A: oh really .

B: well yeah it depends like they tend to get more at their international meetings than domestic ones .

A: that's interesting .

B: so .

A: -huh .

B: yeah, yeah .

A: yeah I just got my confirmation a couple weeks ago of my pa my uh my paper .

B: oh really are you doing dissertation stuff or .

A: yeah, yeah, yeah yeah .

B: yeah well that's cool .

A: &-uh but all we have to send is the abstract .

B: &-uh yeah see that's how law and society is but not .

A: yeah I'm surprised you have to send the whole paper .

B: yeah I know oh well .

A: well yeah what can you do .

B: oh well last night or actually .

B: friday night and saturday morning I went to I got invited to the embassy .

A: the .

B: was very cool .

A: u- e- y- US embassy .

B: yeah yeah the ambassador here Swanee hunt .

A: cool .

B: she -um .

B: has this thing called the Vienna women's initiative .

A: uhhuh .

B: so where she gets women leaders from uh s- um former eastern bloc countries .

A: neat .

B: and tries to connect them with americans and &-uh viennese women .

A: ah .

B: and so I go I kind of got invited so I was pretty excited .

A: yeah that's nice .

B: yeah yeah and I met a lot of really neat people there .

A: yeah .

B: -um I mean I wasn't as particularly as interested in the ukrainian women as .

B: some of the other women you know to kind of connect with on my work and stuff it was really cool .

A: right .

A: that's nice .

B: yeah, yeah .

A: I- was it a nice place .

B: oh my god it was beautiful it was at her residence .

A: oh .

B: which is kind of out more towards the suburbs .

A: uh huh .

B: um and it was really &-um she has like a ton of art there .

A: oh yeah .

B: yeah a lot of different kind of .

B: art I mean you know all original sculptures and .

A: right .

B: really interesting stuff but she never showed up for any of the things I was really surprised .

A: she wasn't there .

B: no isn't that odd .

A: that's odd yeah it is odd .

B: yeah I thought so too .

A: considering it's that it's her house and all [=! phone movement] .

B: yeah really well .

A: .

B: I mean all her staff was there and there was you know a lot of different .

A: right .

B: you know diplomats there but I don't know .

A: &-hm oh well what can you do .

B: yeah yeah .

A: how's Matt.

B: Matt is good he uh there's like total chaos at the UN as you might imagine .

A: oh .

B: and um his boss told he.

B: um this other woman who came in through exams like he did and the other lawyer .

A: mhm .

A: uh huh .

B: and said I don't know what's going to happen but there's always going to be a job for you guys .

A: oh that's nice .

B: yeah but they're thinking about getting rid of the entire office .

B: but in a way but see Matt has a permanent contract and so the UN is obligated to try to place him .

A: so he'll have to be .

A: somewhere .

B: so in a way it might be a good thing for Matt .

A: yeah .

B: if he got sent to new York or something .

A: yeah would they feel as though they're obligated to place him even though the US isn't paying their dues .

B: yeah they don't do it like that no .

A: no they don't it's not eye for an eye .

B: no it's not like that really &-um .

A: yeah well that's that would be nice .

B: ye yeah and um Matt eh just found out actually on friday that he's on the short list for that job he interviewed with yeah .

A: really .

A: well that's nice .

B: yeah so that's .

A: how did he hear that .

B: uh he talked well they said &-uh when he was leaving they said in a kind of joking slash serious way .

A: mhm .

B: -um don't call us we'll call you .

B: and so he's like you know it's been when was that December .

A: right .

B: it's been a while and he &+w he's not going to .

B: call because he doesn't want to be like a nag .

A: oh right .

B: uh and they said don't call .

A: right .

B: &-um but he was able to call the personnel office .

A: ah.

B: in new York and and try to find out through there .

A: that's good .

B: and so then finally he spoke with this woman who knew and said well &+w we just put the short list together .

A: mm .

B: I'm assuming it's like three people I mean that's usually what it is .

A: right .

B: um .

A: right .

B: and you're on it and we have to interview people off of it the rest of the &-uh people off of it so .

A: what do you mean .

B: well I I guess that means that the other people on the short list weren't interviewed yet .

A: oh -huh .

B: so yeah .

A: so that means inside track thing .

B: uh I think what it means is they just screened things by resumes and applications .

A: and Matt happened to be so close that they had him come in .

B: but Matt made that interview happen since he was there.

A: oh that's good so that was good for him .

B: yeah and now they don't have to fly him out there or anything .

A: right and I- I'm sure it couldn't have lowered his chances to make the short list .

B: yeah I mean I don't know .

A: that's great I bet he does good in interviews .

B: so yeah I think he I think he did well but you know it's always so hard to say .

A: &-eh well he made the short list.

B: yeah true true true good point .

A: well that's nice that's good .

B: yeah yeah .

A: well that must make him feel good .

B: mhm mhm .

A: that's good so .

B: so he's like .

A: even if he doesn't end up getting it he knows he was he was pretty close on the first try .

B: yeah yeah .

A: th- that's good.

B: that's true .

A: hm.

B: um .

A: well .

B: yeah so hopefully and he's been recommended for a promotion .

A: oh great .

B: and um his boss is like really pushing and called an emergency meeting of the promotion board .

A: really .

B: to try to push he and this other woman through .

A: I thought the boss was not liked .

B: well he's not but I mean he's trying to I think he what he's trying to do is set things up before things fall really .

A: uh huh oh that's smart .

B: and so Matt is kind of psyched because I mean things are cra- oh and they've been told that they have to fire one professional and one secretary .

A: really .