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Summary

Larry "M", born November 15, 1976 in Moscow, was interviewed on July 28, 1990 regarding his earliest memories.

Mother is Mila "M", born in 1954 in Obuchava). Father is Paul Troytsky, born in Moscow, and adoptive father(1988) Victor "M" born in Moscow.

Caregivers while his mother worked or studied was mostly his maternal grandmother (Nellie N.K. born 1929,) and also by his paternal grandmother (Paul Troytsky's mother).

His maternal grandfather (Arseny K, born 1927) told him stories about after the war, being a sailor, the cannon and machine guns, the siege of Leningrad, his ship sailing into Leningrad through the frozen river and hitting the ice until the ship could not move. Another ship came to break the ice.

Childhood memories of a hospital and synagogue at 5-6 years old, school teams called "parties" and snowball fights, he was a leader of the "English Party", studied Algebraic equations, fishing with his maternal uncle Sergei.

Career aspirations in the third grade of being a doctor before he knew his maternal grandparents were doctors. Paternal great grandfather (of his biological father) was a doctor and was killed by Stalin because of political views.

He was not cognizant of being Jewish until just before leaving Russia, his biological father (Paul Troytsky) was Jewish. His mother was not.

Move to the U.S. upset him for a time, he misses friends and family but is still in contact, misses the environment and nature. He would like to visit. There are two things that are important to him about American life: freedom and liberty.

Enjoyed discussions about history and politics with his father in Russia. His mother was very "right" leaning.

Loves to read for fun and education. Low opinion of education and learning of American children due to having no interest in debating mathematics or history and only playing games.

Religion does not seem to make a difference with his friendships or social life here or in Russia. Limited experience with Jewish diet and ceremonies. He was circumcised when he came to the U.S., did not know if his father was circumcised. He is not a religious person but feels being Jewish is about a group of people who live together, have traditions, and are nice to others. He believes the real true religion would be orthodox, not conservative or reform.

Future life would include public high school, sailboats, medical school, house on a lake or ocean, good food, fishing, living in England, studying guitar.