

COPY OF A LETTER FROM JERRY dated the 3/1/33 received at Tzaneen 2/2 /33.

2 in the morning.

3/1/33

My dear Israel,

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I am winning in this battle.

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Great guns have come down, admit my correctness of action, my enemy is being removed & I am being vested with greater responsibilities & ----- I am controlling to-day 270 men & women, of whom many of high qualifications (Office staff of 24 men & women).

Will you believe me that I am busy ?... Eh ?-----

I feel elated !----- Will that last ?-----

I am starting my bridge; my machines are growing, my men get bread to-day & I, too, break my 4 day bread fast & you SEND ME NO MONEY from home.

It is bed time & I have a hard long day to morrow.

JERRY.

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My dear Israel,

I must write again and ask you to post these notes to the others. My victory is complete, there is no doubt about it. They are treating me differently now! They moved me over to a better room, they even packed my things for me, so as not to give me trouble & work. They pay for my room & service. An excellent housewife.

They instructed the manager of the Stelovaia to prepare for me special food at any time day & night. They told him by way of an order that the best I ask should be given me. They ordered the manager of the provision store to give me everything without waiting before time & double rations ~~!!!!!~~ They are forcing me to take "Galoshi" (?) at once etc.etc.etc. I threatened to go!

And though I say it myself, dear Israel, I see how much they do respect & like me! Why, I do not know!

I am speaking of my men, of all of them. I love them, I have infinite patience with them, I teach them, I do everything for them & above all, I rarely shout & never, never deceive them. --- And they know it & they know that I do not let them wait, -- & as this latter trait is a rare phenomenon here, I win over their entire respect.

I need just mention, -- & they do it, --- Really wonderful. --- So this is my first evening in my new quarters, new home, a warm large room with many plants, a huge, huge ikon & holy water, & an earthen floor. It is so hot in the room that I sit in pyjamas & write. This has not happened for 5 months. --- I have now 2 klg sugar, so much that I have rarely seen anything like it, also bread (hurrah) & "pavidla" i.e. apple jam. Fancy, that all of a sudden. ---

Well, Israel, they still insist on my being in charge, though I have asked time and again to give me a less responsible post. I shall still continue begging to let me off with something less. Remember first that I have never just built a huge 120 feet high arch bridge before, that I am only a "Railway Specialist" (hey?...) & further that I am a foreigner not acquainted with local socialistic work. --- I rub my eyes to understand it & fail. Please send me NO MONEY please. I require nothing. If I ~~shrink~~ shall I'll let you know.

JERRY.