

(The first record does not transcribe....~~xxx~~ evidently the volume wasn't turned up on the speaker.)

Record 2

During the revolution in Russia, one time, a man noticed that out on the lawn in front of the imperial place in Russia, there, there was a soldier stationed at a certain spot on the lawn. It seemed very strange, it wasn't at one of the corners, it wasn't in the ~~xxxx~~ middle of the lawn. A certain particular point in that lawn this man was standing with his gun on his shoulder, standing at attention, there, and they found that the man was taken on after eight hours and another put on, and another after eight hours, but day and night there was always a soldier stationed at that particular point. That was regulation, it was always done. And some one of an enquiring sort of mind asked why did the soldier stand at that ~~particular~~ particular place. If someone would try to come in and assassinate the Czar, there was no reason that he should come past this particular spot. It was not the most strategic place for this purpose, why here? And they inquired around, and nobody knew why. That was the way it had always been done, there is always a soldier stationed/ here, that is a very strict rule, never departed from. There was never a second without a soldier stationed there. And so they became interested, and they went back in the old records, and they discovered that two hundred years before there was a Czarina of Russia who was very interested in exotic shrubs, and she ~~brought~~ brought from another part of the world a very interesting shrub, which she wanted to have grow in the front lawn, and she didn't want it disturbed, she wanted to be sure that it would grow up and that no accident would befall it. And so she gave orders that at this spot a soldier stands, and the shrub was planted there, and he was standing right by it so nobody could get near it, without ~~his~~ his seeing them and of course no one could come anywhere near it when he was standing there. And he stood there, but in two or three years the shrub