Kathleen Reinhold's Taped Letter

Track 04 - To Lawrence Reinhold
American Embassy, Bonn, Germany

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Kathleen Reinhold: Good morning, Larry. If you can't understand me very well, it's because I have a cold. I've had this cold for about a week or so. Um, you wanna know what has happened to me in the past week and a half... No, two weeks. I sprained my ankle. Well, I twisted it really bad, a-and the swelling hasn't all gone down yet, and it still hurts, but I'm out for track, and, and it doesn't really bother me all that much in track, which I'm very glad of.

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And that's about the only exciting thing that's gone on. But I always told you practically everything about, about going out for while doing that detasseling stuff. I really can't wait to do it because I wanna get some money, and that job really pays well. Like, it pays $2.20 an hour, and some girls I know, a friend of mine, worked there for three weeks, and she made over three hundred dollars.

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Now, that's not bad, is it? That's practically, practically as much as the twins are making, and I think that's really good. I can't wait to do it, but it's really hard. It's just like picking stones or yellow rocket. It could be fun, you know, if you have good kids on a squad or something because you work in teams, like with k- different kids, with different people.

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You work in teams, and then you pull, and it can get really tiring. But I think I'll... It won't bother me as much as long as I think of every one of those tassels as being 10 cents worth toward my, my money that I'll earn after that. Anyway, um, today I'm having a friend, friend of mine come over named Gina Waddell, and she sort of reminds me of Nance sometimes.

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But she's supposed to come over, and I was gonna take her over to D- over to Dick Slentink's. You know, we, we... You played baseball with, softball with him last year in May, when Carol broke her arm. Well, that's who we're gonna go over by. We were going to go over by because he has a little gymnasium in his barn where there's two baskets and stuff where they play basketball.

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And so I'd take her over and play basketball, except that it's raining now. I might end up... I might still take her over there, but I doubt it. I hope it stops raining because she likes going outside a lot, and, and I take her outside and stuff.

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The twins have to go to church yet this morning. Me and Mom and Valerie went last night. We went to St. Alphonse, and we were supposed to go to confession, but the, the priest came out of the confessional too soon, and it was Mom's turn to go in then, but he came out. Anyway, um, this is getting to be quite long.

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I know it's on this tape here. Those other guys will wanna talk. Oh, there was this really bad accident in Medford. I think it was with Marvin Hankey. I'm not sure. He was drunk or something, and he killed two, uh... He killed a person. He, um, he hurt two other people really seriously, I guess. And it was really bad.

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I guess, and I I guess he's up for manslaughter or something like that. Can you believe it? But, um, lots, though. Dad read in the Star News, one of Uncle Vernon's papers, that, um, in Medford at, at the high school, there's a... For this year, there was 30, 30 pregnant girls, and that's the most they've had in about three years or so, and that's really getting bad.

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30 k- 30 girls. And it's, they were saying how it better stop or Medford will soon start getting the slut, you know, get started having a bad name and stuff. And I, you know, sometimes I think it's pretty good that we got out of there, but other times I don't think so. But I'm sitting in the, in the bedroom downstairs, and we got our window open, and it's raining out.

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Not really hard rain, but I'm sitting down here. I cleaned my room up yesterday, and so now it's really clean. First time in a long time. This morning, I had to go out and get, um, the Sunday paper for Mom, and it was raining out, and Queenie had drug garbage all over the lawn, and we're gonna have to go out there and pick it up, but I didn't pick it up since it was really raining out.

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I didn't wanna get all wet. Anyway, Mom's really doing good in school. She's getting really good grades. Now that for me, I'm not doing too well, like in algebra. Otherwise, I'm doing fair. So I've, I better... Oh, I was doing pretty good, I mean. I'm doing pretty good. I better hang this tape up so somebody else can talk.

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I've talked quite a bit, I think. So bye-bye and take care, and say hello to your buddy. What is his name anyway? I didn't catch what his name was. Well, say hi to him and say hi to yourself and so goodbye.

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Unconfirmed voice: Hello.