

A Russian Story – postscript

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On or about April 23, 2018 Galina and Irina left Russia.¹ They flew to Cancun, Mexico. At Cancun, as a condition for being allowed into Mexico, she had to buy return tickets back to Russia. She did that, using part of the \$1,500 I had sent her before she left Russia. From Cancun they traveled to Mexico City and from Mexico City traveled to Tijuana. In Tijuana they stayed in a shelter. While in Tijuana, I sent Galina one thousand dollars. Galina used some of that money to stay in a hotel.

On or about May 13, 2018 Galina and Irina entered the United States. On that day the ICE detention center in San Diego called me and left a message. I returned the call. An ICE officer asked me if I would accept Galina and Irina. I said I would get back to them; the officer gave me one-hour to call back. I did not call back. ICE called me two more times. I did not return their calls. There was no way that I was going to accept Galina and Irina.

On May 14, 2018, I sent two text messages to Galina; no reply. I presumed that Galina and Irina were being detained by ICE. Today, May 18, 2018, my presumption was confirmed. I learned that currently Galina, and presumably Irina too, are “residing” at the ICE residential center in Karnes City, Texas. They have no visas and no income, yet the authorities permit them to physically stay in the United States, albeit under restricted conditions, while thousands, and perhaps even millions of other people wait on line for visas. What a farce.

¹ Galina and Irina are fictitious names. Their names have been changed to protect their identities.

That Galina and Irina succeeded in entering the United States has eroded my confidence in the seriousness of the United States to control its borders and is proof that the US immigration laws are a sham and that one need not apply for a visa to physically enter the United States. To gain admission into the United States, foreign nationals need only to show up at the border and apply for asylum and the US will admit them into US territory, even if it means having to place them in detention. THAT INCLUDES WOMEN WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. If this is what the American people want, then so be it. We are now de facto a country without borders, and the result is a huge, ugly mess.²

If anybody can tell me how this makes the United States a more secure and stable nation, please let me know. You can email me at pwnycny@aol.com.

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²Shortly after I posted this essay online, a woman sent me two emails in reply. The texts of her emails are as follows:

5/18/18 – “She couldn’t have entered the US without your assistance.”

5/18/18 – “If she didn’t have the money, how could she have gotten to Mexico, or bought the return ticket?”

On 5/19/18 I replied:

“Regarding your recent emails to me, understand the following:

1. There are two parties complicit in permitting two Russian nationals to enter the United States. I am NOT one of those parties. Party One: the government of Mexico, which permits foreign nationals to enter Mexican territory and then use Mexican territory as a jump off point to enter the United States illegally. Party Two: the US government which permits foreign nationals to physically enter the United States WITHOUT A VISA. If you’re okay with those policies, so be it.

2. The purpose of the money provided to the Russian woman, who is a SINGLE PARENT, was to better enable her to provide food, clothing and shelter for a FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD. Providing her that money was a HUMANITARIAN GESTURE and an ACT OF GENEROSITY. Apparently, you think it is something else. So be it.”