

February 15, 1979 – typed letter

Dear Bob

I received your letter of January 22nd on February 6th. Thank you for it and for the wonderful postcard.

Have you been in Florida? How are your parents? Do they like it there?

Upon receiving your letter, I immediately got busy with an active search for the books you listed. I called around to and visited many books stores, including antiquarian ones. Unfortunately, this did not yield any results. All the books you need came out long ago and thus far they have not been republished. Having seen that there is nothing in the stores, I began to ask acquaintances, and they in turn asked their acquaintances. Several have the books you need. But as a rule, all of them are hard-core booklovers and they do not want to sell the books. They are not opposed, however, to trading for some kind of other books. Many of them are interested in publications here by Bulgakov, Akhmatova, Pilnyak, and Mandelstam. But these books are also not for sale here. They said that it is possible to buy all these books inexpensively in your country. Several of my acquaintances have received them by mail from the USA and Canada. If you would be able to send me something from this list, then I would be able to trade them for the books you need. As I understand it, you are interested in books about Russian history in the second half of the 19th century. Therefore, just in case I bought *Внутренняя политика царизма с середины 50-х до 80-х гг. XIX в (Tsarist Domestic Policy in the Nineteenth Century from the Mid-50s to the 80s)* by V.G. Chernukha. I hope that it comes in

handy for you. I will send it soon, but in the meantime I will continue to search for the items on your list.

Bob, I am writing to you in Russian because it is difficult for me to find a Russian-to-English translator. Feel free to write to me in English because my friends can translate from English to Russian with ease.

Your Sara