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Dear Robert;

Received your short letter today, glad to hear from you. I noticed you seemed to be worried about wheat, I see you are seeing each other's letters and writing we can write each other in the future, by all means keep writing. I think we get all of each other's letters, they take 12 1/2 days from you to me.

There is still no word on our trip visa.

We bought some children's books for early for Christmas, and I'll be sending them along in a few days, you should receive them in a few weeks. He tittled Russian, but I'm sure she'll enjoy the pictures, it's already four months since we put in our request for visas, it
gives you an idea how slow they can be. What will we be going to have a baby in March, it's not going to be convenient to come back to the states and try to start life over again.
It'll cost about $3000 to fly from Moscow to New York for two people, I don't have that much money, but I'm hoping that the Embassy will help us get our visa.

We have had our first snow here on Nov. 16 now everything will be white until about April 15.

Madia asks you to send her a few fashion magazines every now and then if possible.

Why don't you send me your size and I'll see about sending you some Russian boots. They are black, high [like riding boots in the states] maybe you can cut a piece of cardboard or string to show
Well that's about all for now. Mission sends greetings to all the family; your sons, Betty and Robert Jr.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

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