

HAPPY NEW YEAR card dated December 16, 1977

Dear Sylvia,

Your latest letter arrived very quickly. You sent it on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and I already received it on the 14<sup>th</sup>. But there is no answer to the letter I sent to Bob's address on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Did you get it? In it, I asked whether it was convenient for me to come in the spring – in March, April, or May. I really do not want to travel in the winter! I am also afraid about the summer because I do not handle the heat. Answer, please, whether you can arrange a time convenient for me. I really want to get acquainted with your family, and with the family of Luba and Leo. Will they be home at that time or are they going somewhere?

Sylvia, now you must call me. Like you, I also want to send gifts, but I have no idea what. Please tell me. This would really “make my life easier.”

I let Erma know that you sent books to her at my address. She thanks you in advance. I want to write to Lev today. It is not necessary for you to write his address in the English [sic] alphabet. Our post office translates such addresses. I think that he will be very happy with both your package and your letter. His mama wrote to us that you made an excellent impression on them.

Dear Sylvia, it is not appropriate here to offer congratulations before the birth of a child. Therefore, I will not do so. But you must absolutely write – and at length – when this happens. Who was born? What is the name? Weight, height? How is the health of the mother and newborn?

I congratulate everyone on the New Year. Be healthy and happy.

Dear Bob, I have the favor to ask of you that I did of Sylvia. Help me select gifts. Though I still do not know whether I will be allowed to travel and I will find out about this within one-and-a-half to two months, I need to prepare earlier.

Warm regards to you all from Victor and me.

I kiss you. Sara.