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Dear Robert,

I shall begin by answering your question on why I and my fellow workers would like to see the present capitalist government of the U.S. overthrown. Do you remember the time you told me about the efforts of your union company to form a union? It seems that 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 phrase we use now) and war. In this system, art, culture, and the spirit of man are subjected to commercial enterprise; religion and education are used as tools to suppress what would otherwise be a population questioning their government's unfair economic system and plans for war.
Science is neglected unless it can be directly used in making war or producing more profit for the owners of businesses. These are some of the reasons. Look around you, and look at yourself. See the segregation, see the unemployed and what automation is; remember how you were drafted off of corn?

I remember well the days we stood offshore at Corozal, waiting to rescuer yet another population, when they were having a revolution there in May, 1953. I can still see Japan and the Philippines and their puppet governments. More important, I can see the American minorities men who were there because they were drafted or because they were adventurous or unemployed in civilian life. I will ask you a question, Robert, what do you support the American government for? What is the ideal you put your faith? Do not say "freedom" because freedom is a word used by all people, though all of time. Ask me
and I will tell you I fight for communism. This word brings to your mind slaves or
unjustic, that 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;
"CAPITAL" which contains economic theory
and more important the "socialist manifesto."
I will not say your grandchildren will
live under communism, look 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 its military
aggressions.
This should answer your question, and
also give you a glimpse of my way of
thinking.
Do you speak of advantages? Do you think
that is why I am here? For personal,
material advantage? Happiness is
not based on oneself, it does not consist

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of a small home in Tokyo and getting
happiness is taking part in the struggle,
while there is no bordering between one's
own personal world and the world in general.
I never believed I would find more material
advantages at this stage of development in
the Soviet Union than I might of had
in the U.S.,

When I talked to a reporter I gave most
of my reasons; however, the story I found
out later was badly slanted and left out
of 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 communist,
nisted I kept silent and observed.
end what I observed plus my Marxistic
learning brought me here to the
Soviet Union. I have always
considered this country to be my
own.
I left you out of the matter because

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I did not want to get you into any sort of trouble because of me, also this decision was one which I only could make, and you would not have been able to understand it. You probably know little about this country and I will tell you about it. I did find, as I suspected I would, that most 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 social security which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care. The money for these comes from the profit they help to create in their labor which is the U.S. goes to capitalist, here in Moscow. There is a housing shortage because of the war, but it not bad now there is no unemployment here and in fact a slight shortage of manpower even with
a 250,000,000 population city is, because the country is building at a pace which will put it first in all fields of endeavor in 15 years. Most important in the first place, they do not work for employers at all, a millman or a factory superintendent is both socially equal; this does not mean they fear the same ailing of course, this just indicates that their work goes for the common good if ill.

These people are a good, warm, alive people. These people would never think of war, they wish to see all people live in peace. But at the same time they wish to see the economically inclined people of the west free; they believe in their land and they support their government and country to the full limit.

You say you have not renounced me, good I am glad, but I will tell you on what terms I want this arrangement, I 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.

In the event of war, I would kill any American who put a uniform on in defense of the American government—my American.

That is my own mind. I have no attachment of any kind to the U.S.

I want to, and I shall, live a normal happy and peaceful life here in the Soviet Union for the rest of my life.

That my mother and you and (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 my way I used to be, since I am only now 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 last with my own people, but do not let me give you the impression I am on another world, these people are so much like Americans and people the world over. They simply have an economic system and the ideal of communism which
It is not true, I have never been personally happy in this. I wish you would do me a favor since the other newspapers are not over. I have been thinking it would be nice to give people who are interested this information. If you would give the contents of the 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. If my situation was not made so easily, as it is now, I have no troubles of all now along that line.

It is renewing here in Moscow now, which makes everything looks very nice from my hotel window. I can see the Kremlin and Red Square and I have just finished a dinner of (Moscow Roast Beef) with my friends. So you see the Russians are not so different from you and I.

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