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Dear Mammie.

I Sent you a letter by post only 2. days ago. But I am writing this to give to Sundusoff.

By post it is not altogether convenient to say all I want to say. You often ask how long will I stay here, and it is time for me to come "home" as though London is my home.

However I quite understand what you mean by "home", and to tell you quite frankly I also consider our house, garden, and all that is quite, peaceful, and pleasurable "home" and am quite sure that you will not have to wait quite so long as you did up till now for my return to London. and then for 2, or 3. years at least, no body will interfere with me, and that will give us a chance to get the children on their feet - which is my only desire.

It is quite Comical Sometimes when you say that you would never agree again to let me go out and you remain by yourself. of course you can not realise what it would mean for you the change of emigrating with the children at present to Russia. You do not know the conditions, the life & Surroundings for people who are not accustomed to this sort of life. It would of course be another question for only you & myself. Imagine 5. of us living in £22. per month in 2. Rooms, somewhere in 3.<sup>d</sup> or 4.<sup>th</sup> floor, no Kitchen or Bath, after our life in Golders Green. Well it is almost impossible to understand as much as one would like to imagine, and therefore you can not realise it. Of course people live under any conditions, and get used to exist. But it would be madness. Those who lived through the war, Civil war, Revolution, famine &c. to them nothing

Seems better than the life now, when there is plenty of white bread, butter, cheese, eggs, milk, and all other things available, when only 2. or 3. or 4. years ago they lived on  $\frac{1}{15}$ <sup>th</sup> of lb. of black bread per day... But our kiddies do not know it and can not understand it.

There are many, very many, interesting things to be seen here, and people who can come here and live independent, from the point of view of study it is of great interest, but otherwise one must believe & have plenty of energy to carry on. If one gets tired and loses hope that ~~is~~ "Woe is unto him". It must take many, many, years yet before we arrive at where Western Europe is now. and to carry on is awfully hard. there are so many draw-backs and one must be very strong minded not to lose hope.

I had to break the letter, I started it in my office, but could not finish it, as I was called away. Now it is Sunday already and I am at home and alone so will finish what I wanted to say. To live in the new Russia one must be a pure idealist, and look for the good of the coming generation, or otherwise be a low cad & live on Wits. The Country has everything one can wish for, and yet has nothing... People are poor, backward, slow, muddly & yet art is ~~now~~ nowhere so appreciated & nowhere so wonderful as it is here. All this of course has its history explaining it, but the fact is there. To change the life and conditions of life, Customs etc. and to establish something new can not be done in one or two years, neither in one generation. It must take a jolly long time, and one must have

iron nerves to bear <sup>v</sup> & work without question.  
Is there any other way? I am sure there is not.  
The question is only who wants to help & work,  
if one loses hope he must get out of the-  
way, but the question is where to get out to?  
It means going over the other side. Well, if  
one can do so successfully & can stop the mind  
thinking and prevent the worry of conscience  
one may do so, and even then I doubt if one  
who for all his life had a certain circle of  
friends & certain ties in one direction can  
successfully cut all the post out & be happy.  
especially when the question of material wants here  
also to be considered. So that's that.

Now to come nearer to the point. I can not  
tell you for certain when I may get back  
but much longer <sup>than</sup> a year since my time  
when I left I do not think I will remain  
here, after another 2. or 3. months I will be

able to question the organs concerned of my  
 transference and do not doubt that after a years  
 work here there will be any opposition to my being  
 transferred back to London. Sundukoff will explain  
 to you if you do not quite understand the position.  
 I am learning all the time and am getting to  
 know Russia, It is one thing to read about it  
 and quite another thing to live here & see all  
 there is here. At first one can not quite  
 comprehend it all but it only begins to dawn  
 on you after a few months working here and  
 being right in the "melting pot".

Well I think that will do. You will get a  
 better idea when I return.

I presume you need some more money I am  
 sending with Sundukoff some more £25—  
 I am getting abit into debt, but I will not  
 take a holiday this year and will get the  
 months salary instead so will some how or



other pay back the debts. I am already thinking of the June quarter, and I have arranged with Sundakoff that if I can not send you the money to pay for the June quarters Rent-taxes &c in time I will write & he will give you the money & I will settle it afterwards.

So do not worry sick it & see that the children do not waste their golden time now.

You see how fortunate one is who acquires knowledge & a fair education when young.

I am sure Vera understands it. She will be very fortunate later on, and will thank us I hope for it, because personally I am doing all I can & am denying myself any life pleasure for their sake.

Well that's enough now.

With kind regards to friends  
 Love to you & the children  
 as ever  
 S. M. P. J. O.

P.S.

The gloves & shoes I have received, but, a big but, the shoes are too small. I can not wear them. It is a sham. However I can sell them here for double the price & get a pair here later on. So it does not matter. If you see Barlow tell him I have received the photographic paper he sent me for which I thank him.

Now just one more thing. Did Lawton return you the 2. pictures I brought with me from Moscow last year? if not will you please ask him for them, and then take them to Mr. Nikinson Solicitor of 42, (I think) Bedford Sq. near Tottenham Court Rd. (you will find his address in the telephone directory) and ask him to write to Dobrovalsky and tell him that he has received the pictures. I am sorry to give

you this trouble. but this man is mad, he thinks that the pictures are worth \$100. and I keep them for myself. I am sorry. you see the price is very low. I am sorry to give you this trouble & I am sorry to give you this trouble.

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