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 handbag, she had the ^{impressive}
 nasal whimp, and she spoke in with
 formal ~~something~~ ^{formal} This was her
 frequent outbursts, ^{formal} ^{discussed}
 general manner - ^{formal} ^{discussed}
 that when she ^{formal} ^{discussed}
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human being - might have
been concocted by George Elton

Anna I's ^{voice} had a rather
whispering whine - which
however when she spoke to
you intimately - took on a
^{deeply} different tone and added
warmth -

In my previous notes how compares
these two old ladies were - how
contemporaneous - and of how
such a bond ~~and~~ friendships as
that which existed between them
and the young Tschelchoff - seems
only to exist in the Slavic race -
when the young ~~grow~~ ^{become} old in spirit
and mind very young and the old
~~remain~~ ^{improve} young in mind + spirit, because
of their ardent + penetrating ^{intellectual} ~~intellectual~~ ^{curiosity} ~~curiosity~~ ^{interest} ~~interest + admiration ^{of the} ~~of the~~ ^{life} ~~life~~ ^{of life} and the spirit that excite
stimulate ^{interest} + uplift the mind, they are
true amateurs of life and of the
riches which the human spirit has
created.~~

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I was also taken immediately to the
apartments in the Hotel Am Zoo - a
small ^{very elegant} Residence Hotel of a lady
of whom he spoke much and in
glowing + loving terms. He told me
of her delicate feminine charm her
oriental gentleness - her ^{rather} ~~rather~~ ^{intutored} ~~intutored~~ ^{sophisticated} ~~sophisticated~~ and of her
whimsical love of luxury - in the form
of food food - gems - clothes - and
of how she loved to sit down at the
piano + play Persian folk songs +
dances for him - while admiring the
sparkle of the gems in her ears as the

fingers rippled up + down. The
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 descent - and the wife of the Persian
 Ambassador to Germany - who
 spent however little time in that
 country - but allowed - contrary to
 all Persian moral codes - his wife
 to maintain her residence there
 and she had taken a suite of rooms
 in this Hotel - which she had
 furnished to her own taste. We went
 to see her, ^{he was nervous as} and he was particularly
 anxious that I please her - + that she
 like me. She did - and immediately
 as all was well - for he was very
 devoted to her and saw her almost
 constantly. We spent many evenings
 in her apartment - just we three -
 when she would ~~don~~ a particularly
 diaphanous ^{and light} formal Negligeé - put on
 all her most dazzling jewels - order
 lobster - Champagne + Salade
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 plump - and had a face that had
 the expression of the Cheshire cat -
~~with~~ at the same time - great breeding -
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gracious informality about
her - but there was also the
echo of ancestry - breeding -
and tradition - which bristles
at ~~the~~ ^{our} encroachment of ~~the~~
~~too slightest~~ vulgarity or
cheapness. She received his
other two great friends Natalia
Alexandrovna Glasko - and
the well known ^{Moscow} character
Ballerna ^{Catherine Devillers} who was then dancing
& teaching in Berlin and who had
~~created~~ danced some de Falla ballets
during a season with the Diaghileff
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Natalya A. Glasko I have
described in previous notes.

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moment a School of Dance
in Berlin - and a week or two after
my arrival was giving a Concert.
One day - out walking - we came
across the announcement upon a
billboard and he exclaimed that
she was one of his dearest & closest
friends - & that I must meet her
without further ado. I was taken
to her rooms - and found a lady
who ^{was the} looked ~~like~~ ^{like} a "nefro Gypsy"
if said were ^{synetically} - very swarthy

Fritz Kazan
such a grande dame
when she walked onto the stage -
a voice of such lustrous charm
and such a presence on stage - Vera Karalli 4

of skin - with blue black hair -
and rather leering ^{dark} eyes - a turned up
refined nose - enormous lips out
of all proportion to the rest of the
face and a curiously rasping
deep contralto speaking voice -
produced entirely in the nose.
She was the granddaughter of the
famous dramatic actress
Sadovskaya and was of French
descent on her father's side. Everyth-
ing about her was heavy - vulgar -
and imposing - and she was then
living with Michael Momontoff -
who had been a member of a famous
family of Moscow - renowned for
his ^{fabulous} wealth and patronage of the
Arts - but of course who was then
a penniless exile in Berlin. We used
to go to her rooms regularly - where
there were always lively discussions
of the Theatre - the Ballet - Politics
and Personalities. He was very
devoted to "Katyousha" as we called
her - and this great friendship
continued through the years -
and they saw each other regularly -
almost up into his death. The time of
his death - when she was then in London
+ he in Rome.

Paris -
My friend Nadine Wissotsky - a lady
whose husband's family had been
one of the great mercantile
families of Moscow - famous for a
very high quality brand of Tea (like
"Twinning" in Britain) and who
had - after the revolution - lived for
many years in Japan ^{where she stayed for}
had bestowed its coat upon her
~~and she looked very Japanese~~ ^{but}
~~had a refined rather affected~~
~~stylized elegance of manner~~ ^{which}
^{she supposed to be of} "lat race" She was beautiful -
~~but~~ thought herself "a fraude dame"
Well educated - sensitive to a degree -
cultured - but rather condescending
in manner - he nevertheless became
very fond of her + we went to her
house - very often ^{+ regular and} her friendship
continued - until he became more
involved in international society -
and as she had ^{once} behaved badly in
a situation involving us both -
he ^{finally} dropped her.

Martha Demista - an American
girl - whom we met through
Margaret Audesson + Jane Heap -
wealthy - blonde - ^{Polish} + ^{Polish} - loud and
comradely in Bohemian fashion -
he became extremely fond of her -
for a year or so - she married a

French Count - of "la petite noblesse" - and when he last saw her she was - I believe - doing something at the Library of Congress - in Washington D.C.

My friend Elena Michailovna Medvedev (sister-in-law of the Composer) - this began as a business connection - but it became an intimate friendship and for two or three years we ~~were~~^{visited} back + forth - dined together - went out together and even went on vacations to Brittany together. He was very fond of her - respected her and admired her character - but on the other hand she annoyed him - and he used to complain of her - said she was in love with him - and I daresay he was right.

Mrs Rachel Gorer - who became a kind of "English second mother" - and an ardent Patroness - He met Geoffrey Gorer through me - and of course - subsequently Mrs Gorer - through her son Geoffrey - He respected her - liked her subtle

kindness ^{was truly fond of his} - and ^{of course} appreciated her generous purchases of his work. ~~Also~~ her graceous + generous hospitality whenever he went to London - but along with the Stewells + others of the then "International Society" into which he had ^{by this time} "matriculated" - they did all - indulge in their (typical) habit ^{and used} of using her ^{as well as every else} ^{upon} ^{reason} - along with her sons ^{also} - as a target for their rather ^{and scornful} "naughtiness" ~~and sarcasm~~.

Natalya Pavlovna - The Princess Paley (morganatic daughter of the Grand Duke Paul of Russia) who was then Mme Lucien Helouf. Ecstatically + lyrically youthful - fragile - beautiful - ~~elegant~~ - glamorous ~~and~~ ^{pathetically} ~~to~~ ^{padding} ~~because~~ ^{of} her life which was like that of a rarest bird that had been driven from its fold - cage - and - like many Russians - ~~both~~ adamant ^{but} ~~and~~ ^{ferociously} tender - ~~at the same time~~ ^{reckless and disciplined - all} - he really "fell in love quite a bit" with Natasha - who came to our

house after - and with whom we
 went out after. At that moment
 also - Serge Lofar - had his "Crush"
 on Natasha - so it was a "Three -
 way circus" kind of affair. He
 was often rather "jealous" - and
 while he did not "upbraid" her -
 he pouted inwardly - which of
 course she with her most acute
 femininity always knew - whenever
 she "replied" to him "for Serge" - or
 did not show him enough
 exclusivity!! He "laughed"
 a while and they began to paint
 her Portrait - after which he
 began to say that in painting
 her he had "penetrated" her
 mysteries - and had discovered
 an "fond d'elle" - That she was
 in effect rather "hard boiled"
 + ruthless. The Amour was
 over - more or less - but he
 still sought to see her + was fond
 of her - but she - when I went
 to see her one day as she lay ill
 in the Hospital said "Allowha
 dear - Pavlik is "intraitable"
 afterwards - in New York - he saw his

upon occasion - but the last time
we discussed her in 1949 - he
complained of her neglect &
indifference & that she was too
concerned with "Society" &
certain "characters in it" &
devoted much time &
attention to them - which he
considered unfortunately
ill advised on her part,

Zofia Mrs Paul Kochanski

a remarkable - unique ^{in woman}
of ^{high} ~~superior~~ ^{intelligence} ~~Galathea~~ - intelligent
and cultured - refined and
sensitive - generous ^{and noble} - and devoted
perhaps alone with Edith the
two women he loved the most
(and whom - in spite of his sincere
love & devotion - he ~~often~~ ^{often}
ridiculed the most!!) this woman
whom he had met in the early days
in Kiev became & remained one
of his dearest - truest & staunchest
friends all his life - until death -
We saw her - always - every time
she came to Paris - which was
almost every season - and she
took great pains to introduce him
to important & wealthy friends of
hers - like the Princess Edmond de Polignac

summed and dear

to whose house she took him
 (This Salon was the apotheosis and
 the goal of all who sought material
 artistic & social "status" in Paris
 and was above all the Salon
 for which great contemporary music
 was commissioned & performed
 to great ^{public} ~~public~~ ^{reception} in Paris - covered
 covered in ^{the} ^{most} rare & freshly
 created ^{music} (She introduced
 him ^{also} to the Gandarillas - the Lopez
 (richissime South Americans) -
 and of course to Mrs Gery Chadwick
 her great friend - all her life
 standing staunchly behind him
 morally - and with her love &
 devotion ^{and counsel} always giving her best
 advice ^{and counsel} for his well being - advancement
 and success - and for the evolution &
 progress of his wisdom & right
 direction -

~~Zozia was Barbe a l'etray~~
 He had had an older half sister
 Varvara Fiodorovna Zarodny ("Barbe") for
 whom he had great reverence and in whose
 mind & spirit he had great belief. Trapped
 in Russia - he never saw her after his departing
 I believe Zozia was a kind of "Barbe" abroad

he had submitted to her about he needed some more reverence #

Stella Bowen

Mother generous ^{kind}
 Solicitors - ^{benevolent} ^{selfish} +
 scoldings - she had a way
 and sometimes very far -
 almost ridiculous sense of
 humor - but one which
 could be also ferociously
 caustic - even bitter.
 She was ^{could be} spontaneous and
 outgoing but at other times
 extremely reserved mute &
 silent - ~~she took~~ I met her
 at the house of my friend
 Old Gorkush - a Painter +
 we became friends immediately -
 I happened to mention the
 fact that Tsch + I were
 terribly tired of the city &
 wished so much we had a
 little house in the country -

whereupon Stella spoke up -
But you do - and not only me
but two - for you may have
ours - which we no longer
will be needing - they're just
two Peasant Houses - at
Guemante a little hamlet
~~with the same name~~ in the same
et name - but they're completely
furnished - beds ^{stair} + all +
they are yours - when would
you like to take them over?
She had just begun a hard & slow
& painful separation from Ford
all the same for the sake of their child
they continued living together -
but the ~~old~~ Guemantes was
no longer yours Mr. - there had been
too much unhappiness there
I said - "I can't believe you - Stella
this is too fabulous - but I'm
going to believe you - and will
take them at once" - and then
proceeded to wonder how soon I could
introduce her to Park - when
knew of course - then even when ^{would}
I did - but who - I knew would

began by opposing the idea - as he
 always began by opposing most
 ideas - of others - also I knew
 he had met Ford already at
 Gertrude's - and that Ford
 could not suffer him. This
 made it a bit complicated
 but I managed it. They liked
 each other immediately, ^{although}
 his excessive ^{and nervousness} volatility, ^{frightfulness}
 + embarrased Stella at the outset.
 However she soon learned to take of
 "in her stride" + they became fast
 friends. Of course - as always - he
 would suggest that she might
 perhaps be in love with him -
 and others did - too. However
 she took over our lives + began
 to get behind us + push - and
 was for a long time a great ^{much} ^{of} ^{the} ^{help}
 Colleen + help. One summer ^{she}
~~came~~ down to Toulon to join us
 and that did not go so well - I think
 he had begun to tire of her - for
 she did sometimes grate on me
 with her sarcasm, and her bossiness
 He introduced her to Edith - who
 became immediately intimate with

her - and they joined ^{hands} in their mission
of pushing P. & his career & life -
and were of course enormously
effective as a team & helpful.
Stella met him a time or two -
in London when he was there
for a show or the season - and
he took her to his G-over.

Something more than friendship
out ^{however} - as it did to Edith's & Stella's
who finally settled in London -
but who make us me day -
I have not heard from Edith
for months - she is abandoned -
and as if ^{it were} a signal of some kind
that it had its effect on him &
he ^{proceeded to} ~~acted~~ ^{acted} similarly -
Stella is now gone - she died a
few years ago.

Haddy Himmeln

Haddy - genial - friendly - earnest - and midwestern - he had met one day at Stella Bowen's - & they became immediate friends. He came home & told me of having met her & of how much he liked her - and that I had been invited to her house to a little party - in a few days - when she wanted to play for us - (which she did quite well) I was a little apprehensive when ~~she~~ I recalled how Ernest Himmeln loathed Pawlik - and of how much he always had been to him in public even - but he assured me that Haddy & E were separating also & that E was never there - but travelling - mostly in Spain. She lived in a small apt - in the 3rd Arago - and we went to her party - which was nice - but with ~~uncertainty~~ ^{uncertainty}. We saw her many times after that - and he maintained quite

friend
a relationship with her for a
year or so - then as suddenly
& abruptly it ended.

Women in Tschelitscheff's life-
Reverences, Infatuations—Admirations

When I had settled down—into the Pension—in Berlin—where Tschelitscheff was living—~~when~~ at the time we met—and afterwards—when we had finally decided to take over together an apartment (3 rooms—Kitchen & Bath) from some American friends of mine—~~and live together~~—I was—of course—and forthwith—told about—and introduced to his many friends—with several of whom—were actually ~~extremely close~~ there existed an extremely close bond. First of all He spoke to me immediately—and described—with great reverence—and affection—two elderly ladies—living in the suburbs of Berlin from whom he had great love, respect and admiration. I was taken to see them right off—for tea—and found them living together in a very small room—in which they were engaged in doing embroidery which they sold—and for which they received a ridiculously small sum—but upon which they subsisted. One of them had a son who helped—a little and most intermittently. Anna Ivanovna Souvschinsky looked rather like a wise—and clever little [X over the following words, which are written over each other in unclear order:] Nun might have looked out of her habit—with an obstinate expression at once imperious—even foxy—due to a sort of squinty way of looking at you—studying you and scrutinizing expression which—had her eyes more Mongol in shape & espresso would have given her the look of an old Mandarin [end of words covered by X]

[Left margin:] There was also Anna (“Annotchka”) Souvschinskaya—the first wife of Pierre—for whom he had also a great regard. She was not beautiful but had a characteristically Russian face—and wore the parted hair & knot at the back of Her head. He thought her very wise and inscrutable—but she had a closed face and manner—behind which she very astutely judged all.

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like a wise & clever little Nun might have looked out of her habit with an expression that seemed rather imperious obstinate—even “foxy” due chiefly to a sort of squinty way scrutinizing she had of studying your eyes—which had they had more of the Mongol in them—would have made her look more like a rather imperious and ~~rather fussy~~ officious old Mandarin. She had the high, very nasal whiny voice that might have gone with it—and she spoke in dictatorial—~~sometimes~~ tones—with frequent outbursts. This was her general manner—but I soon discovered that when she lowered this barrier and made you come near if she liked you & was interested—she immediately became warm—intimate—gracious—and kindly—and I soon saw that her great culture—which Tschelitscheff had so vaunted & described so enthusiastically to me—was—in effect—remarkable. Tschelitscheff “sat at the feet” of these two old ladies—in the traditionally European fashion of youth revering Old Age & it’s wisdom—After I had been properly introduced to Anna Ivanovna and we had sat & talked for a while—the door opened and a more robust lady with abundant grey hair and large flashing black

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She had flashing black eyes—and an “Essence of Gypsy” look—as if the recipe for her as a human being—might have been concocted by George Eliot

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eyes—came into the room. She gave off instantaneous reflections of warm, gracious, and rather sophisticated ~~charm~~ awareness—more worldly than Anna Ivanovna—but more immediately human—and she had a dark ~~look~~ rather “native” look—and ~~one~~ made ~~have thought she was~~ one think of the Aunt of the Shah—or ~~perhaps a Polynesian Princess~~—or again—a high caste Hindu lady—even the ~~high born~~ Gypsy Queen. She was spontaneously affectionate & demonstrative—rather surreptitiously flirtatious if there was a chord struck between you—and she gave you the impression of a person with the highest degree of the capacity of understanding & of cherishing. Hers was—indeed—a loving nature—but there was written upon her beautiful tall & in her eyes also the dormant expression of the ~~cost and the price~~ toll that all this human emotion exacted. There was something as well—at times—almost mocking in her voice & expression—she chided gently with mock severity—teased you—and often finished the ~~cadences~~ ends of her sentences with cadences that were either wistful—mocking or resigned—and with a gentle cynicism. I have described

[Running along edge of paper:] He called her “Tyotyа Marussia” (Aunt Marrusya)—they used to have rather risqué conversations too—about people & things—as she knew much.

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house often and with whom we went out often. At that moment also—Serge Lifar—had his “crush” on Natasha—so it was a “three-ring-circus” kind of affair. He was often rather “jealous”—while he did not upbraid her—he pouted inwardly—which of course she with her most acute femininity always knew—When she “neglected him for Serge”—or did not show him enough exclusivity!! He “languished” a while and then began to paint her Portrait often which he began to say that in Painting her he had penetrated her mysteries—and had discovered an *fond d’elle*—That she was in effect rather hard boiled—& ruthless. The romance was then over—more or less—but he still sought to see her & was fond of her—but she—when I went to see her one day as she lay ill in the Hospital said Allousha dear—Pavlik is “intractable”!! Afterwards—in New York—he saw her

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upon occasion—but the last time we discussed her in 1949—he complained of her neglect & indifference & that she was too concerned with “Society” & certain “characters in it” & devoted her time & attention to them—which he considered unfortunately ill advised on her part.

Zoçia Mrs Paul Kochanski

a remarkable—unique woman—of truly superior caliber—innately intelligent and cultured—refined and sensitive—generous and noble—and devoted—perhaps along with Edith the two women he loved the most genuinely and deeply—(and whom—in spite of his sure love & devotion—he oftentimes ridiculed the most!!!) This woman whom he had met in the early days in Kiev became & remained one of his dearest, truest & staunchest friends all his life—until death. We saw her—always—every time she came to Paris—which was almost every season—and she took great pains to introduce him to important & wealthy friends of hers—like the Princesse Edward de Polignac

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to whose house she took him (this salon was the apogée and the goal of all who sought or enjoyed Artistic & Social “Status” in Paris and was above all the Salon for which ~~where~~ great contemporary music was commissioned & performed—and where tout Paris—convened to enjoy & officially inaugurate it upon receipt of the most rare & greatly coveted invitation) She introduced him also to the Gandarillas’—the Lopez—(richissime South Americans)—and of course to Mrs Gerry Chadwich her great friend—all her life standing staunching behind him morally—and with her love & devotion—always giving her best advice and counsel for his well being—advancement and success—and for the evolution & progress of his wisdom & right direction—

Zocia was Barbe a l’etranger

He had had an older half sister Varvara Fyodorovna Zaroadnz (“Barbe”) for whom he had great reverence and in whose mind & spirit he had great belief. Trapped in Russia—he never saw her after his departure I believe Zoçia was a kind of “Barbe abroad” for him whom he had substituted for her whom he needed so much but could nevermore have.

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Stella Bowen

Motherly generous kind solicitous benevolently severe & scolding—she had a wry and sometimes very gay—almost rollicking sense of humor—but one which could be also periodically caustic—even bitter. She could be was spontaneous and outgoing but at other times extremely reserved mute & silent. ~~She took~~ I met her at the house of my friend Olga Sorlush a Painter & we became friends immediately—& happened to mention the fact that Tsch & I were terribly tired of the city & wished so much we had a little house in the country—

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whereupon Stella spoke up—But you do—and not only one but two—for you may have ours—which we no longer will be needing. They’re just two Peasant Houses—at Guermante a little hamlet ~~with the Marne river~~ in the Seine et Marne—but they’re completely furnished—beds stoves & all & they are yours—when would you like to take them over”—She had just began a long & slow & painful separation from Ford although for the sake of their child they continued living together—but ~~they had~~ Guermantes was no longer [illegible]. There had been too much unhappiness there. I said—“I can’t believe you—Stella this is too fabulous—but I’m going to believe you—and well take them at once—and then proceeded to wonder how soon I could introduce her to Pavlik—whom [illegible] knew of course—then even [illegible] than I did—but who—I knew would

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begin by opposing the idea—as he always began by opposing most ideas—of others—also I knew he had met Ford already at Gertrude’—and that Ford could not suffer him. This

made it a bit complicated but I managed it. They liked each other immediately—although his excessive volubility and nervousness frightened & embarrassed Stella at the outset. However she soon learned to take it “in her stride” & they became fast friends. Of course—as always—he would suggest that she might perhaps be in love with him—and others did too. However she took over our lives & before to get behind us & push—and was for a long time a great [illegible] solace & help. One summer much she came down to Toulon to join us and that did not go so well—I think he had begun to tire of her—For she did sometimes grate on me with her sarcasm, and her bossiness He introduced her to Edith—who became immediately intimate with

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her—and they joined hands in their mission of pushing P. & his career & life—and were of course enormously effective as a team & helpful. Stella met him a time or two—in London when he was there for a show or the season—and he took her to Mrs. Gorer. Something wore their friendship out however—as it did to Edith’s & Stella’s—who finally settled in London—but who wrote us one day—I have not heard from Edith for months—elle m’abandonne—and as if it were a signal of some kind ~~the~~ it had it’s effect on him & he proceeded to acted ~~similar~~ similarly—Stella is now gone—she died a few years ago.

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Hadley Hemingw

Hadley—genial—friendly—earnest—and Midwestern—he had met one day at Stella Bowen’s—& they became immediate friends. He came home & told me of having met her & of how much he liked her—and that I had been invited to her house to a little party—in a few days—when she wanted to play for us—(which she did quite well.) I was a little apprehensive when I recalled how Ernest Hemin loathed Pavlik—and of how rude he always had been to him in public even—but he assured me that Hadley & E were separating also & that E was never there—but travelling—mostly in Spain. She lived in a small apt. in the Bvd Arago—and we went to her party—which was nice—but rather innocuous. We saw her many times after that, and he maintained quite

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a trivial relationship with her for a year or so—then as suddenly & abruptly it ended.