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I, Ludmila ....., being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am making this affidavit in support of the I-129F Petition for Alien Fiancée that my fiancé, David ....., is filing on my behalf with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

2. In August 2003, I was visiting an Internet Chat Room (Yahoo Chat) one day when I was bored. There were many people there from different places in the world, but I became most interested in David. David told me that he lived in New Jersey, U.S.A. We told each other many interesting things about the countries we live in, about our traditions and culture, etc. Although we live so far from each other, it was easy for me to communicate with David; despite the language barrier, we understood each other very well. We continued talking in this chat room for hours almost every day and quickly wanted to only communicate with each other. I wanted to get to know more and more about him.

3. About a month after we got acquainted and became more comfortable with each other, we exchanged email addresses. Now we could tell each other in private about our families, friends and places we live. We also could send pictures to each other. I started to feel that we were becoming part of each other's lives. David became close and dear to me. We supported each other in difficult times and were happy and enjoyed each other's success.

4. We then exchanged phone numbers and called each other quite frequently. We could talk for hours about everything. I knew that I could call him anytime and hear his loving, tender voice and forget about the distance separating us and could feel as if he were right next to me. Each time we talked we wanted to "feel" more from each other - affectionate looks, smiles or gestures that mean so much. So we looked into how web cameras worked. David purchased a web camera for his personal computer and I started visiting an Internet Cafe where cameras were installed on the computers. Now we could tell each other so much and actually see the other's reaction. It meant the world to us.

5. I would miss David terribly when we couldn't talk for several days and this made me think very deeply about my feelings for him. Both of us were sure in our feelings for each other and we felt an irresistible longing to meet. It was January 2004, and in a few months time I was going to visit my older sister, Ira, in Saint Petersburg. As this city is the cultural center of Russia, I thought it would be a great opportunity for David and I to meet and a very interesting place for David to visit. So we started planning our meeting in Saint Petersburg. I imagined many times how we will meet, and was so excited and nervous thinking about what everything would be like, being with David in "real" life, how my family would react, etc.

6. In April 2004, the dream came true. We met at the airport of Saint Petersburg. I don't know how long we were just standing in silence holding each other's hands and looking into each other's eyes. It seemed to me there was nothing else in the world, only David and me. I didn't want or need anything else. I just wanted to be near him. Everything turned to be even more wonderful than I could have ever imagined. David is such a caring, affectionate, tender, understanding and loving person. During his stay in Russia we didn't part even for a minute. This was the best time in my life and I'll never forget those ten days. My sister invited us for dinner as they (my sister and her family) wanted to meet the person whom they had heard so much about. They quickly developed a close relationship with David. My sister's husband, Aleksey, offered to take us on a tour of the city as he has lived there his whole life. I was so happy and pleased that everyone got along very well with each other. Time passes fast when the person you love is with you and soon David needed to get back to New York. It is hard to find words to describe what I felt at the moment he was leaving - it seemed to me as if my heart was broken into pieces and he took a part of me with him. I know for sure I love David and want to be with him and I feel that he loves me as much as I love him.

7. David and I agreed that we would take some time to think and understand what we feel for each other and to be sure that it was not just passing fancy but true Love. This became the longest period when we didn't communicate - a week - and it seemed like an eternity for me. I was thinking about him every minute and every second. It was at this point that I was sure I could not live my life without him. David called and said he was certain in his feelings - that he loves me as no other and wants me to be with him for our whole lives, and he proposed to me. I was overwhelmed with feelings and at one point

couldn't even speak, but my heart said YES at once. Together now we make plans for our future. We talk of how we will have family and raise children, giving them all the love we feel. I love David. I miss him and live with the hope that our plans will soon come true.

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Ludmila .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of July, 2004

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