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We're returning the DT tapes 3rd class. Listened to parts of all five sides and had the same difficulty understanding all of them because of her low level and tendency to ~~make~~ mumble. There was a time when I could have made out much more, ~~which was~~ when I was much more familiar with the accent and cadence, but I've heard it so little recently that usually we were unable to make out precisely what she was saying at critical points, because of the combination of the cadence, the low level and some distortion in the phone. Anyway, we got very little of substance from it. Our overall impression is predominantly one of immaturity, next self-centeredness, then wilful determination. The garrulousness means little in my experience, which is that this type employs it instinctively to gain time to think and outmaneuver and as camouflage for whatever design is being worked on. This isn't as deadly as I may make it sound; it's just standard equipment in Louisiana. We felt this girl is very quick and bright, able to reach quick decisions without consciously thinking, but that she's unusually subjective and finds it hard to understand people, including herself. The STM says she still feels this is one to stay away from, other things being equal. I agree.

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You asked whether my reaction to the letters could have been due partly to paranoia. Yes, it was. The tapes disposed of most of the paranoia, but didn't lessen - in fact they strengthened - my reaction to the personality. A purely emotional and subjective reaction - I can't identify the cause. The flags are still there, but the gale is more of a breeze.

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