

State of New York
County of Queens

Affidavit

I, Irena _____, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I was born on September 6, _____, in the city of Grodno, Belarus.

2. 4. While living in Grodno, I applied for, and was one of the winners of, the Diversity Lottery program administered by the U.S. State Department. I came to the U.S. in November of _____ and was admitted as a permanent resident alien. My Alien Registration Number is A__ ____ ____ and my Social Security Number is ____-____-_____.

3. I currently reside in the United States at ____ Beach _____ St., Apt. _____, Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691. My telephone number is 718/____-_____.

4. I am making this affidavit in support of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereinafter INS) Form I-751 Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence that my friend, Lyudmila _____, née _____, is jointly filing with her husband, Grzegorz _____.

5. I have known Lyudmila since _____, from the time we both lived in Grodno, Belarus, I have known Grzegorz since June of _____, when he and Lyudmila moved to New York City from the city of North Charleston, South Carolina. I know that, unfortunately, at the present time he is hospitalized at the _____ Psychiatric Center in _____, N.Y. Throughout the period of Grzegorz's stay at this Center, from November of _____ till the present, and throughout the period of his prior stay at the Psychiatric Unit of Coney Island Hospital, in Brooklyn, N.Y., from July of _____ through the beginning of November of _____, Lyudmila often confided in me, as one of her closest friends. That is how I know that Lyudmila was always concerned about Grzegorz and was calling him and speaking with him on the telephone with great frequency. I know that he continues to love her. I can certainly verify the fact that, no matter the hardships they have experienced, the marriage between them was

entered into because they fell in love and wanted to live together as husband and wife, and that this is their goal even now. They did not get married just for immigration purposes.

6. The current problems in their marriage, as far as I have been able to observe, are due primarily to the difficult life Grzegorz has had, and to the inadequate strategies Grzegorz had developed for coping with these difficulties. I understand that the therapy he has been receiving in the hospital is improving his outlook and is providing him with insights that is already leading him, and hopefully will continue to lead him in the future, to an ever-improving ability to deal with the stresses of life.

7. In the past, Grzegorz did not deal well with stress. He would get stressed out to the point of being sick. He would then take out his anger and frustration on Lyudmila. In general he is a good and kind person, but when he is stressed-out sick he can be unreasonable and unfair in his behavior to Lyudmila. Lyudmila understands this and still loves him.

8. When Lyudmila married Grzegorz she did not know that he had had alcohol problems, so when his alcohol-exacerbated illness emerged in June of ____ it was a shock to her. Grzegorz's behavior became erratic and wild. For her own safety, Lyudmila had no choice but to leave him and move in with me. She lived in my apartment for about a month and we discussed the situation with her husband many times. She did not want to divorce him, and still does not want to, even though he hurt her, both physically and emotionally.

9. After living with me for a month, Lyudmila started working as the caretaker of an elderly woman and lived in that woman's apartment, in Far Rockaway, N.Y., for about three months. Thereafter, Lyudmila sublet a room in an apartment very close to mine, at ___ Beach St., #____, Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691. Our proximity to each other allows us to see each other very often. Due to our closeness, I know Lyudmila's feelings very well, and I can confirm that she still loves Grzegorz. She often speaks of her hopes that he will fully recover from his sickness and that he will have learned from it and be stronger and better than before. She believes that, under the right circumstances, emotional and financial (with good fortune, he will find a job, so as to augment her modest income), they can find a

suitable apartment and live together happily, as they did at the beginning of their marriage.

Irena -----

Sworn to before me this
day of April, 2003

Notary Public