned she snickers at my awkwarnes in turning to go (1 am too stunned too think!) I realize she was never serious with me but only exploited

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my being an american in order to get the envy of the other girls who consider me different from the Russian Boys. I AM MISARABLE! JAN 1 am misarable about Anna. I love her but what can I do? It is the state of fear which was alway in the Soviet Union

alway in the Soviet Union.

JAR 4. One year after I recived
the residence document I am called
in to the passport office and asked
if I want citizenship (Russian) I
say no simply extend my residental passport to agree and my document is extended utill Jan 4, 1962. is extended utill Jan 4, 1962.—. JAN 4-31 I am stating to reconsider my disire about staying The work is drab the money I get has nowhere to be spent. No night-clube or bowling allys no places of recreation acept the trade union dances I have have had enough. FER 1. I mail my first request to American Embasse. Moscow for American Embassy, Moscow for reconsidering my position. I state "I would like to go back to U.S." FER. 28 - I recive letter from Embassy. Richard E. Snyder stated "I could come in for an interview

any time I wanted."
MARCH 1-16 I now live in a state of expectation about going back to the U.S. I confided with Andrei he supports my jugement but warnes me not to tell any Russians about my desire to reture. I un-

derstade now why.

MARCH 17 - I and Ivan went to MARCH 17-1 and Ivan 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 slippers I dance with her. Than ask to show her home I do, along with 5 other admirares Her name is Marina. We like each other right away she gives me her phone sumber and gives me her phone number and departs home with an not-so-new orpairs some with an not-so-new freiend in a taxi, I walk home.

MARCH-II-31. We walk I talk a little about myself she talks alot about herself. Her name is Marina N. Pruskova.

APRIL-1-38 We are going steady and I decide I must have her, she must me of the on Aeril 15.8.

puts me off so on April 15 I pro-

puts me on so on April 15 I pro-pose, she accepts.

APRIL 31, After a 7 day delay at the marraige beaure because of my unusual passport they allow us to registra as man * wife two of my unusual passes of the first of Marinas girl friends act as bridesmaids. We are married. At her aunts home we have a dinner reception for about 20 friends and networks with us happiness (in bon for about 20 treeds and ne-borilos who wish us happiness (in spite of my origin and accept) which was in general rather dis-quiting to any Russian since for, are very rare in the soviet union even torrist. After a evening of eat-ing and dichiers in which note ing and drinking in which uncle Mooser started a fight and the fuse blow on an overloaded circite we take our leave and walk the 15 minutes to our home. We lived near each other. At midnight we were home.

18T-MAY DAY 1961. Found us thinking about our future. In spite of fact I married Marina to hurt Anna I found myself in love with May. - The trasistion of changing

MAI. - The trasistion of changing full love from Anna to Marina was very painfull esp. as I saw Anna almost every day at the factory but as the days weeks went by I adjusted more and more my wife mentaly. I still hade nt told my wife of my desire to return to U.S. She is maddly in love with me from the very variance and the control of the very start. Boat rides on Lake the very start. Boat rices on Lake Minsk walks through the parks evening at home or at aunt Valia's place, mark May JUNE - A continuence of May, ex-

cept that; we draw closer and closer, and I think very little now of Anna. In the last days of this month I revele my longing to remonth I revele my longing to re-turn to America. My wife is slight-ly startled. But than encourages me to do what I wish to do. JULY - I decived to take my two week vactition and travel to Mos-

cow (without police permission) to the American Embassy to see about geting my U.S. passport back and

geting my U.S. passport back and make arrangements for my wife to enter the U.S. with me. JULY 8 - I fly by plane to [he means "from"] Minsk on a IL-20, 2 hrs. 20 m. Later after taking a tearful and anxiou parting from my wife. I arrive in Moscow departing by bus from the airfield I arrive in the center of the city. Making my way through heavy Making my way through heavy traffic I don't come in sight of the Embassy until 2:00 in the after-noon. Its Saturday what if they are closed? Entering I find the offices empty but mange to contact Sny-der on the phone (circust II. der on the phone (since all Embassy personal live in the same building) he comes down to greet me shake my hand after interview. he advises me to come in first thing Mon.

thing Mon. (see - July 8-13.)

JULY 8. Interview July 9 recive passport, call Maria to Moscow also.

JULY 14. I and Marina returen

JULY 18. Marina at work, is shocked to find out they everyone knows she entered the U.S. embas-sy. They were called at her place of work from some official, in Moscow! The bosses hold a meeting and give her a strong browbeating. The first of many indocrinations. out which blanks and certifikats are nesseeary to apply for a exit visa they number about 20 papers; birth

WIFE AND CHILD. En route to the U.S. 18 months before her husband assassinated President Kennedy, Marina Oswald paused in Poland to quitat their daughter hors with a siffer their daughter hors with their daughter, June, with a pacifier and Oswald anapped this picture.

certificates affdavite photos ect. on Aug 20th we give the papers out they say it will be 3½, months be-fore we know wheather theyll let us go or not. In the meantime Marina has had to stade 4 differant meeting at the place of work held by her boss's at the direction of "someone" by phone. The young comm. leauge headquatters also called leauge headquatters also called about her and she had to go see about ner and she had to go see them for 1½ hrs. The purpose (ex-preased) is to disauade her from going to the U.S.A., net effect; make her more stubborn about wanting to go. Maria is pregnet. We only hope that the visas come

through soon.
AUG 21 - SEPT 1 - I make repeated ABE II - SEFT I - I make repeated trips to the passport * visa office also to ministry of for, affairs in Minsk, also min. of Interal Affairs, all of which have a say in the granting of a visa. I extrakted promises of quick attention to U.S.



MY LONGING TO RETURN TO AMERICA'

SEPT-OCT [seems to be "28"]. No word from min. ("they'll call us.") Marina leaves Minsk by train on vaction to the city of Khkov in the limit to with an aunt for learning to wation to the city of Khkov in the Urals to vist an aunt for [seems to be "7"] weeks. During this time I am lonely but I and Ivan go to the dances and public places for emitanment. I havent done this in quite a few months now. I spend my birthday alone at the opera wacthing my favorior "Queen of Spades." I am 22 years old.

#804. 12 Marina arrives back. radient, with serveral jars of preserses for me from her her aunt in Khkov.—804-96E. Now we are becoming anios about the delay Marina is

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anios about the delay Marina is amos about the delay Marina is beginning to waiver about going to the U.S. Probably from the strain and her being pregnate, still we quarrel and so things are not to bright esp, with the approch of the hard Russian winter.

DEC 25th XMAS DAY THES. Ma-

rina is called to the passport * visa office. She is told we have been granted Soviet exit visa's. She fills out the completing blank and than comes home with the news. Its great (I think?) New Years, we spend at the B's at a dimner party at midnight. Attended by 6 other nersons.

persons.

JAN. 4. I am called to the passport JAN. 4. I am called to the passport office since my residenceal passport expires today. Since I now have a U.S. passport in my possition I am given a totly new resid. pass. called "Pass. For Forin." And since they have given us perrmission to leave, and know we shall, [word unclear, probably "good"] to July 5, 1962. JAN 15-FER. 11. Days of cold Russiam winter. But we feel fine. Masian winter. But we feel fine. Marina is supposed to have baby on March 1st.
FEB. 15- Dawn, Marina wakes me.

It's her time. At 9:00 we arrive at the hospital I leave her in care of

aurses and leave to go to work. 10:00 Marina has a baby girl. When I vist the hospital at 500 after work, I am given news. We both wanted a boy. Marina feels well, baby girl, O.K. FEB. 23 Maria leaves hospital I see June for first time.

FER. 28 I go to registra (as prespibed by law) the baby. I want her name to be June Marina Oswald. spiced by law) the Use Use Of the Wald.
But those beautrecrats say her middle name must be the same as my first. A Russian custom support by a 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 an U.S. passport.

FER. 29. I am told that nobody knows what to do exactly. But everyone agrees "go ahead and do it, "po-russki". Name: June Lee: MARCH. The last commiques are exchanged between myself and Emerchanged between myself and E

bassy, letters are always arriving from my mother and brother in the U.S. I have still not told I van who is my oldest existing aquaitance, that we are going to the state, he's O.K. But I'm afraid he is too good a young Communist leage member so I'll wait till last min.

MARDH [seems to be "24"] - Marina quits her job in the formal fashion.

fashion.
MARCH [seems to be "26"] - I MARCH [seems to be "26"] - I recive a letter from Immigration *
Natur. 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. Embassey to recive their copy of the approval so they can officially give the go ahead.

MARCH [seems to be "27"] I recive a letter from a Mr. Philles (a emloy, of my mother, pleging to

emloy, of my mother, pleging to support my wife in case of need,

