Valerie Reinhold's Taped Letter

Track 05 - To Lawrence Reinhold
American Embassy, Bonn, Germany

Speaker: Valerie Reinhold, Lawrence's younger sister
Recipient: Lawrence Reinhold
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Valerie Reinhold: Hi, Larry. This is me again, and I'm using up Carol's time because she said she's gonna write you a letter shortly. So don't get upset because she's not talking. Now, there's only one problem with talking on a tape like this, is that every time you do, you might wanna say something fairly personal to he or she, which is a he because that's you, um, that you really don't want Mom to hear.

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Like, she goes and listens to our tapes, which really bugs me. I mean, you'd think she'd have a little more, um, whatever when it comes to writing letters. I mean, she doesn't read all the letters I write to you guys, which isn't too many. Well, my birds are doing really super, Larry. I set four pairs of birds, and out of the four, three have already got their nests.

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Two have laid all four eggs, and I'm gonna set them today. Well, I got one set, and I'll set the other one today. So I'll... Two hens that are set, and the other one is still laying her eggs. But, um, the other one isn't doing a thing. I'm not sure if I might... I might have two males in there. But usually in mating season, if there's two males, they'll fight a lot.

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So I'm just gonna leave them and be happy that I got only th- that I got three. Uh, I cannot wait to go to North Dakota Monday. Not this Monday, but next Monday. Oh, it ought to be a blast. Me and Kathy are, and Mom and Dad are the only ones going 'cause the twins really can't get off from their job. Oh, I cannot wait.

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Right now, Mom's starting to bitch. Course though, Carolyn kinda asked for it. She wasn't getting going with her work