Dear Sirs,

I am writing in regard to a letter which I sent to the Embassy on Nov. 1st, in which I asked;

"Does the American Embassy feel, that in the light of the fact that my temporary Soviet document for residence in the Soviet Union expires on Jan. 4, 1962, that the deprivation of an exit visa after this date, and therefore the forcible holding of me against my expressed desire is unlawful?"

I would like a written reply to this question before the expiration date of Jan. 4, 1962, in order to have a basis for my refusal to give my permission for the legal expiration on this document.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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