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Newcomers to the state of Delaware

Vapaa: This is George Vapaa again with an interesting recording, I think, of a couple, well actually a family that had moved to Delaware and her sister who is visiting with her family. Ah, Rita, now your husband is gone now for the moment. I guess he's outside. So let's have your name--full name again. It's recording.

Rita: My call name is Rie, Rie, R-i-e. My ah, birth certificate, Janny Albertini Rietje, and my married name is Smith and my maiden name, my last name is Konings, K-o-n-i-n-g-s.

Vapaa: Amazing name. And ah, I hate to ask you, but how old are you Rita?

Rita: I am 38 years old.

Vapaa: Un-hun.

Rita: Young.

Vapaa: And you have how many brothers and sisters?

Rita: I have one sister one-half year older and a brother one-half year younger.

Vapaa: And this half-year older sister?

Rita: One and a half.

Vapaa: One and a half year older sister is here with us now. And let's get her name.

Yoka: My name is ^(Yoka) Yoka (~~spelled~~ pronounced so)

Vapaa: And the full name? Let's spell the whole full name. Spell it.

Yoka: T-o-

Rita: No. J-

Yoka: Oh, I let you spell it.

Vapaa: All right, Rita, you spell it.

Rita: Her first name is Johanna, J-o-h-a-n-n-a. Second name is Hendrika, H-e-n-d-r-i-k-a. And the third first name is Wilhelmina, W-i-l-h-e-l-m-i-n-a. And her married name is van den Brink.

Vapaa: And spell that for me, please. Small v--

Rita: Small v-a-n and de is small d-e and Brink, small d-e-n, and Brink, capital B-r-i-n-k.

Vapaa: And what does Brink mean?

Yoka: (unintelligible)

Vapaa: van den Brink?

Rita: van den Brink? van is in Dutch, from, den is the. From the brink. Brink is like a little small hill. It's a dyke (can not understand),

They probably live close to the brink of the village.

Vapaa: O.K. Well, that's very good, ah, Rita, and Yoka. Now ah, we're starting this tape over again. I missed on the first recording so ah--

Rita: Better check it first. Are you sure?

Vapaa: What do you want to do. I'm sure that it's recording. I can see. This is still down.

Rita: Better check.

Vapaa: No, it's all right.

Yoka: (Unintelligible)

Vapaa: You want me to check?

Rita: You can check, can't you?

Vapaa: Oh, I can check it very easily. All right, we'll stop it. (tape stopped) Now, as your husband, Rita, has just come in. I guess the kids are fishing again, are they Ed?

Ed: Yes, they're fishing again.

Vapaa: All right, now let's get some details on you.

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Ed: (Unintelligible)

Vapaa: All right. How old are you. I mean, give us your full name and ah, when and where you were born.

Ed: Edwin Smith, Jr., and born in Providence, Rhode Island.

Vapaa: Do you have a middle name?

Ed: Yeah, I never use it.

Vapaa: What is it?

Ed: A is initial.

Vapaa: When were you born?

Ed: 1932 I was born.

Vapaa: 1932. And the exact date?

Ed: December 3rd.

Vapaa: December 3rd. Now, are your parents still living?

Ed: Parents still living and they are still living at the same house they've lived in--oh, since 19--something, 19 see I was born in 19--oh, before the 1900's. They lived in the same house.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Ed: The house is two hundred and some years old.

Vapaa: Is that where you were born?

Ed: I was not--I was born in the city in the hospital, but I was born at that town.'

Vapaa: Um-hum. And what was the town again?

Ed: Johnston, Rhode Island. A little small town--oh, big now--but that--years ago it was small, forty years ago.

Vapaa: And what did your father do? What kind of work?

Ed: He's a public accountant. I mean he was a certified public accountant now he just does ah, he's ah slowed up somewhat. He just does bookkeeping, pay-rolls and income tax work. Slowed up--taking it a little bit easier.

Vapaa: Now, I want to have some exper-, some of your, how about your mother? Where was she from? Originally?

Ed: She was originally from Rhode Island too.

Vapaa: I see. And ah, do you remember--. What's her given name, maiden name? Do you remember?

Ed: Olney.

Vapaa: Can you spell it?

Ed: O-l-n-e-y. Just like it sounds, ol-ney, O-l-n-e-y.

Vapaa: Now, tell me something ah, Ed. How about some experiences when you were growing up. Ah, where did you go to school, for example?

Ed: I went to school. The first four years I went to school in the same little old schoolhouse--same room, first four grades were all in there--first five, first five grades were all in there.

Vapaa: A one room schoolhouse?

Ed: No, well, we had, we had one room--one schoolhouse at that time.

Vapaa: The same teacher taught all the grades?

Ed: The same teacher taught them all. Mrs. McGovern. I remember her. She was an elderly lady. Lived in the next little town next to us, but she taught in our town.

Vapaa: I see. And ah, what did you do after you left ah, finished the fourth grade.

Ed: I went to another school in town. Ah, the grammer school for the fifth, sixth and seventh, seventh grades. Then I went to ah, had one junior high in town and I went to that for the eighth and ninth. And we went in to, we went to Providence for high school. City of Providence or the ah, at that time the ah, that's about the only high school that they had, was in the city.

Vapaa: Did you go by bus?

Ed: Went by bus. Each day. The same bus driver for years, took us to school, brought us home.

Vapaa: Um-hum. How did you do in school?

Ed: Uh, fair. Fair. Wasn't exceptionally outstanding student, but fair.

Vapaa: Ah were you, were you interested in sports or anything like that?

Ed: Oh, yes. We played all the sports in high school. We had football and baseball, ice hockey, track and field. We had them all. Basketball. We had all them. Especially in the high school. In the lower schools, no. We just had, we had mostly ah, track events and ah, maybe baseball. But we just no, check off baseball. We didn't have ah--.

Vapaa: Well, in the lower school, who coached your team?

Ed: The lower school was the ah, lower school, and the ah, before junior high was just about the principal, even in junior high school. Of course, in high school we had regular coaches.

Vapaa: Did you go beyond high school?

Ed: I didn't. I would have liked to, but I went into the service after I left high school.

Vapaa: All right. And when did you go into the service?

Ed: Umm. 1950. Something like that. Yeah, 1950.

Vapaa: And what branch of the service?

Ed: Air Force--United States Air Force.

Vapaa: And what was your ah--specialty?

Ed: Well, I went into the transportation field. And that covers all aspects, I was in ah, transportation--

Vapaa: Well, exactly what did you do?

Ed: Well-1-1, first off, I did a lot of loading and unloading ever[?]thing from railroad ties to trucks to boats to ships to everything. Then I started flying in ah, same kind of job transportation, going everywhere.

Vapaa: So when you talk about loading, you mean loading airplanes?

Ed: In the last part yes, loading airplanes. All different types from single engine jobs to four engine jobs.

Vapaa: And how long were you on flying status?

Ed: Oh, twenty some years, twenty years, twenty-one years.

Vapaa: And ah, what countries did you serve in?

Ed: Oh, it's too numerous. I've been in many, many countries. Just many of them.

Vapaa: Now, were you ever in any combat zone?

Ed: Oh, yes. I've been in combat zone.

Vapaa: Oh, in the 50's we went in Korea, got by that. Then of course, to Vietnam, which was the next one--the Mid East which wasn't a combat zone, but was an area potentially war at the same time during the Israel - Arab war. (unintelligible)

Vapaa: How much time that you were in the service, did you spend in the States itself? And where?

Ed: I spent a little over half of it, I guess, at Massachusetts and Delaware and Washington.

Vapaa: Now you're talking about Dover Air Force Base?

Ed: Un-huh.

Vapaa: And where in Washington^state?

Ed: McCord Air Force Base.

Vapaa: McCord Air Force Base.

Ed: And that too--this was Westover Air Force Base.

Vapaa: What kind of airplanes?

Ed: Transport airplanes, 4 engine airplanes, transport.

Vapaa: Where you always with transport units?

Ed: Always.

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Vapaa: And ah--

Ed: Always.

Vapaa: What was your rank?

Ed: What do you mean? When I got out?

Vapaa: Well, you started as a private, I guess.

Ed: Yeah. Well, Master Sargeant when I--

Vapaa: Master Sargeant when you got out. And how long were you in the Air Force?

Ed: Twenty-one years and some months.

Vapaa: This made you eligible for retirement.

Ed: Right.

Vapaa: And you're how old now?

Ed: 42. Well, I'll be 42, 41 right now.

Vapaa: All right.

Ed: I'll be 42 in December--end of the year.

Vapaa: All right. Now you felt that you had enough of the Air Force. You could have continued, couldn't you?

Ed: Oh, yes. I could have continued. Certainly.

Vapaa: Why did you elect to get out?

Ed: I just felt it was time to retire?

Vapaa: You don't mean to stop work entirely?

Ed: Oh no. No.

Rita: Age has something to do with it.

Vapaa: Well now. On this second attempt at making a recording I don't think we talked at all about your marriage. How did you meet your wife?

Ed: Didn't we ever talk about that on the first one?

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Vapaa: Yeah. We talked about it on the other tape.

Ed: Oh. In ah, Delaware. In Bridgeville.

Vapaa: And why particularly in Bridgeville.

Ed: Well, I just knew some people down there and happened to be visiting them.

Vapaa: Um-hum. How did you meet those people? Do you remember? You were--

Ed: Through ah, through a friend of mine from Magnolia, Al Johnson. Spray pilot--crop duster.

Vapaa: Now you knew him because you were in the Air Force, I guess?

Ed: No. I knew some people who were, we knew some common people all through Delaware we met. You know--people we knew. And so I knew him. I happened to be with him one day and went to Bridgeville and met people down there.

Vapaa: And when you got out of the Air Force what kind of work did you decide to do?

Ed: I really didn't--I really didn't have anything decided on when I first got out.

Vapaa: While you were in the Air Force you did some work in Bridgeville, didn't you?

Ed: No, not--

Vapaa: I thought you helped Bob Rider out? (Warren Newton's son-in-law)

Ed: Oh, yeah. I helped him all--you know, along when I wasn't--when I had time off or something like that.

Vapaa: What kind of work?

Ed: Oh, everything. Not for money though. This was just friends, you know. Everything. From on the farm to putting in buildings. Everything. All this--

Vapaa: I see. And when you came out of the Air Force did you start to work for him right away?

Ed: I went to work for him when he was operating a summer camp in the Adirondacs in New York State.

Vapaa: Um-hum

Ed: Then I came back and went to work for the company ah--.

Vapaa: What's the name of the company?

Ed: O. A. Newton & Son.

Vapaa: And ah, what do you do with them?

Ed: Warehouse Supervisor.

Vapaa: What does that work involve?

Ed: Stocking and cataloging the warehouse, shipping stuff out and shipping and receiving.

Vapaa: What do you ship and what do you receive?

Ed: Oh, aluminum fitting, plastic fittings ah, International parts--

Vapaa: For what kind of equipment?

Ed: All kinds--farm machinery is the majority of it--farm machinery or equipment. Oh, _____off the trucks and stuff for sale and _____ and everything you can think of usually for farm equipment.

Vapaa: Now the Newton Company sells irrigation equipment.

Ed: Oh, yeah.

Vapaa: Do you have anything to do with that?

Ed: Yes.

Vapaa: And they also sell buildings, prefabricated buildings.

Ed: Right.

Vapaa: And ah, have you ever helped to put up one of those?

Ed: Right.

Vapaa: Where?

Ed: Oh golly, when they first--

Vapaa: How about the one at the fair?

Ed: No. No, I didn't have nothing to do with that. In fact they just took it down this year--sold the building. Man wanted the building. He saw the building. So they sold that one. Get another one maybe, but they sold that one.

Rita: You talk about Newton home.

Ed: No, no. Newton building.

Rita: Oh, Newton building.

Ed: Yeah.

Vapaa: Newton buildings.

Ed: The farmstead, the Butler building.

Vapaa: Butler Buildings--that's the name of the manufacturer

Ed: It's gone now.

Vapaa: It's what?

Ed: It's sold.

Vapaa: Oh. So you no longer sell the Butler Buildings. Is that what you're telling us?

Ed: No, no, no. They still sell them.

Rita: The one at the fair--

Ed: The one at the fair--the one at the fair has been sold. It was sold before the fair started. Just didn't have it. We had to take it down and take it out to a man's farm. He bought it.

Vapaa: It's still there.

Ed: No, it's not. Wasn't there this year.

Vapaa: Yes it was.

Ed: No.

Rita: Maybe they had another one.

Ed: I was in the tent and I helped put up the stuff this year at the fair. It was a tent.

Vapaa: Oh, you're talking about the Newton building?

Ed: Un-huh.

Vapaa: Oh, that's--that's true. I'm talking about the 4-H building and the ah--youth exhibit building.

Ed: Oh, no. That's still--

Vapaa: It's right next to the office. Do you remember that?

Ed: It's still there.

Vapaa: It's still there. And the Newton Company put the building up. If I remember it cost about \$40,000 or something like that was the contract--. I happened to be a Director of the fair, Ed, so--.

Ed: I don't know what they did then.

Vapaa: I'm familiar with it. It hasn't been too long ago; last, well, let's see, this is about the fourth or fifth year, I think.

Ed: Well, we were--for the last few years we've been gone away from Delaware.

Vapaa: What do you mean, "gone away from Delaware"?

Ed: We left--we had left ah--no we ^{weren't} ~~was~~ back in Delaware four years ago. We were still on the West Coast.

Vapaa: You were, you and Rita and your family.

Ed: Oh, yeah.

Vapaa: So you had nothing to do with the construction of the building at the Delaware State Fair, or anything like that?

Ed: Not a thing.

Vapaa: Can you tell me of any buildings that you have helped to put up in Delaware itself?

Ed: Not--Not for the company, no. Just when I helped Bob once in awhile. No. No buildings at all. None--

Vapaa: It's essentially warehousing work that you're doing?

Ed: Right.

Vapaa: Do you like it?

Ed: Oh, yeah. I--I--work.

Vapaa: Rita is shaking her head no. I don't know whether she's--. Rita, go ahead. You might as well say it.

Ed: Put her to work.

(overlapping speech -- can't understand)

Vapaa: He's what?

Rita: Nothing. No comment. (laughter)

Vapaa: What kind of work would you rather do now? Ed?

Ed: Now?

Vapaa: If you had a choice?

Ed: Oh, something to do with civil service or ah--federal government somewhere.

Vapaa: I see.

Ed: You know, to help work on my pension a little more--more--

Vapaa: Now, you just finished a home in Bridgeville, have you not?

Ed: Un-huh.

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Vapaa: Now, why ah--are you talking about--are you talking about selling it and going someplace else?

Ed: No. Just talking about civil service or federal government. Of course, if that came up, I would have to, naturally. If they say, well, you have to--if you accept this position, you have to move let's say, Arizona. Well, I mean if you want to take the position, you have to go where they send you. That's understandable. That's like with any big company. Big company says O.K., George, today you're in Delaware, but tomorrow we're going to move you to California. You have to go if you want to stay with them. If you do not, you transfer to another company.

Vapaa: That's right.

Ed: You'd have to go with them or drop out of the picture.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Let's see. We've only got about 15 minutes of tape on here, Rita. So we've got a long ways to go yet.

Are you in a hurry?

Rita: Kind of. I still have the kid's dinner--to feed them all, the whole family.

Vapaa: What time do they eat?

Rita: Mostly 6 o'clock.

Vapaa: You might make it. Well, just--

Rita: What would you like to know mostly?

Vapaa: I'd like to know mostly about ah--. I found out since you went outside to the youngsters something about Ed's education up in Long Isl--I mean in Rhode Island. And also how he met Al Johnson and so forth, and a few things like this.

I see that Yoka has gone outside. So we've lost her for the time being, and that's all right. We've got you--we have you here, Rita, you and Ed and ah--

really what we want to know is just what your plans may be. Now I have a letter from your father this week that you have read. He wants to send another young man over. He calls him a young man. You say he's--

Rita: 40.

Vapaa: 40--which is very young

Rita: He sounds younger in the letter than what he is. He's 40 years old. He's around 40 years old.

Vapaa: And what did you tell me the other day when I asked you if you knew him?

Rita: Nothing. No comment. I said he's an old friend.

Vapaa: An old friend.

Rita: He's an old friend--some friends of my Dad. (laugh)

Vapaa: Does he live in Zeist?

Rita: No. He lives in the north part of Holland--very close to the town we were born in, _____.

Vapaa: Is it close to where Burt and Arja or your brother--

Rita: (Unintelligible)

Vapaa: _____ got married?

Rita: That's right. That's around half an hour from there.

Vapaa: Half an hour in Holland--you're talking about driving a car

Rita: Ah, ah--driving a car on streets that are crooked. (laughter) Not half an hour straight on driving, no.

Vapaa: And they drive faster in Holland--as they do in most of Europe, I'm afraid.

Rita: Um-hum.

Vapaa: I haven't been there since 1961.

Rita: It's worse now.

Vapaa: It is?

Rita: Very crowded. And they have--they're starting to have some speed limits now, but still a lot of streets and roads have no speed limits.

Vapaa: How about bicycles and such--do they still have a lot of those? Motorbikes?

Rita: Yes. They have--just what you read about--a real lot. But the same as in the States when their energy crisis was on, even then in Holland a lot more bikes. Even then, although most people have one--I mean a lot of parents with a car still have bikes and the kids and take them out for a ride. We always went to the _____ on a bike. But my sister just told me that all the bikes were sold out a few months ago in Holland. You couldn't get a bike.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Rita: So, this sounds familiar.

Vapaa: Do you like the State?

Rita: Oh, I do. I didn't the first month, but I'm starting to like it.

Vapaa: Do you like Delaware better than any other state?

Rita: No. I'm sorry to say--

Vapaa: Which state do you prefer?

Rita: State of Washington.

Vapaa: And why do you like the State of Washington better than Delaware?

Rita: Purer air, all the mountains--the snow mountains--the lakes, all the pine trees, trees, it's really beautiful--

Vapaa: Now what city were you near when you--

Rita: Tacoma, Tacoma, _____ Seattle.

Vapaa: Yes.

Rita: Really south of Seattle. A small town _____--very much like Holland.

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Vapaa: How do you spell it?

Rita: Puyallup?

Vapaa: P-y-a-l-l-u-p.

Rita: P-- P-u-y-a-l-l-u-p.

Vapaa: That's right. Um-hum.

Rita: When I just got married I moved there. Military. No one joined me for 4 years and came back and lived 4½ years.

Vapaa: Now was the climate very much like Holland, plenty of rain in Seattle?

Rita: Plenty of rain.

Vapaa: Do you like that?

Rita: No, I do not particularly like rain, but I like to feel those beautiful _____ hills. We live in Delaware. (laughter)

Vapaa: Um-hum. Do you think that you might go to Washington state?

Rita: If there workwise was an opportunity. The only reason is quite far from home but there might be a chance if there was a work. No, an opportunity.

Vapaa: Now, Yoka has come back and I think we ought to work her into this thing a little bit. Now, Yoka, the reason that you came to the states--

Yoka: (unintelligible)

Vapaa: Is what?

Yoka: To visit my sister and brother-in-law.

Vapaa: For how long?

Yoka: Three and a half weeks.

Vapaa: Why such a short period of time?

Yoka: Excuse me?

Vapaa: Why no longer than 3½ weeks?

Yoka: Ah, I don't understand it. (laughter)

Vapaa: That's all right. The machine picked that up, Rita.

Rita: I know, just kidding.

Vapaa: Yeah.

Yoka: That's long enough because my husband is home. You understand.

Vapaa: I see.

Yoka: I've been here how long?

Rita: Three weeks.

Vapaa: You've been here 3 weeks?

Yoka: Nearly 3 weeks.

Vapaa: Two weeks already and this--you just got up with us a couple of days ago to let us know you were here?

Yoka: I know.

Rita: She is leaving Wednesday.

Vapaa: This Wednesday?

Yoka: Yes.

Rita: Next Wednesday.

Vapaa: oh. How do you like Delaware? You can be honest. Is it too hot for you?

Yoka: No. No. I liked it. It hasn't been humid since we came here. This is the first really little bit humid weather we had last night. It hasn't been humid the last 2 weeks.

Vapaa: That's right.

Yoka: It has just been beautiful.

Vapaa: Do you know that this is the driest summer--the driest July that we've had since 1957.

Rita: I read it in the paper. You see once in awhile I read the paper. Just before you tape.

Vapaa: Whether English or Dutch, right?

Rita: Right. Some Americans do. (laughter)

Yoka: Fair week--fair week was nice too. It's usually so hot you can't breathe.

Vapaa: Did Yoka get to go to the Delaware State Fair?

Rita: Yes.

Yoka: Yes, we do.

Vapaa: You know, of course, that Bob Rider is the first vice president of the Delaware State Fair?

Rita: Um-hum. Yes, I know.

Vapaa: And was he there with you at all?

Rita: No, I haven't seen him all summer--lately at all. His wife is in the hospital and he would be quite busy.

Vapaa: Umm. How is his wife by the way?

Rita: She's doing fine right now.

Yoka: (unintelligible) Detroit?

Rita: No.

Vapaa: Oh, I think I do. I'm one. I should explain that Bob Rider came originally from New York state, if I'm not mistaken.

Rita: That's right.

Vapaa: And ah, do you remember how he met his wife? Of hand?

Rita: College, I think.

Vapaa: That's entirely possible. Well, Bob was trained as an engineer and of course he married Warren Newton's daughter, Jane, and ah they have how many children?

Rita: 5--4 daughters. Talk about a riot--

Vapaa: How do you account for the fifth one?

Rita: Four girls and one boy.

Vapaa: All right.

Yoka Or Rita? (unintelligible)

(Virginia - VAPAA'S WIFE)
Gin: What do you want to talk about them for?

Vapaa: I want to talk about them because it's part of the story.

Now you remember that ah when Burt came over to this country, the first time, he decided that Arja who was then his fiancée should come and learn something about America. So, we found a place where she could live with the Riders in Bridgeville. And she could take care of the children. And Burt had an awful lot of trouble getting her back to Holland.

Rita: Matter of fact, that's right.

Vapaa: And you want to tell us why?

Rita: I think she really enjoyed herself here.

Vapaa: In fact, they enjoyed themselves so much--

Rita: Six months--four months?

Vapaa: Nine months I think.

Rita: Nine months instead of six months.

Vapaa: Well, it doesn't make too much difference. But anyway after they-- she got back to Holland again, do you remember what happened?

Rita: They got married. They weren't married and they got married and *BURT* ~~thought~~ finished his college and then he got a job as manager in a chicken plant. (laughter) I don't know exactly what. Then he stayed for awhile. He didn't really enjoy his job and was looking for something else. And that's how he--

Vapaa: This was in Holland?

Rita: Um-hum.

Vapaa: And he was working in a town in the southern part of Holland--the extreme southern part of Holland. Do you remember that town?

Rita: (unintelligible)

Vapaa: It was right near ~~Mostrik~~ ^{MAASTRICHT}.

Rita: (unintelligible)

Reyden or Freyden or something.

I don't remember.

Vapaa: How would you spell it--Reyden?

Gin: That's not it.

Vapaa: Well, all right. That's all right. It's near ~~Mostrik~~ ^{MAASTRICHT}, which is a fair sized town.

Rita: No.

Vapaa: Oh, yes it is Rita. And there's another resort town south of ~~Mostrik~~ ^{VALKENBURG SW.} ~~zend~~ or something. Well, we messed up on that one. So I should --

Rita: Freyden sounds like it. Freyden.

Yoka: No.

Vapaa: If you want to go and get the ah--. No, I think we're not going to have time because we want to get back to ah--Bridgeville, and I don't want to keep you any longer than you can stay. It is already 12 minutes after 5. The rain has stopped for the second time, and the youngsters are still fishing outside. Why is it the Dutch like to fish so much, Rita?

Rita: I don't know. Maybe is some nervous people and they like to calm down at the fishing water. I really don't know (laughter) (mixture of voices) Because we like to be lazy.

Vapaa: I know that everytime Burt comes here why the one thing he really wants to do is fish. And he leaves Arja in the house, his wife, and ah--well they haven't been here for awhile. It's been what--over a year, Virginia?

Gin: Longer than that.

Rita: Burt was over 2 years ago. (mixture of voices) Three years really. He came and stayed with us 2 days at the west coast.

Gin: Yeah.

Vapaa: Washington state.

Rita: He flew out to Chicago and didn't realize how far it was.

Vapaa: Now let's say what Burt started. I think this is important too.

Who does he work for?

Rita: He works for duPont--in Switzerland.

Vapaa: Yes. And how did he happen to get this job?

Rita: Cause after he worked in a chicken plant he didn't enjoy his work anymore, and he started asking around and I think writing. He maybe wrote you. I don't remember how it is. And through you they said the best way to come in America is really take American courses. So he studied for awhile at the University. And that's when--. He and his wife went over--immigrated to the States. Studied for, I think he said for a year or more, 1½ years, and got his Bachelors Degree in--

Vapaa: At the University of Delaware through ^{FOOD} distribution. Yes.

Rita: ~~Through~~ ^{FOOD} distribution.

Vapaa: And ah, I talked Burt frankly out of the broiler business because ah--. I said, "Burt, you're best asset is that you can speak 4 languages." I said ah, "The broiler business has already matured and I don't think there is as much opportunity there as there would be with a large company." So he does, of course, now work with ah--the duPont Company out of Geneva.

Rita: Out of Geneva, yes.

Yoka: When he's finished he looks, he-- (unintelligible) by Kraft. The big company has other--has--you know, were spread out in Europe, like Kraft, duPont and some other ones. The best--how you say it in English? The best possi-

ibilities most of the time at duPonts. And that's why he came to duPont. He went to Switzerland--Geneva, Switzerland.

Vapaa: And he works as a--in the film division, I believe.

Rita: Not anymore.

Vapaa: He doesn't?

Rita: In the meat department, meat slicing department, or something like that. He's like a technical representative.

Vapaa: I wish he would write a letter and tell me what he's doing.

Rita: He is in the meat right now. We will ask him. O.K.

Vapaa: Now that's in Dutch, give it to me in English.

Rita: She said we will ask him.

Yoka: We will ask him.

Vapaa: O.K. Fine. That will be good. Because I really would like to know.

Now we are just about to run out of this tape. So, I think I am going to thank you both for helping me, and we'll thank Ed who is off with the children again, fishing, I guess.

Rita: No. He went--

Vapaa: Watching the ballgame. All right. Well, we've run out of tape so I want to thank you all for this story. Well, it's not half as long as I wanted to do.

Rita: We didn't answer the question you asked in the first time, really. You wanted like a history thing which you didn't ask now at all.

Vapaa: Oh, I think I got a fairly good history of--of you and your family and your sister.

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