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(WE'RE GONNA TALK A LITTLE BIT TODAY ABOUT THE COUNTRY YOU CAME FROM, AND YOUR EXPERIENCES HERE IN AMERICA)

OK.

(SO WHERE, WHERE DOES YOUR FAMILY ORIGINALLY COME FROM?)

Um, we came from Ukraine.

(WHERE IS THE UKRAINE LOCATED AT?)

It's in Europe by Asha.

(IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UKRAINE. ASHA IS ON THIS SIDE, RIGHT? OR IS IT SURROUNDED BY...)

It's Ukraine, this is what Asha looks like, right there, the middle

(UM, DO YOU KNOW, UM, WHAT TOWN DID YOUR FAMILY LIVE IN, IN THE UKRAINE?)

(smile) (pause) (YOU CAN SAY THE UKRAINIAN NAME) Um, Talas(?) Somskyolblust(?) and the city was Kamoto.

(KAMOTO. HOW DO YOU SPELL KAMOTO, DO YOU KNOW? YOU DON'T, OK. DID YOU HAVE A LOT OF FAMILY THAT LIVED THERE?)

Yeah. I had my uncles, aunts, grandma.

(A LOT OF FAMILY. HOW BIG WAS YOUR TOWN?)

(pause) (WAS IT AS BIG AS LINCOLN, WAS IT SMALLER, WAS IT BIGGER...) I think it was like the same as Lincoln. (IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS LINCOLN?) But it's smaller than the main city.

(AND KIEV IS THE CAPITOL?)

Yeah.

(AND SO IT'S SMALLER THAN KIEV, BUT IT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF LINCOLN?)

Yeah.

(WHAT WAS THE, WHAT WAS THE, WHAT WAS THE MAIN MEAN, MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION THERE? DID YOU GUYS, DID A LOT OF PEOPLE DRIVE CARS? DID YOU GUYS HAVE BUSSES?)

Um, the night we left, um, we were picked up by this taxi van, so, to the airport.

(SO THERE IS A LOT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THERE?)

Yeah, there is cars, busses, subways, airplanes. (smile)

(SO IT'S PRETTY, FAIRLY DEVELOPED.)

Yeah.

(UM, WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR HOUSE?)

It was big and old. My great grandpa built it, I think. Um, I don't know. (smile)

(DID YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ROOM?)

No. I shared it with my grandma. (smile)

(IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR HOUSE? DID YOU HAVE A PLAYROOM?)

No. But every summer we would, um, the rug is like the whole house is covered with rugs, and so we take them out and dust them out and you roll them up and I used to play with them.

(THAT'S FUN. UM, DID YOU GUYS HAVE FAMILY GATHERING AT YOUR HOUSE?)

Yeah. Like when somebody has a birthday, my dad or my brother or sister would come over for dinner, and just talk. (smile)

(WHAT, WHAT FAMILY MEMBERS, UH, DO YOU REMEMBER?)

(pause) I had my dad's brothers and sisters and their kids. (smile) Do I have to name them? (NO) And...

(DID YOU PLAY WITH YOUR COUSINS QUITE A BIT?)

Yeah. They would come over like every month just hang out.

(UM, DID THEY LIVE IN THE SAME TOWN AS YOU?)

Yeah, some of them did. But my mom's, um, (pause) brother and sis-, brother, lived in a different town.

(WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO FOR, UH, FOR GAMES WHEN YOU, WHEN YOU WERE KIDS, WITH YOUR COUSINS? WAS THERE ANY GAMES THAT YOU GUYS PLAYED?)

Oh, we played like tag, hide and seek, I don't know. (smile)

(SO THE SAME ONES I WOULD HAVE PLAYED WITH, PLAYED WHEN I WAS A KID. UH, IN YOUR HOME NOW, UM, DO YOU GUYS TELL STORIES ABOUT, UH, LIVING BACK IN THE UKRAINE?)

Yeah. My mom like reminds me how I, about what my brother did when he was a baby and all the, the things I do remember.

(SO YOUR MOM TELLS MOST OF THE STORIES?)

Yeah.

(WHAT STORIES DOES SHE LIKE TO TELL OTHER THAN ABOUT WHEN YOUR BROTHER WAS LITTLE?)

(pause) (smile) (DO THEY TELL YOU THINGS ABOUT, ABOUT YOUR TOWN?)

No.

(DO THEY TELL YOU THINGS ABOUT, ABOUT THE HOUSE THAT YOU GREW UP IN?)

Kind of. Like she told me that my great grandpa built it. (smile)

(UM, WHAT STORIES ABOUT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER DID THEY TELL OR, I'M SORRY, IS IT YOUR OLDER OR YOUNGER BROTHER?)

Younger.

(YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER, WHAT STORIES DID THEY TELL ABOUT HIM?)

Um, one story was about he was really little, that he would go around in church, he used to bring little cars in to play around, he had little bags that goes around the isles with his bag to read to people so they will drop candy in there. (smile) (LAUGH)

(WHAT A SMART LITTLE KID. LOTS OF CANDY THAT WAY. UM, WHEN THEY TELL STORIES, DO YOU FEEL LIKE THEY'RE MAINLY POSITIVE STORIES ABOUT THE UKRAINE OR ARE THEY MORE NEGATIVE ABOUT THE UKRAINE?)

Well, they're more negative cause, um, we weren't, we were poor. We didn't have a lot of money. But it was bad there like the police were bad.

(WHY WERE THE POLICE BAD?)

Well, I remember when my mom says that like here in five seconds they're here, but there it like takes days for them to get to your house. (DAYS...) Or hours, I don't know. (smile)

(SO YOUR MOM SAID THE POLICE WAS, WAS SOMETIMES SLOW)

Yeah. (...TO HELP YOU) And they just don't care.

(THE POLICE DON'T CARE? THAT'S TOO BAD. UM WHAT ELSE LEADS YOU TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS MORE NEGATIVE?)

Um, (pause) we didn't get like a good chance to like have fun. We didn't go anywhere but here. We didn't go everywhere to like pizza places. But there we had to eat at home. So it's too expensive. The food is too expensive to buy. Like the meat. So they, they were complaining to us. (smile)

(DO YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF GOOD STUFF HERE?)

Yeah. (YEAH)

(UM, DID THEY, WHAT POSITIVE STORIES DID THEY TELL?)

(pause) I don't know. (smile)

(NOT MANY?. UM, SO WHEN, WHEN KIDS, WHEN OTHER KIDS ASK YOU ABOUT THE UKRAINE, WHAT STORIES DO YOU TELL THEM?)

(pause) Um, (pause) I tell them that I was born there, I lived there for eight years.

(pause) I don't know. (smile)

(OK. SO WHAT FEELINGS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT YOUR HOME COUNTRY?)

I miss it. I wanta go back there to visit, but I'm happier here.

(YEAH. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU MISS ABOUT IT?)

Um, mostly my cousins.

(YEAH, THE FAMILY?)

Yeah.

(NOW WHY DID, UH, WHAT STORIES DOES, DOES YOUR FAMILY TELL ABOUT WHY YOU LEFT?)

Um, my mom says that we left because her older brother, uh, he moved here, and so he, I don't know, how they did that like with the papers to meet, make her come here too. And mostly about the money.

(AND SO YOU GUYS ALL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY HERE?)

Yeah, to get better jobs.

(UM, WHAT, WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT PREPARING TO LEAVE?)

Um, I remember that our whole house was filled with bags. Like in every corner there would be like big bags. So this, my aunts would like sew and tape them together so they won't rip and all that. Um, we had to like stuff with all lot of clothes from there, which my mom still has like some of the shirts. (smile) Um, (Pause) every, like everybody came to our house to say good bye to us and all that.

(WAS THAT SAD?)

Well, at that time I didn't, I just deal with what's going on, cause I was younger. (YEAH) It felt weird for me like get in the car at night, I didn't know what was going on. (smile)

(UM WHAT FAMILY MEMBERS CAME WITH YOU?)

Um, my, my mom's brother came with us, and his wife. But their daughter stayed.

(AND HOW MANY SIBLINGS CAME WITH YOU. HOW MANY OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAME?)

I have one brother and sister.

(AND THEY BOTH CAME. UM, WHAT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT AMERICA BEFORE YOU CAME HERE? WHAT WAS TOLD TO YOU. DO YOU REMEMBER?)

Um, my mom didn't, I didn't know about America but I remember that we got these books to look at pictures from America; the schools, like the language. We got a dictionary to study words.

(AND HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT AMERICA THROUGH LOOKING THROUGH THE BOOKS AND THE LANGUAGE?)

Well, Ameri-, I remember looking at these picture like kids that are black. I never saw black kids before. (REALLY?) So yeah. Yeah. That they had, rode on these yellow busses, getting ready for school.

(AND HOW DID, UH, AND HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT, ABOUT COMING TO AMERICA AFTER LOOKING AT THOSE PICTURES? WERE YOU EXCITED, NERVOUS, NEITHER?)

I was really scared. Cause I like saw these new people and I would see like my uncles and aunts and like when I got outside I felt weird.

(UM, HOW DID YOU, HOW DID YOU GUYS COME HERE? DID YOU FLY?)

Yeah. I think we took like four airplanes to get here. Something like that.

(OH, HOW LONG WAS, HOW LONG WAS IT? DO YOU REMEMBER?)

(pause)

(WERE YOU EXCITED ABOUT, WAS THAT YOUR FIRST TIME FLYING?)

Yeah.

(WAS THAT EXCITING?)

Yeah. I think. (laugh)

(UM, HOW DID YOUR FAMILY DECIDE TO LIVE IN LINCOLN?)

Well, most of my aunts and uncles live here so my parents didn't wanta go anywhere else cause they (inaud). So just stayed here. (YEAH)

(SO IT WAS JUST FAMILY)

They don't like the smile, small area. (OK)

(DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL IN THE UKRAINE?)

Yeah. I went to first grade for about, a couple months, then I quit.

(YOU QUIT? YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO QUIT?)

No, I just quit. (smile) (SMILE)

(UH, HOW FAR AWAY WAS SCHOOL FROM YOUR HOUSE?)

I don't remember that. I used to walk to school.

(WALK TO SCHOOL? DO YOU REMEMBER HOW LONG THE WALK WAS?)

(pause) (WAS IT FAR, WAS IT SHORT?) It was short.

(IT WAS SHORT. HOW OFTEN DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL? WAS IT EVERY DAY?)

Yeah, like the same here.

(HOW LONG WERE THE SCHOOL DAYS?)

(pause) (IT WAS PRETTY MUCH, IT WAS KINDA LIKE HERE.)

Yeah, maybe. (YEAH)

(HOW DID TEACHERS DISCIPLINE STUDENTS?)

(pause) Well, when I had my teacher, she was really mean. Uh, she would, um, in first grade I didn't know like the alphabet at all, I didn't know how to read or write and she would like give us these tests, we have to write what she says and I didn't, I have to stay after school every day (smile) to write down everything.

(WHAT WAS THE, UM, HOW MANY STUDENTS WERE IN A CLASS?)

It was probably like probably 15 to 20.

(AND HOW MANY TEACHERS WERE IN EACH CLASS?)

One.

(WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT THAT WAS TAUGHT. I KNOW IT WAS THE FIRST GRADE, BUT WHAT DID YOU LIKE?)

I think I liked more PE. (smile) Like when we had to run around, play games, have fun.

(UM, DO YOU REMEMBER ALL THE CLASSES THAT WERE TAUGHT?)

No.

(WHAT WAS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE CLASS?)

I don't know what class. I know there was math. But, but I was, it was easy to do math than writing and reading.

(SO PROBABLY READING AND WRITING WAS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE?)

Yeah.

(HOW DO YOU THINK IT'S DIFFERENT TO LIVE HERE THAN IN THE UKRAINE?)

Well here you could do whatever you want. Um, (pause) you're free and nobody is gonna be judging you. Um, you can buy your own house, buy your own car and it's cheaper here.

(IN THE UKRAINE CAN YOU BUY A HOUSE?)

(pause – inaud)

(HOW IS THE SCHOOL DIFFERENT HERE?)

Um, I remember that like all the teachers were nice when I first came. They say “hello, come in” all that.

(WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO SPEAK RUSSIAN, UKRAINE... UKRAINE?)

Russian.

(RUSSIAN. WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO BE, TO SPEAK RUSSIAN AT HOME AND THEN TRY TO LEARN ENGLISH HERE?)

I actually don't remember, but I learned English really fast. But I still speak, I still speak Russian at home. It's harder for me now cause I know that English more than Russian, so it's going away from my mind.

(DO YOUR PARENTS SPEAK RUSSIAN AT HOME?)

Yeah.

(DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?)

Only my mom does a little.

(AND SO YOUR DAD SPEAKS RUSSIAN?)

Yeah.

(WAS IT, HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING IN ELL?)

(pause) Well, at that time I didn't know it was ELL but when I got older I started hating it cause it's so annoying. (smile)

(WHY, WHY WAS IT ANNOYING?)

(smile) Um, we would do like the same stuff; words, nouns and adjectives. So a lot of writing. So it would be like that.

(HOW DO YOU FEEL, UM, OTHER KIDS TREATED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE FROM A DIFFERENT COUNTRY AND SPOKE ANOTHER LANGUAGE?)

I don't know that. I don't remember.

(UM, NOW, BECAUSE YOU SPEAK, YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME, DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE TREATED DEFIANTLY BY OTHER KIDS?)

(pause) Yeah. Kind of. Cause like people, when they learn that I speak a different language they're like “oh that's so cool, I wish I spoke another language” and all that.

(SO IT'S PRETTY COOL THAT YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?)

Yeah. It's good for a job, cause you can translate, get more money.

(THAT IS VERY TRUE. SO DON'T LET THAT DIE.)

(smile) (DON'T LET IT SLIP AWAY. UM, WHAT WAS THE HARDEST PART OF SCHOOL TO ADJUST TO?)

(pause) I don't know. (smile) It was a long time ago. (smile)

(YEAH. UM, YOU SAID THAT YOU QUIT SCHOOL IN THE UKRAINE, YOU QUIT GOING. HOW LONG DID YOU QUIT GOING FOR?)

For a couple months. Until we moved.

(WOULD YOU, DID YOU THINK ABOUT QUITTING SCHOOL HERE?)

(pause)

(WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DIFFERENCE WAS? WHY, WHY DID YOU QUIT THERE BUT YOU DIDN'T WANTA QUIT HERE?)

(pause) (WHY DID YOU WANTA QUIT THERE?) Um, because the teacher, like she was really mean, she didn't care, she just made me stay after school when the kids were mean. But here the teachers care about your education and...

(THE KIDS ARE NICER)

Yeah.

(GOOD, GOOD. UM, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS YOU HAD TO MAKE, MAKE WHEN YOU, WHEN YOU GOT HERE?)

(pause) (WAS THE CLOTHING DIFFERENT? WAS THE MUSIC DIFFERENT? WAS...)

Yeah.

(WAS BEHAVIOR DIFFERENT?)

Like in Ukraine I would always have to wear a skirt. But when I came here I had to get used to wearing pants. So...

(DID YOU JUST WEAR A SKIRT TO SCHOOL?)

Yeah.

(AND SO YOU HAD OT MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT. HERE IN SCHOOL YOU CAN KINDA WEAR WHATEVER.)

It's uncomfortable to wear skirts. (smile)

(YEAH, SO THAT WAS NICE. THAT'S GOOD)

Yeah.

(UM, WAS BEHAVIOR IN THE CLASSROOMS DIFFERENT? OR WERE KIDS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME?)

Kids the same. Cause they're everywhere and, and annoying and noisy. (smile)

(WHAT FAMILY TRADITIONS HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN THAT YOUR FAMILY STILL DOES FROM THE UKRAINE?)

(pause) I don't know. (smile)

(WERE THERE ANY HOLIDAYS THAT YOU PRACTICED IN THE UKRAINE THAT AREN'T PRACTICED HERE?)

Uh, we had the same holidays.

(SAME HOLIDAY. UM, IS THERE ANY FAMILY THINGS THAT YOU GUYS DID IN THE UKRAINE THAT YOU STILL DO HERE?)

(pause) I don't know. (smile)

(UM, HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED TO TRANSLATE FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS?)

I always translate. Um...

(WHAT IS THAT LIKE?)

It's really hard. Like when somebody is speaking to me and I have to translate to my mom, it's easier. But when I have to translate a letter, that's harder for me.

(SO TRANSLATING FROM RUSSIAN TO ENGLISH, LIKE READING IT? LIKE A LETTER YOU READ?)

Yeah. It's hard. (IT'S HARD)

(HOW DO YOU LIKE TRANSLATING?)

Its kind of cool because the person is standing there listening to you speak (smile) this and that. (smile)

(HAS THAT, UM, EVER AFFECTED BRINGING FRIENDS OVER TO THE HOUSE? BECAUSE YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH?)

Yeah, kind of. Cause my parents don't want any... But they're really strict about us talking in English, but we still do. So they don't want anybody, like American, come over, cause we would be just talking American the whole time. (smile)

(THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO TALK AMERICAN THE WHOLE TIME?)

Yep.

(UM, DOES IT SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE YOU LEAD A, A DOUBLE LIFE? LIKE ONE AT HOME AND THEN ONE AT SCHOOL?)

Yeah.

(WHAT IS THAT LIKE?)

(pause) It's like you're a different person. At school you're, you speak English, and you're more free. But at home your parents are on your back so... (smile) (YEAH)

(ARE THERE, ARE THERE DIFFERENCES, UM, BETWEEN VALUES THAT YOUR PARENTS HAVE AND VALUES THAT YOUR PEERS HAVE?)

(pause) I don't know.

(LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF, UM, THE MUSIC THAT YOU LISTEN TO, IS THERE MUSIC YOUR PARENTS DON'T WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO?)

Yeah. (smile)

(BUT YOUR FRIENDS DO LIKE?)

Yeah. Like rap and hip hop and that.

(UM, DO YOUR PARENTS MIND THAT YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC IN ENGLISH?)

Yeah. I always do in the car so...

(AND THAT'S OK. OK. UM, HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY MAINTAIN CULTURAL TIES TO YOUR HOME, TO UKRAINE?)

(pause) I don't know. (smile)

(DO THEY DRESS ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN THEY, IF THEY WERE BACK IN THE UKRAINE FROM HERE, DO THEY DRESS DIFFERENTLY?)

Right now it's the same.

(DO THEY LISTEN TO, UM, MUSIC FROM UKRAINE?)

Yeah, they listen to Ukrainian, Russian music, and it's Christian, so... (smile)

(SO IT'S KINDA THE SAME)

Yeah. Ukraine goes like the rapping and all that, they're copying all our the gangster style and all that.

(DO THEY STAY IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE UKRAINE?)

Yeah, my dad calls every Saturday in the morning to his brothers. Find out how they're doing there.

(EVERY SATURDAY. DO YOU GET TO TALK TO YOUR COUSINS THEN?)

I once talked to my cousin. Once talked to my niece.

(AND WHAT DO YOU TELL THEM ABOUT... DO YOU, DID YOU TALK ABOUT AMERICA?)

Yeah.

(WHAT DID YOU TELL THEM ABOUT AMERICA?)

Like about school. How we have malls here. Everything is cheaper than there.

(SO IF SOME OF YOUR COUSINS WERE MOVING TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM ARE FUN THINGS TO DO HERE?)

It would be fun, I like to go to the pool or go to Disney World or Six Flag.

(HAVE YOU BEEN TO DISNEY WORLD?) (pause) (BUT YOU'D LIKE TO GO. (smile)
(IT'S A FUN PLACE. UM, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM IS BORING ABOUT AMERICA?)

School.

(SCHOOL)

It's the same. (YEAH)

(UM, WHAT ABOUT, HOW, HOW DO YOU LIKE LIVING IN LINCOLN?)

Um, I like it because there is not a lot of traffic here. Cause I've been to California and there is like a lot of lanes and there is too much cars, they're going too fast. So it's better here.

(AND, UM, WHAT WOULD YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU FIX ABOUT LINCOLN IF YOU COULD FIX IT TO MAKE IT BETTER?)

(pause) Uh, maybe nothing. I don't know. (smile)

(UM, WHAT ARE YOUR FAMILY, WHAT HAS YOUR FAMILY DONE TO BECOME MORE AMERICAN?)

Well, we bought a clothes that Americans wear. And that's it.

(DOES YOUR FAMILY WATCH, UM, AMERICAN TV SHOWS?)

Of course. (smile)

(WHAT'S THE, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE?)

Uh, I just like em all. (smile)

(YOU LIST A COUPLE)

(laugh) Well, right now started Beauty and the Geek, so... (YOU LIKE BEAUTY AND THE GEEK?) I like that. And Seven Heaven. (pause) Everybody Hates Chris is... (CHRIS ROCK – SMILE – THAT'S A GOOD ONE. THAT'S FUNNY)

(UM, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? WHAT ELSE, WHAT ELSE CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT MOVING HERE THAT YOU WOULD TELL, TELL SOMEBODY ELSE WHO WOULD MOVE HERE. WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU TELL THEM?)

That don't be scared cause it's better here. Um, that's it. (THAT'S IT)

(ALRIGHT, OLGA. THANK YOU FOR INTERVIEWING. UM, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO, LIKE TO PUT IN THE INTERVIEW ABOUT FAMILY OR THE OLD COUNTRY?)

Well like we were so far that we had this toilet (inaud). It's a shack outside. We had to go there every, a long time from the house at night though. It's a hole that, so we had that, that's, it's better to have toilets here.

(THAT WOULD BE BETTER)

Yeah.

(UM, WHAT ELSE, WHAT ELSE IS THERE THAT YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?)

We used to have pets. We had dogs, cats and chickens and a pig and a goat. (smile)

(IN TOWN?)

No, at our house.

(AT YOUR HOUSE, BUT IN THE TOWN WITH ALL THESE ANIMALS?)

Like all the neighbors had chickens. Their own gardens for potatoes and all that. But you can't have it here.

(IS THAT SOMETHING YOU THINK WOULD BE GOOD HERE?)

No.

(NO)

It's better to have it at a farm.

(YEAH. WHY, WHY WOULD YOU, UM... DID YOU GET TO WORK IN THE GARDEN?)

Yeah. I remember that, uh, my dad owned this field, like where he would go to plant their potatoes. Like I remember there being one day they dug up the potatoes and all that. Um, when they planted them.

(DO YOU GUYS HAVE A GARDEN HERE?)

Well we have like some potatoes that grow.

(YEAH. YOU STILL GROW POTATOES)

I mean not potatoes. Tomatoes. (smile) (TOMATOES)

(DO YOU GROW TOMATOES?) Yeah. (smile) (THOSE ARE GOOD)

(UM DO YOU LIVE AT, DO YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE HERE?)

Yeah.

(IS IT BIGGER OR SMALLER THAN THE ONE IN UKRAINE?)

Smaller I think.

(DO YOU HAVE A, A BACK YARD?)

Yeah.

(AND YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A GARDEN.)

My mom wants to get one but she doesn't have time to go water it and al that. But I'm lazy to do that. (smile) (LAUGH) She would always ask me to water the plants inside the house but I never do it.

(WAS IT EASY FOR YOUR PARENTS TO FIND WORK HERE?)

Um, yeah. They work at Lincoln Journal Star, so they don't need to have a lot of English there. So it's better for them there. (THAT'S NICE, THAT'S GOOD)

(UM, WHAT ELSE?)

I don't know. (smile) I've got nothing. (smile)

(ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, WELL THANKS, OLGA, FOR DOING THIS. I APPRECIATE IT)